

RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

This Fund aims to provide investors with medium to long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

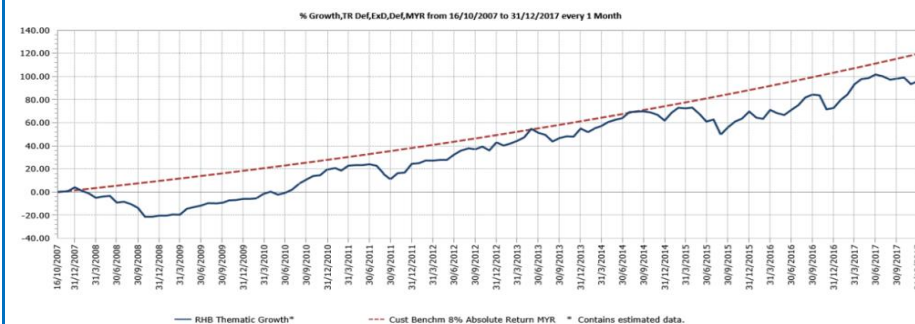
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in equity and equity-related securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.
- 2% - 100% of NAV: Investments in fixed income securities, money market instruments, cash & deposits with financial institutions.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	1.33	-1.04	-2.72	13.58
Benchmark	0.66	1.96	3.96	8.00

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	13.58	21.18	37.13	96.07
Benchmark	8.00	25.97	46.93	119.38

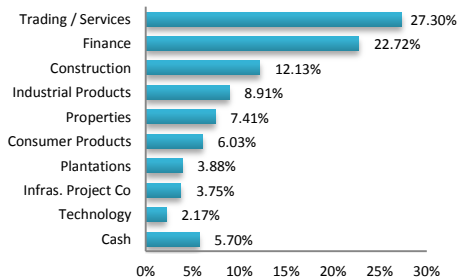
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	13.58	1.92	4.69	4.44	8.35
Benchmark	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

DRB-HICOM BHD	8.91
ECONPILE HOLDINGS BHD	6.80
CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	6.55
PUBLIC BANK BHD	6.02
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	5.69

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2543	0.2685	0.3153
Low	0.2416	0.2268	0.1912

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 5 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
20 Dec 2017	1.2000	4.69
28 Dec 2016	1.1000	4.61
16 Dec 2015	1.9650	8.01
16 Dec 2014	4.0000	14.08
27 Dec 2013	3.3766	11.40

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

Asia Ex Japan equities scaled 2.5% in December 2017, taking 2017 returns to 38.7%. China edged up 1.9% during the month, crossing the milestone of 50% returns for 2017, while Hong Kong rose 2.7% and Taiwan 1.2% in December 2017. Tighter monetary conditions in China and the adverse impact of lukewarm demand of iPhone X on Apple's supply chain explain the relative underperformance of Greater China. India added 4.9% following the consolidation of power by the ruling BJP through victories in key state assembly elections. ASEAN countries had a strong run in December 2017 given the strength in commodities. Indonesia (+8.5%) benefitted from a sovereign ratings upgrade by Fitch. Singapore added 0.6%, Thailand 4.9%, and the Philippines 5.0%.

December 2017 was a good month as the KLCI rose to a new high on the last day of 2017, on the back of window dressing activities. For the month, the KLCI rose 4.6% or 79pts to close at 1,796.8pts driven by the finance and technology sectors. The FBMKLCI started the month flat, as the market lacked catalysts. However, after the Federal Reserve announced the widely expected 25bps rate hike on 13 December 2017, this caused the equity market to rally buoyed by banking stocks which was the best performing sub-index in December 2017. Heading towards the end of the month, the index continued its uptrend due to interest in blue-chips as well as continued foreign buying. Foreigners net bought MYR165mn worth of shares during the last trading week of the year. The index ended the month strongly with foreigners net buying MYR912.6mn worth of shares. This brings the total foreign inflows of MYR 10.585bn for the FBMKLCI in 2017 (vs net sell MYR 2.9bn in 2016) driving the index to end the year strong; gaining 9.45% for the year. Best performer sector during the month was Finance (+5.87%) and biggest movers were Maybank (+5.95%), CIMB (+8.1%) and HL Bank (+12.29%). Worst performing sector was construction (-0.02%) There were not much catalysts for the construction sector heading towards year-end, in addition to the currently intense competition within the construction space which failed to boost sentiments.

On the corporate front, IJM Corp and Sunway Construction has entered in a pre-bid agreement with 3 companies to participate in the tender of KL-SG HSR. Pestech has executed a contract agreement worth US\$26 million (RM106.11 million), to develop two substations and double-circuit transmission line in Cambodia. Dutch company Jacobs Douwe Egberts Holdings Asia NL B.V. (JDE) has launched a takeover of OldTown for RM1.47bn or RM3.18 a share. Meanwhile, Econpile has secured a RM32.8 million contract from Majestic Maxim Sdn Bhd, to undertake piling and related works for a mixed development in Kuala Lumpur. Sapura Energy posted a net loss of RM274.71 mill in its 3QFY18 compared to a net profit of RM158.06 mill a year ago.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

We expect the general elections to be held soon between March to May 2018 (ie after festive holidays CNY and before Ramadan fasting month). In view of this, political stocks may stole the lime light in the 1Q2018. While the Malaysian market was among the worst performing emerging markets last year in 2017, it is worth pointing out that there have been a series of positive developments lately that would increase investors' sentiments. Positive developments worth highlighting are currency strengthened with a favourable outlook and 3Q17 GDP beat street estimates again. Commodities prices in particular oil prices has recovered and stabilized above USD60 per barrel. We remain invested in equity market to take advantage of the strong macroeconomic numbers which will eventually translate into better consumption demand. We do not expect any drastic sell down in the market given that current valuation are not that expensive. A strong macro print, and gradual appreciation of the MYR will likely sustain foreign inflows into equities.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 December 2017, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.7 and is classified as "High". (source: Lipper) "High" includes funds with VF that are above 8.2 but not more than 10.7 (source: Lipper). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. The VC referred to was dated 30 June 2017 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 31 December 2017.

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 Master Prospectus dated 3 August 2017 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) ("the Master Prospectus") before investing. The Master 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 Master Prospectus relates will only be made on receipt of a form of application referred to in the Master Prospectus. For more details, please call 1-800-88-3175 for a copy of the PHS and the Master Prospectus or collect one from any of our branches or authorised distributors.

The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks for the Fund are market risk, particular securities risk, interest rate risk and credit/default risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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