

### RHB FOCUS INCOME BOND FUND – SERIES 7

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

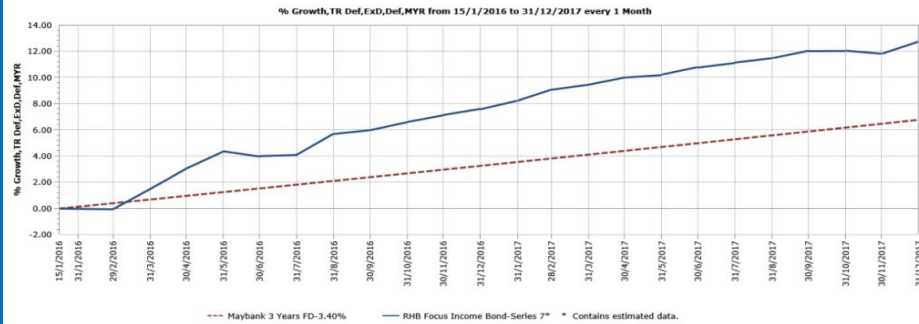
- have a moderate risk appetite;
- seek returns from the income accumulated and/or capital appreciation from a global debt instruments portfolio; and
- have a medium term (i.e. 3 years) investment horizon.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 90% - 100% of NAV: Investments in global debt instruments, of which at least 70% of NAV in bonds.
- Up to 10% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and Deposits.

#### FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

##### Performance Chart Since Launch\*



##### Cumulative Performance (%)\*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	0.84	0.64	1.78	4.79
Benchmark	0.28	0.85	1.70	3.40

	1 Year	Since Launch
Fund	4.79	12.73
Benchmark	3.40	6.78

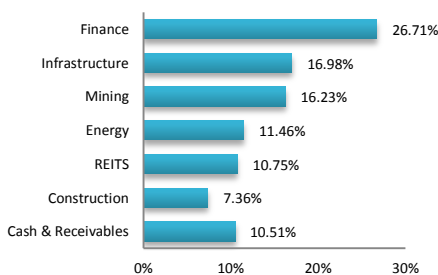
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2017
Fund	4.79
Benchmark	3.40

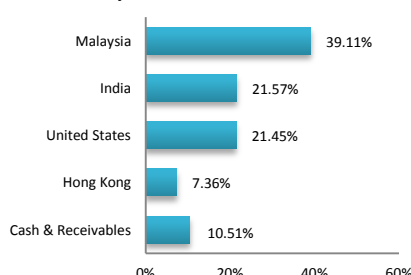
Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



##### Country Allocation\*



##### Top Holdings (%)\*

JSW STEEL LTD	16.23
PLUS BERHAD (AAA)	13.06
MAJAPAHIT HOLDING (BAA3)	11.46
ALDAR (BAA3)	10.75
TURKIYE IS BANKASI	10.70

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	1.0814	1.0917	1.0917
Low	1.0724	1.0463	0.9896

Source: Lipper IM

##### Historical Distributions (Last 1 Year) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
20 Feb 2017	4.6500	4.65

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**
**MARKET REVIEW**

US Treasury ("UST") yields bearish flattened with the longest 30y UST rallied 9bps from previous month's closed as outcome from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting appropriately interpreted by the market as a dovish-hike. At close, the 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year UST were last traded at 1.883% (November-2017: 1.782%), 2.206% (2.138%), 2.405% (2.410%) and 2.739% (2.827%) respectively.

The latest data of Institute for Supply Management's Manufacturing PMI in the US edged lower to 58.2 in November of 2017 from 58.7 in October and below market expectations of 58.4. However, the underlying details were stronger with both new orders and production showing better figures while employment fell only marginally from 59.8 in previous month to 59.7 in November. On the other note, Industrial production in the United States was slightly short of consensus, recorded 0.2% in November against 0.3% expected. The already strong October number has been revised upward to 1.2% from 0.9%, which offset the lower number printed in November. During the past 12 months, total industrial production has increased 3.4% partly due to energy prices that climbed to levels that are encouraging more production. Manufacturers are also showing sign of strength after period of slowdown from two years ago when falling energy prices hurt orders and strengthening dollar made US export less competitive. Nonfarm Payrolls in the United States grew by 228,000 in November above consensus of 195,000 but relatively lower compared to 252,000 recorded in October. Goods producing categories were especially strong with mining, construction and manufacturing all showing solid progress. The unemployment rate remained at a low 4.1% as expected but the closely watched wage data fell short of expectation. The wage growth rose just 0.2% for the month and 2.5% annualized compared to estimates of 0.3% and 2.7% relatively. The report neatly summarizes the data flow for this year which shown solid growth in economy activities and tight labor market do not seem to push for higher inflation impact. At the December 13th Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, the Federal Reserve increased its federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a range of 1.25%-1.50% as widely expected. It was the final meeting chaired by Janet Yellen as she will be replaced by Jerome Powell. The most important takeaway was that despite the inclusion of fiscal stimulus, the median dot plots for 2018 continue to indicate three rate hikes and did not lead to a steeper path of hikes, a sign that the tax legislation moving through Congress would have a modest and possibly fleeting effect. This has appropriately interpreted by the market as dovish as it is now unclear on what is the near-term catalyst for Fed officials to revise up their rate hike path. Despite a weak core inflation reading, Chair Yellen continue to emphasize the transitory nature of the undershoot inflation figure.

**DISCLAIMER:**

As this is a close-ended fund, units are no longer available for sale on the basis of the Prospectus dated 23 November 2015. A Product Highlights Sheet ("PHS") highlighting the key features and risks of the Fund is available and investors have the right to request for a PHS. Investors are advised to obtain, read and understand the PHS and the contents of the Prospectus dated 23 November 2015 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) ("the Prospectus") before investing. The Prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. Amongst others, investors should consider the fees and charges involved. Investors should also note that the price of units and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up. Where a distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced from cum-distribution NAV to ex-distribution NAV. Any issue of units to which the Prospectus relates will only be made on receipt of a form of application referred to in the Prospectus. For more details, please call 1-800-88-3175 for a copy of the PHS and the Prospectus or collect one from any of our branches or authorised distributors.

The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks factors of the funds are credit/default risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, Country risk, inflation/purchasing power risk, concentration risk, mismatch risk. These risks and other general risk are elaborated in the Prospectus.

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