

RHB RETIREMENT SERIES - CONSERVATIVE FUND

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 80% of NAV: Investments in fixed income instruments and/or money market instruments, of which a minimum of 20% of the Fund's NAV must be in money market instruments.
- Up to 20% of NAV: Investments in equities.
- Up to 5% of NAV: Investments in cash or cash equivalents.

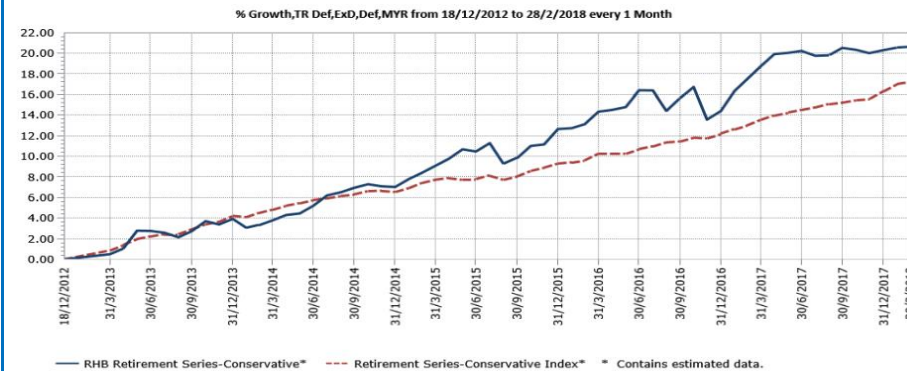
MEMBER'S PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Members who:

- have low risk profile; and
- are in the age group of 50 years old and above.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	0.06	0.51	0.68	0.27
Benchmark	0.17	1.44	1.86	0.78

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	2.67	11.26	22.44	20.60
Benchmark	3.74	9.13	16.70	17.20

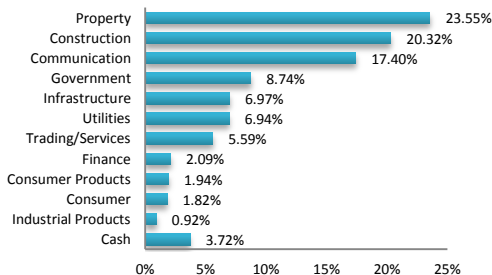
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	5.16	1.51	5.26	3.00	3.92
Benchmark	3.69	2.67	2.61	2.27	3.90

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Asset Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

BGSM MANAGEMENT SDN BHD (AA3)	17.40
KONSORTIUM PROHAWK SDN BHD (AA2)	12.80
SUNWAYBHD CP SERIES	12.57
SABAHDEV CP	10.67
GII MURABAHAH (GG)	8.74

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.5173	0.5411	0.5411
Low	0.5139	0.5108	0.4925

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 4 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
23 May 2017	2.5000	4.78
26 May 2016	2.3500	4.47
29 May 2015	2.0000	3.82
28 May 2014	1.3000	2.54

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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PROVIDER'S COMMENTS
MARKET REVIEW
Equity

Global equities witnessed a broad-based selloff in February 2018, registering its weakest month in two years despite a partial recovery in the second half of the month. Rising inflation expectations and bond yields in the United States ("U.S.") (10yr U.S. Treasury yields up from 2.7% at the start of the month to 2.9%) wreaked havoc on global equities that had been experiencing lofty sentiments, as volatility sky-rocketed. U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's optimistic views left market participants anticipating a faster pace of rate hikes in the US and debating the possibility of 4 rate hikes during 2018.

The benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Index ("FBMVKLCI") started the month on a weak footing as the benchmark index tracked the sell-down in global markets earlier in the month on 5th February 2018. The FBMVKLCI dipped -2.2% on the day. However, market recovered steadily, in line with the rebound in global indices. For the remainder of the month, market held steady trading range-bound ending the month in the red, declining by -0.66% in line with most regional markets.

On the economic front, we saw our fourth quarter ("4Q") 2017 Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") slowing down to 5.9% year-on-year ("yoy") but still beat market consensus of a 5.7% yoy growth. January 2018's Consumer Price Index ("CPI") rose 2.7% yoy after a 3.5% yoy rise in the prior month.

Fixed Income
Ringgit Sovereign Bond

Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") faded slightly against United States Dollar ("USD") as Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") delivered its 25 basis points hike amid gradual strengthening in USD due to concern on higher US inflation and raising interest rates. While the sell-off has been exhibited in UST yields curve during the month, local government bonds continue to behave the other way around and looks supported especially on the 30-year benchmark which rallied 5 basis points month-over-month. 10-year Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") sighted some fragility ahead of the auction as the yield touched its high of 4.07% only to see it rallying post auction as the higher yield started to attract investors. At month-end closed, MGS yields mostly ended lower with exception of 10-year and 15-year benchmark and the rundown of the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS were reported at 3.398% (January-2018: 3.398%), 3.626% (3.638%), 3.937% (3.929%), 4.037% (3.948%), 4.462% (4.408%), 4.603% (4.615%) and 4.814% (4.860%) respectively. The Government Investment Issues ("GII") – Shariah compliant version of MGS mirroring the same pattern with its MGS counterpart and saw yields supported at the longer-end of the curve. At closed, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year GII were reported at 3.605% (January-2018: 3.568%), 3.878% (3.884%), 4.104% (4.080%), 4.222% (4.174%), 4.586% (4.555%), 4.767% (4.780%) and 4.897% (4.937%) respectively.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's Consumer Prices Index ("CPI") for January 2018 increased by 2.7% as compared to the corresponding month of the preceding year and was slightly below consensus estimate of 2.8%. The increase in the index was due to higher prices in all ten main groups led by the transport group which increased at 5.7% followed by food and non-alcoholic beverages at 3.8% while the other groups recorded around 2%-3% incremental in prices. On a monthly basis, CPI rose by 0.3% as compared to December 2017. As a general observation, retail pump prices rose at a modest 0.5% in January despite higher crude oil prices providing some relief to the household. Aside from energy, other components of the basket were broadly benign although food prices were higher possibly due to season factors ahead of the Lunar New Year. On the other note, Malaysia's trade surplus narrowed more than expected in December 2017 as exports moderated more sharply than imports. The trade surplus recorded RM7.3 billion compared to consensus estimate of RM9.3 billion, the lowest since May 2017. Sequential fall in exports were partly reflecting moderation in electrical and electronics ("E&E") momentum and the impact of stronger Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR"). Going forward, expectation is for the E&E exports to continue to be moderated but not to the sharp slowdown as external demand may remain supportive amidst projected acceleration in global growth.

Ringgit Corporate Bond

On the Ringgit corporate bond, average daily volume continues to be muted due to shorter trading month of February. However, the average daily trading volumes seen some improvement and recorded RM375 million in February compared to RM320mil in previous month of January. As usually, most activities concentrated on AA space which printed about 62% of the transacted volume followed by GG/AAA space of 36% and single-A or lower by 2%.

Within Government Guaranteed ("GG")/AAA space, the long-dated Danainfra garnered some RM197 million transaction volume with the yield closed higher by an average of 4 basis points month-over-month. In AAA-rated space, volume was seen in Tenaga 2037 bond which traded unchanged at 5.10% for the amount of RM217 million. Elsewhere in AA-rated space, Sarawak Energy Berhad with maturity of 2032 saw RM332 million transacted at higher yield month-over-month to close at 5.25%. Southern Power Generation ("SPG") papers were also actively traded during the month across the tenors with yield moved lower by 1 to 4 basis points for a cumulative amount of RM235m. For the A-rated universe, CIMB Perpetual paper gained interest with slightly over RM20 million traded 2 basis points tighter and Bank Islam Sub-debt closed 8 basis points lower month-over-month for the same amount. During the month, some notable issuances were seen tapping the market with AMMB Holdings issued their subordinated notes rated A1 for RM325 million that yielded 5.23%. On the GG space, Danainfra started the book building at early part of the month for a size of RM1 billion. The yield closed at 4.37% for 7-year and 4.90% for 15-year. Another GG name, MKD Kencana issued RM1.2 billion in 5-year and 7-year space with yield closed at 4.23% and 4.43%.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY
Equity

We are still positive on the Malaysia equity market outlook due to the following reasons i.e global growth will be sustained in 2018 supported by synchronized expansions in major economies like the United States, European Union, Japan and China. Global monetary policies will still remain accommodative, despite un-synchronized monetary tightening plans in place. Gradual improvement in global growth and trades will benefit The Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") economies, through better exports, and eventually domestic demands.

Domestically, Malaysia's economic growth is expected to be around 5.0%-5.5% supported by resilient domestic demands, investments and external demand. The positive economic backdrop will continue to be supportive of the equity market in 2018. In addition, strong domestic liquidity, stable Ringgit, undemanding valuation and an impending general election are also catalysts for the market to perform better.

In terms of strategy, We like Banking, Consumers, Building Materials, PNB transformation, Oil & Gas, Tourism, E-commerce, Construction, Building Materials, Industrial Manufacturing sectors.

Fixed Income

Malaysia's fourth-quarter GDP for 2017 registered a solid growth of 5.9%, bringing the full year GDP to 5.9% which is above official forecast of 5.2%-5.7%. The strong GDP number justifies monetary normalization decision by Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") in their last Monetary Policy Meeting ("MPC"). Going forward, we foresee Malaysia's growth to remain resilient but may trend lower than last year's sterling growth. While the domestic consumption shall sustain aided by generous cash transfers in the Budget, tech export may moderate lower from a higher base recorded last year. With inflation assessment expected to average lower in 2018 and a stronger MYR supports lower imported inflation, we are in a view that the current policy rate is still accommodative to the economy as MPC continue to assess the balance of risks in growth and inflation. In term of strategy, we remain neutral on duration while mildly bullish in domestic bonds with the expectation that local demand dynamics to remain healthy and exceeding supply in 1Q 2018. As part of asset allocation strategy, we continue to overweight credit over government bonds for yield pick-up despite higher risk-free rates because we see improving credit profile in corporates in certain sectors thanks to sterling GDP performance to date. That said, we continue to be vigilant in monitoring the bond market and any significant sell off could be an opportunity to buy bonds especially government securities as we do not see significant hikes in Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) further from here.

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