

### RHB GLOBAL NEW STARS FUND

This Fund aims to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation by investing in initial public offerings ("IPOs"), pre-IPO securities, post-IPO listed securities, debt securities and/or deposits.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in post-IPO listed securities of approved markets issued within 3 years of their IPOs at the time of investment and securities offered through IPOs which have been approved for listing in the approved markets ("Post-IPO Portion" and "IPO Portion").
- Up to 10% of NAV: Investments in privately placed pre-IPO securities of companies which are established in the approved markets, that is pre-IPO deals of which the investee companies are targeting to obtain a listing on an approved stock exchange, and other corporate finance deals ("Pre-IPO Portion").
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets.

#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- are optimistic about investments in companies in the early growth stages;
- wish to participate in the potential upside of IPO;
- seek an investment well diversified across global markets;
- are fairly aggressive and willing to accept moderate to high risk in their investments; and
- prefer capital growth over a medium to long term period.

#### FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

##### Performance Chart Since Launch\*



##### Cumulative Performance (%)\*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-7.56	-6.41	-2.65	-6.41
Benchmark	-3.59	-5.77	-4.83	-5.77

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-1.31	6.33	2.50	-40.92
Benchmark	-1.51	24.37	75.48	48.85

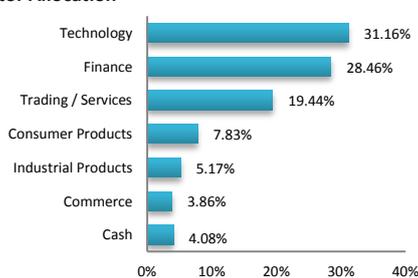
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	10.38	1.77	6.38	-9.28	-3.34
Benchmark	9.72	10.36	17.57	8.99	28.80

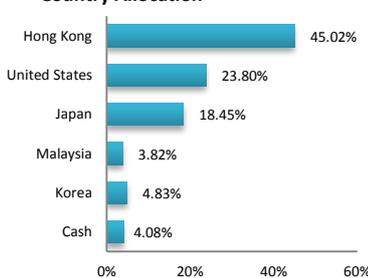
Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



##### Country Allocation\*



##### Top Holdings (%)\*

TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	8.71
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	6.25
SONY CORPORATION	6.06
IND & COMM BANK OF CHINA H	5.35
AIR CHINA LTD H	5.31

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3059	0.3194	0.5417
Low	0.2763	0.2763	0.2098

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**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

**MARKET REVIEW**

Global stock markets came under pressure in March 2018 on fears over escalating trade tensions. The selling has been most marked in the last 24 hours following President Trump's announcement that tariffs of USD\$60bn would be imposed on Chinese imports. China took its first retaliatory action with the Ministry of Commerce of China announced a list of 128 products (in 7 categories), total value of \$3bn using 2017 trade data, that China plans to impose additional tariffs on US imports.

Asia Ex Japan equities (-1.6%) continued on their downward spiral in March 2018. China and Hong Kong fell sharply given the announcement of US tariffs on Chinese imports, inviting retaliatory measures from China. President Xi Jinping embarked on his second term following the historic decision to scrap the Presidential term limits by the NPC. India (-3.8%) extended its dismal performance as worsening current account deficit and a setback for the ruling party in by-elections hurt investor sentiment. Korean equities were buoyed by the Korean Won (+1.8%) as investors heaved a sigh of relief on the prospects of denuclearization in North Korea.

Commodities had a mixed month - energy prices recovered lost ground from February 2018 (Brent Crude: +7.6%, Gasoline: +4.2%, Natural Gas: 1.4%) while metals (Aluminum: -6.0%, Copper: -3.1%, Platinum: -5.2%) and soft commodities fell. Cyclical underperformed defensives in general in emerging markets, with Real Estate and Utilities being the leaders while Consumer Discretionary and Materials lagged. Technology sector, the star performer of 2017, also could not resist the decline as investors anticipate potential regulations on the sector as a fallout of the data privacy issues from Facebook.

**MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

With US midterm elections scheduled for November 2018, there is increased incentive for President Trump to deliver on campaign pledges. It could also be argued that tariffs are the feature of a bargaining strategy for preferential trade, which could prove popular in key voting states, particularly in the so-called rustbelt. There is therefore more to come.

In emerging markets, we like countries with cheap currencies, cheap valuations and good fundamentals (in terms of macro balance sheets). In Asia, we continued to overweight on China banks. 12 month forward P/E of China relative to global equities is only mid-ranged and should re-rate given better quality earnings and clear signs of corporate change. Earnings revisions are also positive.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 13.0 and is classified as "Very High". (source: Lipper) "Very High" includes funds with VF that are 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 Pre-IPO and IPO risk, country risk, currency risk and market risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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