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## WB ISSUES 2023 OUTLOOK FOR VIETNAM'S ECONOMY

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Specifically, though Vietnam's tourism industry is recovering thanks to the return of Chinese tourists, growth remains weak, and domestic travel is expected to take a hit due to higher inflation this year, which is expected to be around 4.5%.

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## VIETNAM'S TOTAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT UP 3.7% IN FIRST QUARTER

The total social investment capital during the January-March period reached 583.1 trillion VND (24.8 billion USD), up 3.7% over the same period last year, according to the General Statistics Office (GSO).

Capital invested by the state was estimated at 153 trillion VND, up 11.5% and accounting for 26.2% of the total figure, while private