

RHB ASEAN FUND

This Fund aims to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of companies with high growth potential.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 70% to 98% of NAV: Investments in equities and equity related securities (such as warrants).
- Up to 30% of NAV: Investments in fixed income securities such as government and semi-government bonds, corporate debt securities and money market instruments.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

- wish to participate in the potential and investment opportunities of the fast growing ASEAN economies; and
- are willing to accept higher risk in their investments in order to achieve medium to long term capital growth.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-3.91	-3.55	-4.23	-3.55
Benchmark	-3.78	-3.12	0.62	-3.12

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-0.02	11.10	21.20	76.43
Benchmark	2.80	8.89	17.82	59.68

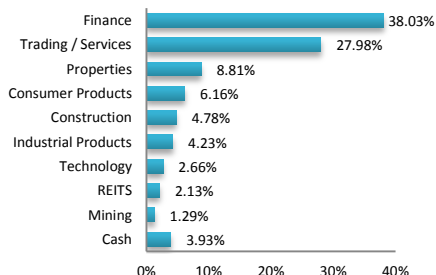
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	10.85	5.55	2.67	10.86	2.48
Benchmark	13.98	7.64	-2.79	10.16	-0.92

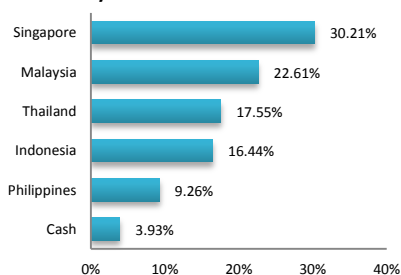
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	6.05
OVERSEA-CHINESE BANK CORP LTD	4.89
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LTD	4.57
SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD	4.18
MALAYSIA AIRPORTS HOLDINGS BHD	4.16

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.5668	0.5806	0.6743
Low	0.5389	0.5389	0.4562

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 5 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
28 Apr 2017	-	-
28 Apr 2016	6.0000	11.24
28 Apr 2015	6.0000	10.12
28 Apr 2014	5.8000	9.54
30 Apr 2013	4.5000	7.44

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

The US 10-years yield declined to 2.74% at the end of March. Oil price rose 5.35% ending the month at US\$64.94 per barrel. Singapore enbloc deals are still going strong as potential record level en-bloc at Mandarin Gardens set at S\$2.5bn compared to the previous record collection sale at Farrer Court at S\$1.3bn. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) upgraded its 2018 GDP forecast to 5.5-6% driven by capacity expansion. BNM has also stressed that 25 bps OPR hike in January was a normalisation to pre July 2016 levels. Inflation levels was lowered to 2-3%. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) maintained its overnight reverse repurchase agreement (ON RRP) stating that it expects inflation to moderate in 2019 with possible upside risks to inflation. It will be watching for inflation to become broad based and assuage concerns that it is not behind the curve.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

US Core PCE inflation in February increased solidly for the third consecutive month at 0.23% m-o-m and 1.6% y-o-y. Personal income rose 0.4% for the third consecutive month. The ISM manufacturing index jumped to 60.8 in February above consensus at 58.7. The pickup was buoyed by employment, inventories and supplier deliveries. February ISM manufacturing bucked the trend of softer global manufacturing PMIs across Euro area, China, Japan and the UK. As expected, there was a 25bp Fed rate hike to 1.5-1.75% with the FOMC's view that the economic outlook has strengthened in the recent months. Three more fed rate hikes are expected in 2018.

In the next 5-10 years, Asia and especially ASEAN will emerge as the region with relatively stronger growth than the rest of the world. ASEAN with the structural advantage in demographics will emerge as the complimentary piece to China's evolution into a giant consumption economy. Japan with its ageing population will also look to the rest of Asia, especially ASEAN, for growth. Adding on to the commitments by the governments in Asia/ASEAN towards infrastructure development, the region will feature prominently as the place for equity investments. We would look to buy stocks during periods where investors largely ignore these positive developments in the region.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.1 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 3 September 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 country risk and currency risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus. This factsheet is prepared for information purposes only. It does not have regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation and the particular needs of any specific person who may receive it. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Returns may vary from year to year.