

RHB RETIREMENT SERIES - ISLAMIC BALANCED FUND

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY

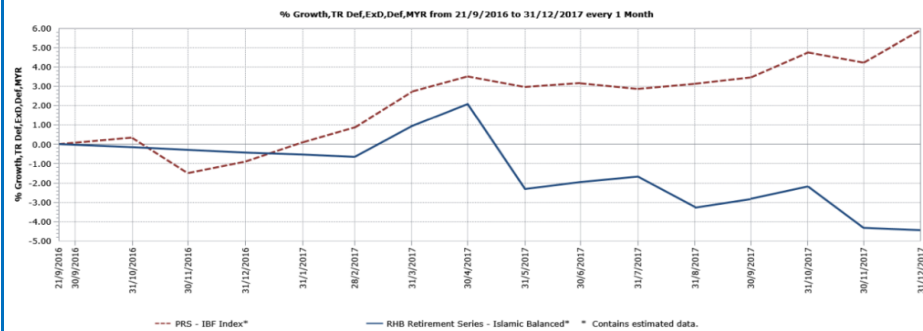
- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in units of Dana Hazeem.
- 1% to 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including Islamic money market instruments and Placements of Cash.

MEMBER'S PROFILE

The Fund is suitable for Members who require investments that comply with Shariah requirements and are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments in order to achieve long term growth and income.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-0.13	-1.67	-2.53	-4.02
Benchmark	1.62	2.37	2.67	6.87

	1 Year	Since Launch
Fund	-4.02	-4.44
Benchmark	6.87	5.92

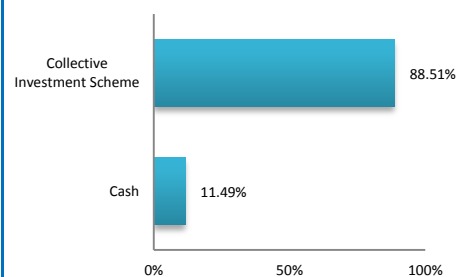
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017
Fund	-4.02
Benchmark	6.87

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Asset Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

RHB DANA HAZEEM 88.51

*As percentage of NAV

FUND DETAILS

Provider	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Trustee	Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Bhd
Fund Category	Feeder fund – balanced (Shariah-compliant)
Launch Date	01 September 2016
Unit NAV	RM0.4778
Fund Size (million)	RM0.51
Units In Circulation (million)	1.07
Financial Year End	31 May
MER (as at 31 May 2017)	7.98%
Min. Initial Investment	RM100.00
Min. Additional Investment	RM100.00
Benchmark	50% FBM Emas Shariah Index + 50% Maybank 12-month Islamic FD
Sales Charge	Up to 3.00% of NAV per unit*
Redemption Charge	None
Annual Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of NAV*
Annual Trustee Fee	Up to 0.04% p.a. of NAV*
Switching Fee	None
PPA (Private Pension Administrator) Annual Fee	RM8.00*
PPA Pre-retirement Withdrawal Fee	RM25.00 per withdrawal*
PPA Transfer Fee	RM25.00 per transfer*
Annual PPA Administration Fee	0.04% p.a. of NAV*
Distribution Policy	Annually, if any

*The implementation of GST will be effective from 1 April 2015 at the rate of 6% and the fees or charges payable is exclusive of GST.

*For the purpose of computing the annual management fee and annual trustee fee, the NAV of the Fund is exclusive of the management fee and trustee fee for the relevant day.

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.4784	0.5131	0.5131
Low	0.4738	0.4738	0.4738

Source: Lipper IM

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PROVIDER'S COMMENTS
MARKET REVIEW
Equity

Asia Ex Japan equities increased by 2.9% in December 2017, taking 2017 returns to 33.5%. China edged up 2.0% during the month, crossing the milestone of 50% returns for 2017, while Hong Kong rose 2.8% and Taiwan 0.4% in December 2017. India added 3.8% following the consolidation of power by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party ("BJP") through victories in key state assembly elections. Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") countries had a strong run in December 2017 given the strength in commodities. Indonesia (+8.8%) benefitted from a sovereign ratings upgrade by Fitch Ratings. Singapore declined 0.24%, Thailand added 4.6%, and the Philippines 4.2%.

Domestically, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("FBMKLCI") ended at 1,796.81 points, increased by +4.6% on the month-on-month ("mom") basis, while on the year-to-date ("ytd") basis, it has increased by +9.5%. The strength in the benchmark index can be due better sentiments from rising oil prices, Ringgit strength and positive domestic economic backdrop. Brent Crude Oil price increased by +5.2% mom to U.S. Dollar ("USD") 66.87/barrel, while on the ytd basis, it has increased by +17.7% ytd. The oil price strength for the month can be due to lower United States of America ("U.S.") crude inventories, temporary shutdown of a key North Sea oil pipeline, and Libya's pipeline blast. The Malaysia Ringgit appreciated by 0.7% mom to reach RM4.0614/USD, while on the ytd basis, it has appreciated by 9.5%. The Ringgit strength can be due to rising oil price, and better domestic economic backdrop.

Fixed Income

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.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's November 2017 Consumer Prices Index ("CPI") rose 3.4% from a year ago as expected by the consensus due to higher transport and food costs. Based on seasonally adjusted term, the overall CPI for November increased 0.7% as compared to October and core inflation rose 2.2% compared to a year ago. The Statistics Department said among the major groups which recorded increases in November were the indices for transport (+10.8%), food and non-alcoholic beverages (+4.0%), restaurants and hotels (+2.8%), household equipment (+2.5%), health (+2.2%) and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+2.2%). The average price of one liter of RON95 petrol was RM2.30 in November 2017 compared to RM1.95 a year ago. As for RON97, the average price increased to RM2.59 in November 2017 from RM2.30 a year ago. Nevertheless, the reading bias skewed towards tighter monetary conditions. That said, the government has mooted the idea of mitigating the impact of higher crude oil prices should the RON95 prices rise beyond RM2.50/liter for consecutive three months. If this is implemented, it would suggest some insulation of headline inflation from increases in global fuel prices.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY
Equity

Global growth will be sustained in 2018 supported by synchronised expansions in major economies like the United States of America ("U.S."), European Union ("E.U."), Japan, and China, while global monetary policies will remain accommodative. In the U.S., the Congress has passed the new tax reform legislation, which will induce business investments and add to its economic growth. The U.S. economy has been growing healthily, as reported, the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") for December rose to 67.6, the highest level since March 2011. In Eurozone, growth remains broad-based, and the European Central Bank ("ECB") has lifted its economic growth forecasts to 2.4% this year, ahead of its previous guidance of 2.2%. Japan's economy is growing steadily and financial stimulus will remain in place to support growth. Despite concerns about debt and a property bubble, China's economic data showed robust growth in 2017 due to government spending on infrastructure and a pickup in the overall global macroeconomic environment.

Domestically, Malaysia's economic growth will remain robust going into 2018 supported by improving global growth and domestic demands. The positive economic backdrop will provide support for the equity market going forward, in addition to its undemanding valuation. In addition, the improvement of corporate earnings from its last two years of negative growth, strong domestic liquidity, stable Ringgit and an impending general election would continue to be supportive for the equity market.

In terms of strategy, we will continue to focus in value investing. Some of the factors that we look for in companies includes long term earnings visibility, derived from unique product offerings, capacity expansion or new market expansions, besides of their strong balance sheet, cashflows and attractive valuations that will benefit the fund in the longer term.

Fixed Income

Some of the most significant recent developments in the global economy are the broader higher growth, steady inflation and the rising Advanced Economy ("AE") policy rates. We continue to expect global economic outlook to largely characterized by these recent developments as the synchronized of global economy growth appears to be somewhat evidenced in recent major economies data and activities. However, after picking up quite sharply in 2017, we expect global nominal GDP growth to be moderate (not to the significant slowdown) due to higher base effects and the concentrated effort by central banks to raise policy rates could trigger slowdown in global growth as markets adjusting to a major tightening in financial conditions. With subdued inflation despite robust growth recently, financial imbalances appear to be building.

In 2018, expectation is for the handful of AE central banks to continue tightening path (US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) while global central banks purchases to fall from \$180bil per month to roughly zero by end-2018. Fed's balance sheet reduction should ramp up by end-2018 as planned to USD50bil per month. Given that, risk free asset supply will no doubt increase but not to a level that will derail the real economy recovery. Nevertheless, risk free assets corrections could still trigger or cause a global slowdown if the "forward guidance message" from central banks are significantly detached from the market participants.

Mirroring global growth trends, Malaysia's growth data has continuously surprised on the upside in 2017 with the recent 3rd Quarter GDP recorded 6.2%, the fastest quarterly growth since 2nd Quarter of 2014. Headline inflation is expected to be at the upper end of the forecast range of 3.5%-4.0% in 2017. Moving into 2018, headline inflation is projected to moderate at about 2.5%-3.5% on expectation of smaller effect from global cost factors. Nonetheless, from the mid-point of 3% inflation forecast in 2018, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") hawkish stand recently will bring the real interest rates back into positive territory. We therefore expect BNM to hike 25bps in 2018 but further tightening in policy rates will broadly depending on the incoming data as well as trajectory of global monetary conditions. In term of strategy, we are neutral on duration with mildly bullish in expectation that local demand dynamics tend to be more constructive in the first quarter. As for the allocation, we overweight credit over government bonds for yield pick-up while strategically taking opportunity on the re-pricing rewards of government bonds.

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