Company Report: F88 (F88) Investment JSC

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# TRADING ON UPCOM ON AUGUST 8, 2025

## **UPDATE ON TRADING INFORMATION AND 1H EARNINGS**

- According to an announcement from the Hanoi Stock Exchange (HNX), shares of F88 Investment
  Joint Stock Company (ticker: F88) will officially be traded on the UPCoM market starting August 8,
  2025. Accordingly, over 8.26 million F88 shares will be listed for trading. The reference price on
  the first trading day is set at VND 634,900 per share, implying a market capitalization of
  approximately VND 5,244 billion. This price corresponds to a P/B ratio of 3.03 and a P/E ratio of
  14.94, based on 2024 EPS.
- Mr. Phung Anh Tuan, Founder and Chairman of the Board, previously stated that the company aims to reach a market capitalization of around USD 1 billion upon listing on the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange (HOSE) in 2027.

## Valuation Insights from Recent M&A Transactions in Vietnam's Consumer Finance Sector

Date	Acquiree	Acquirer	Selling side	% sold	P/B	P/E
28/4/2021	FE Credit	SMBC	VPBank	49%	3.5	21.9
25/1/2018	Prudential Finance	Shinhan Card	Holdings	100%	2.61	15.84
29/9/2017	Techcombank Finance	Lotte Card	Techcombank	100%	2.3	100.17
21/11/2016	MCredit	Shinsei Bank	MBBank	49%	2.27	-15.76
25/12/2014	HD Finance	Saison	HDBank	49%	2.57	7.62
Trung bình					2.65	25.95

Sources: Fiinpro, GTJAS RS compiled

## Valuation of Selected Pawn Lending and Consumer Finance Companies in the Region

Ticker	Name	Activities	P/B	P/E
NTL TB	Ngern Tid Lor	Title lending	1.1	7.7
МТС ТВ	Muangthai Capital Public Company Limited	Pawnshop and secured loan	1.99	12.72
600830 CH	Sunny Loan Top Co., Ltd.	Pawnshop and secured loan	2.38	94.5
000419 CH	Changsha Tongcheng Holdings Co., Ltd	Pawnshop and secured loan	0.91	26.52

Sources: Bloomberg, GTJAS RS compiled

## **Business Performance Update:**

As of the first half of 2025, F88 reported total revenue of VND 1,744 billion, representing a 30% year-over-year increase. Of this, revenue from pawn lending activities reached VND 1,521 billion, up 28% YoY. Revenue from insurance services and other sources came in at VND 199.6 billion and VND 6 billion, respectively, rising 45% and 360% over the same period thanks to expanded product coverage and effective cross-selling strategies.

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As of June 30, 2025, total outstanding principal balance stood at VND 5,543 billion, reflecting a 45.1% increase from the same time last year. In Q2, the Net Write-off to Average Loan Balance was recorded at 2.35%, down 62 basis points year-over-year.

For detailed analysis of F88 business, please refer to our initial report here.

## **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES OF F88**

- Market Leadership and Dominant Scale: F88 is Vietnam's largest pawnshop chain, far surpassing competitors in its segment in terms of scale and number of stores. According to F88's statistics, as of December 2024, its network of transaction offices has served over 1 million pawn loan customers, with more than 360,000 customers in 2024 alone. The customer return rate is 55%. As of December 2024, the total outstanding pawn loan balance reached VND 4,585 billion. The company's network spans 63 provinces and cities, supported by a workforce of over 4,000 employees.
- Expertise in Business Model Development and Product Design: F88 exhibits extensive experience in building scalable business models and designing financial products, with rapid network expansion and stringent risk management policies. The brand enjoys high recognition. Founded by Mr. Phùng Anh Tuấn, who has a proven track record in developing chain-based business models and a strong technological foundation, F88 has effectively scaled its operations. Notably, on July 28, Mr. Piyasak Ukritnukun, CEO of NTL (one of Thailand's top three title lending firms), officially joined F88's Board of Directors as an independent member, signaling a strong vote of confidence in the company's strategic direction and operational performance.
- **Strategic Shareholder Support and Financial Backing**: F88 benefits from advisory support and backing from strategic shareholder Mekong Capital and other foreign investment funds. This support enables F88 to effectively address capital allocation challenges for its business operations and maintain a strong credit history, with its bond issuances secured by guaranteed obligations.
- Significant Growth Potential in Consumer and Alternative Finance
- **Superior Credit Growth and Operational Efficiency**: Compared to competitors in the consumer and pawn loan segments, F88 demonstrates exceptional credit growth and operational performance. Company leadership has outlined targets of over 40% annual revenue and profit growth, with a minimum sustained growth rate of 30% over the next five years. In 2024, F88's loan portfolio growth reached 22.7%, significantly outperforming the consumer finance industry average of 3.84%. The company's profitability from lending activities (including interest and fees) is notably impressive

Item	Unit	2023	2024	2025	Growth compare d to 2024
Number of stores		817	868	888	2.30%
Net outstanding loans	VND bn	2,883.98	3,657.366	5,237.893	43.21%
Total revenue	VND bn	2,333.207	2,704.275	3,600.9	33.16%
PBT	VND bn	-545.402	449.284	673.245	49.85%

Sources: the Company, Guotai Junan (VN).

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#### STOCK RATING

Benchmark index: VN – Index. Investment horizon: 6 to 18 months

SUGGESION	DEFINITION		
Dur	Expected rate of return>= 15%		
Buy	Or firm/major with a positive outlook		
Accumulation	Expected rate of return from 5% to 15%		
Accumulation	Or firm/major with a positive outlook		
Neutral	Expected rate of return from -5% to 5%		
Neutrai	Or Company/with a neutral outlook		
Undowwoight	Expected rate of return from -15% to -5%		
Underweight	Or firm/major with a negative outlook		
Sell	Expected rate of return < -15%		
Seli	Or firm/major with a negative outlook		

### **MAJOR RATING**

Benchmart index:	VN – Index	Investment horizon: 6 to 18 months	
Rating	Definition		
Outstanding	The industry 's average rate of return e Or positive industry outlook	exceeds the VN-index by more than 5%	
Neutral	The industry's average rate of return re 5% Or neutral industry outlook	elative to the VN-index ranges from -5% to	
Inefficient	The industry's average rate of return so Or negative industry outlook	maller than the VN-index by about -5%	

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