

RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

This Fund aims to provide investors with medium to long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

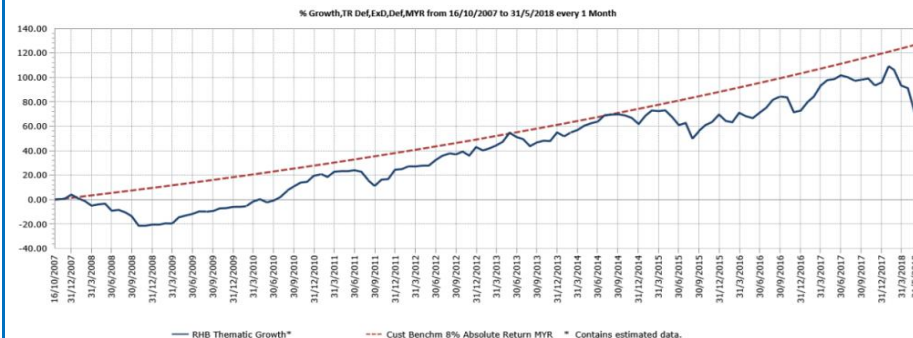
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in equity and equity-related securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.
- 2% - 100% of NAV: Investments in fixed income securities, money market instruments, cash & deposits with financial institutions.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-10.32	-16.62	-11.34	-12.51
Benchmark	0.66	1.96	3.91	3.24

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-13.55	2.42	10.92	71.54
Benchmark	8.00	25.97	46.93	126.48

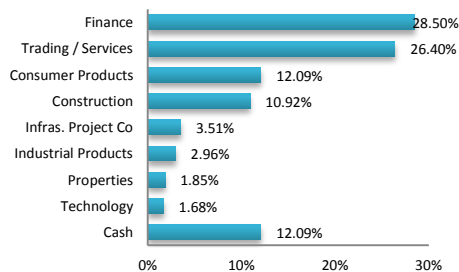
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	13.58	1.92	4.69	4.44	8.35
Benchmark	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

PUBLIC BANK BHD	8.39
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	7.26
CARLSBERG BREWERY MALAYSIA BHD	6.43
CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	6.18
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.28

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2394	0.2683	0.3153
Low	0.2147	0.2147	0.1912

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 5 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
20 Dec 2017	1.2000	4.69
28 Dec 2016	1.1000	4.61
16 Dec 2015	1.9650	8.01
16 Dec 2014	4.0000	14.08
27 Dec 2013	3.3766	11.40

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

Global equities ended the month of May 2018 flat, dragging YTD returns to -0.8%. Developed market were mostly down with Europe falling 4.0% and Japan 1.1%, as investors responded with a risk-off stance to a host of factors that include the expectations of a growth slowdown outside the US, the political uncertainty in Italy and Turkey, the renewal of sanctions on Iran and the currency crisis in Argentina. The rally in crude oil (Brent: +4.6%) continued in the first half of May 2018 but rolled over later on, as the reversal of prior supply cuts came back into consideration.

Asia Ex Japan equities lost 1.6% in May 2018, dragging YTD returns to -0.6%. China added 1.5% on the basis of the positive impact from the inclusion of A-shares in the MSCI benchmark indices. India (-3.7%) was adversely impacted by foreign outflows as overseas investors worried about the impact of higher oil prices as well as the results of the Karnataka state elections. Korea (-5.2%) had a tumultuous month, as the prospects of the North Korea-US Summit see-sawed. Malaysia (-8.3%) fell prey to foreign outflows on concerns of fiscal discipline following the historic victory of Tun Mahathir Mohamad in the general elections. Indonesia (-1.9%) conducted two rate hikes to arrest the slide in the Rupiah (-2.3% YTD), while the Philippines (-4.9%) hiked once.

The FBMKLCI started the month relatively stable until the 14th General Elections results on Wed, 9 May 2018 was announced. Against all odds and unforeseen by political analysts, the opposition, Pakatan Harapan won the Elections by a simple majority. Barisan Nasional, which was in power for 61 years, had lost winning only 79 seats vs PH's 113. It was deemed as a black swan event and nervous investors anticipated a market sell-off. But, the two days holiday and the promise of reform and business-friendly speeches made by the new PM, Tun Dr Mahathir eased the jitters. The following Monday, the local bourse opened sharply lower, then it swung sharply higher before closing the day at positive territory. The market was relatively stable in the following days on the back of bargain hunting by local funds as foreign investors started exiting the market. Foreign funds have been net sellers every day since GE14. News flow was deemed not to be "market friendly" - which is to be expected. There were cancellations of many mega projects (East Coast Railway Link, High Speed Railway, MRT 3), the revelation of Malaysia's total debt (on and off balance sheet) which stands at RM1trillion and of course the unravelling of 1MDB. The "zero-rating" of GST as well as the return of fuel subsidies had many expressing concerns on the risks to Malaysia's fiscal deficit reduction targets.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The dollar's recent strengthening against the euro has raised nervousness about emerging markets (EM). A stronger dollar and higher US yields would of course impose pain on EM asset prices, but we do not think EM is primed for any kind of major crisis. That view is reinforced by the fact that EM currencies are not especially expensive by historic standards. While we don't see huge financial vulnerability in EM, a strong dollar will push growth risks to the downside and inflation risks to the upside.

We opined that foreign investors will re-look at Malaysia given better transparency and corporate governance from the new government. Once the new government announce measures to plug in the revenue gap from the removal of GST and efforts to cut unnecessary spending, we believe that the market would stage a strong recovery. In the near term, we believe uncertainty over the state of the nation's fiscal position and external headwinds from the outflow of funds from emerging markets amid rising USD and trade tensions will lead to a choppy domestic equity market.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 May 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 11.6 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 August 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 for the Fund are market risk, particular securities risk, interest rate risk and credit/default risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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