

RHB GOLD AND GENERAL FUND

This Fund aims to achieve returns on investment mainly in securities of corporations (whether or not listed on any stock exchange, and in any part of the world) whose business (in any part of the world) is or is substantially in the mining or extraction of gold, silver or precious metals (e.g. platinum, palladium, rhodium etc.), bulk commodities (e.g. coal, iron ore, steel etc.), base metals of all kinds (e.g. copper, aluminium, nickel, zinc, lead tin etc.), and other commodities (e.g. industrial minerals, titanium dioxide, borates etc.) and it includes the mining or extraction of oil, gas, coal and alternative energy or other commodities or other minerals.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

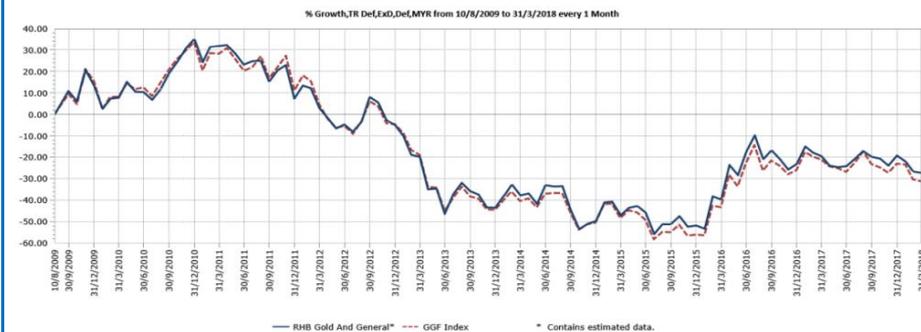
- wish to participate in the potential benefits derived from investment in companies involved in the mining and exploration of precious metals, energy or base metals;
- wish to diversify their investment portfolio from traditional asset classes; and
- are willing to accept a higher risk in their investments to obtain potentially higher returns in the long term.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the units of United Gold and General Fund.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-0.87	-10.00	-9.38	-10.00
Benchmark	-1.26	-10.62	-10.40	-10.62

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-9.47	37.80	-9.05	-27.15
Benchmark	-12.79	33.13	-15.12	-31.06

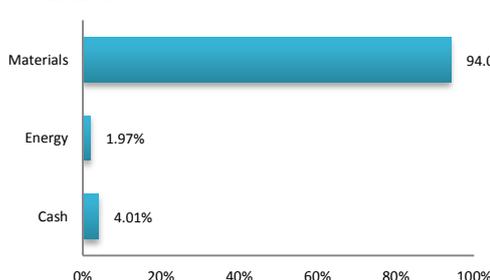
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	5.32	59.38	-4.01	-10.92	-40.59
Benchmark	4.07	68.12	-11.34	-10.72	-41.64

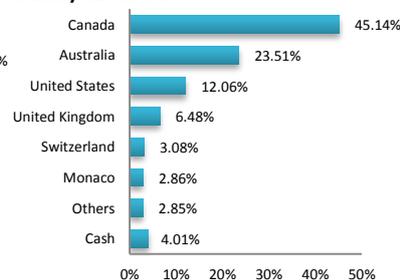
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

NEWMONT MINING CORP	9.10
GOLDCORP INC	4.82
EVOLUTION MINING LTD	4.51
TECK RESOURCES LTD	4.50
BARRICK GOLD CORP	3.87

*As percentage of NAV

*Source: UOBAM, 31 March 2018. Exposure in United Gold & General Fund - 95.99%

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2843	0.3282	0.6393
Low	0.2745	0.2722	0.1622

Source: Lipper IM

FUND DETAILS

Manager	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd
Fund Category	Feeder Fund
Fund Type	Growth Fund
Launch Date	21 July 2009
Unit NAV	RM0.2745
Fund Size (million)	RM187.41
Units In Circulation (million)	683.28
Financial Year End	30 June
MER (as at 30 June 2017)	0.55%
Min. Initial Investment	RM1,000.00
Min. Additional Investment	RM100.00
Benchmark	70% FTSE Gold Mines Index (RM) + 30% HSBC Global Mining Index (RM)
Sales Charge	Up to 5.50% of investment amount*
Redemption Charge	None
Annual Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of NAV*
Annual Trustee Fee	Up to 0.08% p.a. of NAV*
Switching Fee	RM25.00 per switch*
Redemption Period	Within 10 days after receipt the request to repurchase
Distribution Policy	None

*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.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

Physical gold started March 2018 at US\$1,318/oz and was flat in the first half of the month as financial markets evaluated the potential impact of Trump's proposed import tariffs on steel and aluminium. The gold price then weakened ahead of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), reaching an intra-month low of US\$1,311.02 on 20 March 2018. However, gold immediately started to rally once the FOMC announced an increase in policy rates to 1.75% on 21 March 2018, eventually reaching US\$1,353/oz on 25 March 2018 following the release of the 4Q17 US current account data. This showed the largest quarterly current account deficit since 4Q08. Gold then started to weaken again before finishing the month at US\$1,325/oz.

The FOMC announcement represented the sixth rate hike in this tightening cycle, and some market commentators expect three further rate increases in 2018. However, in his first testimony to the US Senate banking committee, Fed Chair Powell stated there was no evidence that the US economy was overheating. His comments eased upward pressure on US 10 year Treasury yields and undercut strength in the USDollar. While US interest rates can be expected to rise this year, the key question remains whether rate hikes are reactive to inflation, or pre-emptive to prevent potential inflation. The Target Fund believes that the Fed will be cautious in raising rates. This should be supportive of gold since it should mean real US interest rates remain at low levels.

Market nervousness on a potential US-China trade war was not helped by President Trump's tweet that "trade wars are good and easy to win". On 22 March 2018, Trump followed his earlier steel and aluminium tariffs by signing an executive memorandum to put tariffs on up to US\$60 billion of Chinese imports. China initially reacted with a token US\$3 billion of counter-tariffs, only to then announce plans for a potential 25% tariff on US\$50 billion of US imports. In a tit-for-tat response, President Trump immediately instructed US trade officials to consider tariffs on a further US\$100 billion of Chinese goods. A full-scale trade war would cause financial market volatility, and should lead to safe haven buying of gold.

March 2018 saw COMEX gold long positions increase to 996 tonnes (+4.5% mom), with COMEX gold short positions falling to 267 tonnes (-16.0% mom). This meant net long positions increased to 729 tonnes (+14.8% mom) with COMEX gold positioning in moderately overbought territory. UBS data showed total aggregate Gold ETF holdings at 2,266 tonnes (+1.2% mom) and back to aggregate levels seen prior to Trump's election in November 2016. IMF data on central bank gold purchases showed the Russian Central Bank bought 25 tonnes in January 2018. This increased Russia's official gold reserves to 1,882 tonnes, above the official holdings of the People's Bank of China (PBoC) which remained unchanged at 1,842 tonnes.

Gold equities performed in-line with physical gold in March 2018, with the ratio between physical gold and the HUI gold equity index unchanged at 7.7x. There was little operational data released during the month, but there were continuing incidents of jurisdictional risk. The Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia were the latest countries to announce potential revisions to mining taxes. Rising country risk increases the attractiveness of safer jurisdictions such as Australia and Canada. The Target Fund remained predominantly invested in Australian and Canadian producers with low operating costs and good production growth profiles.

The EMIX Global Mining Index weakened sharply in March 2018, with investors concerned about the impact of a US-China trade war. Although commodity prices remain well above current production costs, they are also well above the depressed price levels seen over the past 2-3 years. Clearly, prices could fall further if a trade war leads to a deterioration in global economic activity. The Target Fund retained a neutral benchmark weighting in mining companies, but reduced its holdings in exploration companies back towards low-cost, high dividend paying producers.

The West Texas Intermediate crude oil price started March 2018 at US\$61.64/bbl and closed the month higher at US\$64.94/bbl (+5.4% mom). Brent crude oil prices also decreased to US\$70.27/bbl (+6.8% mom). For the moment, rising Syrian geopolitical tensions, the threat of renewed sanctions against Iran and falling Venezuelan output is keeping crude oil prices high. This is despite strong increases in US onshore shale oil production. While geopolitics may keep crude oil prices high in the near-term, fundamental factors should push prices lower when political tensions ease.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Financial markets expect further interest rate hikes and monetary tightening from the US Federal Reserve. However, US monetary policy contrasts with the Bank of Japan and the ECB, both of which continue with quantitative easing programs. This divergence may cause volatility in global currency markets and has uncertain implications for global inflation. Unconventional monetary policy and negative real interest rates could fuel higher inflation, which would be positive for gold and for general commodity prices. Conversely, disappointing economic growth could result in deflation and systemic risk to the global banking system. The Target Fund expects to hold a neutral to overweight position in gold equities relative to the benchmark, with a preference for mid-tier and junior producers with growing volume output and low production costs. The Target Fund's preference for gold is premised on the basis that the Target Fund Manager believes that gold-related assets can perform well in both inflationary and deflationary environments.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 34.3 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 6 October 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 management risk and foreign investment risks such as currency risk and country risk and the specific risks of the target fund are market risk in the global markets, foreign exchange/currency risk, political risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, small capitalisation companies risk, single sector risk, commodities risk, broker risk, counterparty risk, equity risk and investment management risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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