

RHB MUDHARABAH FUND

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who want:

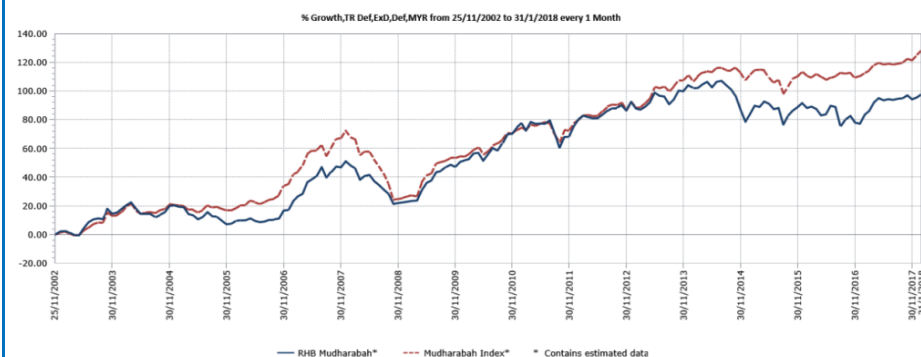
- an investment that complies with the principles of Shariah;
- a professionally managed portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities, sukuk and Islamic debt securities;
- to have a balanced portfolio that provides both income and capital growth; and
- to invest in shares but do not have the time to manage their own portfolio.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 60% of NAV will be invested in Shariah-compliant equities;
- Minimum of 40% of NAV will be invested in Islamic debt securities, sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or liquid assets acceptable under Shariah principles.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	1.17	0.43	2.04	1.17
Benchmark	1.48	2.60	4.47	1.48

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	7.78	7.26	5.50	67.90
Benchmark	7.40	7.88	21.14	N/A

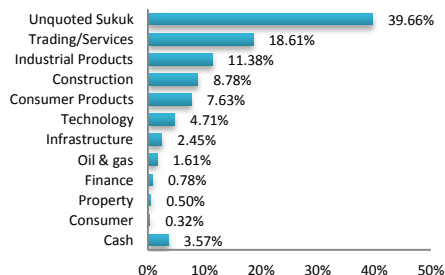
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	10.31	-7.40	7.08	-12.27	6.06
Benchmark	6.92	-1.44	2.79	-1.66	9.65

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

RHBA (AA3)	6.11
UNITED U-LI CORPORATION BHD	3.30
EKVE SDN BHD (AAA)	3.25
ANIH BHD (AA)	3.23
MEX II (AA- IS)	3.17

*As percentage of NAV

FUND DETAILS

Manager	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Trustee	CIMB Islamic Trustee Bhd
Fund Category	Balanced (Shariah-compliant) fund
Fund Type	Capital Growth and Income Fund
Launch Date	09 May 1996
Unit NAV	RM0.8441
Fund Size (million)	RM16.47
Units In Circulation (million)	19.51
Financial Year End	28 or 29 February
MER (as at 28 Feb 2017)	1.80%
Min. Initial Investment	RM1,000.00
Min. Additional Investment	RM100.00
Benchmark	50%FBM Emas Shariah + 50%MIB12 mths Islamic FD-i
Sales Charge	Up to 6.00% of NAV per unit*
Redemption Charge	None
Annual Management Fee	Up to 1.50% p.a. of NAV*
Annual Trustee Fee	Up to 0.09% p.a. of NAV*
Switching Fee	RM25.00 per switch*
Redemption Period	Within 10 days after receipt the request to repurchase
Distribution Policy	Incidental

*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	0.8543	0.8543	1.0388
Low	0.8343	0.7832	0.4095

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 5 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
28 Feb 2017	-	-
29 Feb 2016	-	-
28 Feb 2015	-	-
26 Feb 2014	4.0000	4.56
28 Feb 2013	3.5000	-

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

EQUITY

For the month of January 2018, global equity did well despite 10-year US treasury yields climbing sharply from 2.4% to 2.7% in January 2018. Global equity markets started the year in 2018 rising 5.6% during the month. Rising 2018 Earnings Per Share ("EPS") growth expectations and synchronized growth are driving a strong risk-on sentiment across the world. Meanwhile, Asia Ex-Japan equities (+7.5%) were primarily driven by the surge in Chinese equities (+12.5%) as Q4 Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth of 6.8% year-on-year ("YoY") as well as the trade surplus beat estimates. Semiconductor foundries, led by index heavyweight Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd ("TSMC") (+13.0%), propelled Taiwan (+7.6%) on anticipation of strong demand for high-end chips from cryptocurrency market players.

The FBMKLCI started the year strong up +3.99% on the back of heightened foreign interest in the market. Foreign investors were net buyers and bought RM3.4 billion worth of shares in January 2018. Average market volume for the month surged to RM4.5 billion shares/day versus last year's average daily of 2.5 billion shares. Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") announced a 25 basis points Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") hike on January 25, 2018 and banking sector were viewed as the beneficiaries from rising interest rate. Meanwhile, the Malaysian Ringgit hit a new high since April 2016 when it reached RM3.8890 per USD while the FBMKLCI reached a near 3-year high of 1,870 points on 29th January 2018. The local bourse rallied in tandem with regional markets which all ended on a strong positive note at month end.

The best performing sector for the period was the Finance Index. Biggest movers were CIMB (+10.86%), Public Bank (+5.77%) and Hong Leong Bank (+9.41%). Most banking stocks continued the positive momentum from December 2017, on the back of foreign buying into banking stocks. The property sub-index was the worst performer for the period, with -1.96% return for the period. The biggest laggards were SP Setia (-22.25%). On the other hand, the rate hike by BNM dampened sentiments on property stocks as investors turned cautious that the rate hike would further dampen the already weak property market. The property sector was also impacted late last year after government imposed a ban on the development of luxury properties in a move to control the oversupply of properties in the market.

FIXED INCOME

Concentration of the market was mainly on the first major central bank meetings of the year, the Bank of Japan ("BOJ"), European Central Bank ("ECB") and Federal Reserve ("the Fed"). As expected, respective policymakers maintained their benchmark rates where BOJ and ECB were seen cautious, attributed to soft inflation, while both showed little signs of immediate withdrawal from their accommodation stance. The Fed also left its short-term rates unchanged at Janet Yellen's final Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting as chair. Nevertheless, gradual tightening path remains unlikely to deviate under new Fed Chair Jerome Powell while prospect for a March rate hike seems certain at this juncture (Fed funds futures trading implied higher probability of a rate hike up from 86.7% to 90.4%). US Treasury ("UST") surged by more than 20 basis points ("bps") in January 2018, led by short dated 2 year UST before eventually flowing into longer dated papers. Sell-off was partially driven by higher inflationary pressure on top of worries over ballooned US budget deficit in 2019 boosted by the tax cut plan. In summary UST 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year closed the month at 2.14% (December 2017: 1.88%), 2.51% (2.20%), 2.71% (2.41%) and 2.93% (2.74%) respectively.

Over in Malaysia, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") raised Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") by 25bps to 3.25% as part of normalisation plan. The reason cited for this increase was a pre-emptive move to prevent the build-up of risk that could arise from low interest rates for a prolonged period of time. Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") surged as Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") consolidated in line with global yield curves that were pressured upwards, especially in the belly of the curve. Government bonds/sukuk underperformed over the month at 0.16% with other segments seeing stronger performances. At close, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-years MGS last traded at 3.35% (December 2017: 3.32%), 3.64% (3.53%), 3.93% (3.88%), 3.96% (3.91%), 4.40% (4.39%), 4.61% (4.54%) and 4.86% (4.86%) respectively. Government Investment Issue ("GI") closed mix compared to MGS levels with the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30 years closed at 3.57% (December 2017: 3.43%), 3.88% (3.79%), 4.08% (4.10%), 4.17% (4.19%), 4.53% (4.65%), 4.78% (4.77%) and 4.95% (4.98%) respectively.

Foreign ownership of Malaysian bonds/sukuk rose MYR2.65 billion in December 2017 with government debt saw a stronger inflow of MYR4.69 billion. This brings the foreign ownership of MGS up to 45.1% from 44.3% and the GI to 6.9% from 6.8%. Total foreign ownership in government debt climbed by MYR2.2 billion to MYR182.9 billion (up to 28.9% from 28.4% previously).

On economic data releases, the Nikkei Malaysia manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index ("PMI") fell to 49.9 in December 2017 from 52.0 in November 2017. The goods production sector was reported to show weak demand for the month from the domestic markets though international demand for Malaysian goods continued to improve. Malaysia exports grew 14.4% year-on-year ("YoY") in November 2017 albeit easing from 18.8% the previous month. The stronger Malaysian Ringgit translated into lower export values, contributing to the slower growth. Imports on the hand slowed to 15.2% YoY November 2017 from 20.9% the previous month. As imports outpaced exports on a month-on-month ("MoM") basis, the trade surplus narrowed to MYR9.9 billion in November 2017 from MYR10.4 billion the previous month. BNM announced its international reserves grew to USD103 billion as at 15 Jan 2018 against USD102.4 billion as at 29 December 2017, sufficient to finance 7.1 months of retained imports and 1.1x the short term external debt. Malaysia headline Consumer Price Index ("CPI") rose to 3.5% YoY in December 2017 in line with Reuters poll forecast (November 2017: 3.4%) on higher cost of transport, food and non-alcoholic beverages. This brings 2017 full year inflation at 3.7% within BNM's forecast range of 3-4%.

The year 2018 started with a strong primaries where we saw a combined MYR9.56 billion issuances for the month compared to MYR1.5 billion in January 2017. The first bond issued for the year by WCT Holdings Berhad (AA-) with MYR100 million of 7 year sukuk at 5.55%, 167bps over 7y benchmark MGS at issuance. This is followed by Edra Energy Sdn Bhd (AA3) issuing MYR5.085 billion sukuk with maturities ranging from 4 to 20 years. The sukuk issued at profit rates between 5.61% to 6.71%. We also saw Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional ("PTPTN") (Government Guaranteed) issued a 15 year MYR500 million sukuk at 4.90%, 45bps above 15 year MGS benchmark. Danga Capital (AAA) also issued MYR1.5 billion 15 year sukuk at 4.94%, 50bps over 15 year benchmark at issuance.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Equity

The sharp increase in the 10 year US Treasury yield created fear among the investors on the pace and quantum of the US interest rate hike. The sharp rise in the 10 year US Treasury yield from 2.40 on 1st January 2018 to 2.86 as of 8th February 2018 signals higher than expected interest rate increase in the US. The higher than expected interest rate hikes would impact negatively on US corporate earnings and consumer spending going forward.

This has caused the sharp drop in the index in the beginning of Feb 18. However, we believe the drop in the index has brought the valuation level back to an attractive level for S&P 500 stocks. The index has come down to an attractive level now and is trading below November 2016 valuation level.

We are of the view that Malaysia's corporate earnings growth of 6% is achievable in 2018 due to strong economy. However, the negative sentiment in the US is also expected to drag the index lower. The index touched the low of 1792 level on 4 February 2018 which was also close to the mean valuation of KLCI. We believe the KLCI performance will be volatile in the short term. We would expect the index to be well supported above 1790 level. We would take the opportunity to accumulate strong fundamental blue chip stocks on market weakness. We believe the index would go back to 1,870 level once the US stock market's volatility starts to disappear as investors would have priced in higher interest rate expectations.

Fixed Income

We are not expecting major sell-off despite OPR rate hike as Malaysian sovereign bonds were generally well-supported although we did not see much upside from the current levels as further selloff in US Treasuries ("UST") may eventually weigh on MYR bonds, but the selloff may present buying/trading opportunities.

We remain comfortable in tactically adding duration to the portfolio since OPR has been increased by 25bps and to remain overweight in corporate bond on healthy credit spreads and yield premium.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 January 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 8.3 and is classified as "High". (source: Lipper) "High" includes funds with VF that are above 8.0 but not more than 10.6 (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 31 December 2017 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 30 June 2018.

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 15 July 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 of the Fund are stock market risk, individual stock risk, liquidity risk, issuer risk, interest rate risk, credit / default risk and shariah specific risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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