

### RHB ASIA PACIFIC FUND

This Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of companies listed or traded in emerging and developed markets.

#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- wish to participate in the upside of the Asia Pacific markets;
- are willing to accept moderate to high risk in their investments;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a long term period.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in securities of and securities relating to companies that have high growth potential.
- 2% - 10% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including bonds, 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	-3.02	-1.30	-7.54	-7.54
Benchmark	-2.11	0.37	-4.64	-4.64

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-3.21	6.62	23.05	-8.15
Benchmark	1.08	21.52	62.65	41.90

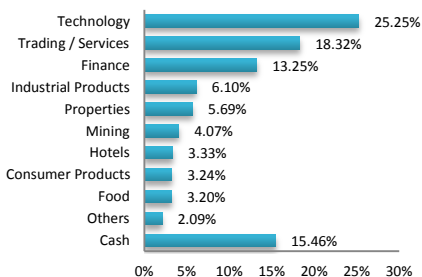
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	16.05	2.61	-1.76	3.89	11.26
Benchmark	16.11	6.92	17.54	4.12	17.04

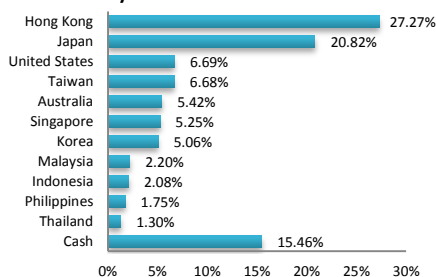
Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



##### Country Allocation\*



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

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	4.31
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	3.97
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING SP ADR	3.67
CAPITALAND LTD	3.45
FUJI SEAL INTERNATIONAL	3.37

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3713	0.4063	0.5975
Low	0.3447	0.3447	0.1994

Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND DETAILS

<b>Manager</b>	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
<b>Trustee</b>	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd
<b>Fund Category</b>	Equity Fund
<b>Fund Type</b>	Growth Fund
<b>Launch Date</b>	06 January 2006
<b>Unit NAV</b>	RM0.3497
<b>Fund Size (million)</b>	RM5.10
<b>Units In Circulation (million)</b>	14.59
<b>Financial Year End</b>	31 December
<b>MER (as at 31 Dec 2017)</b>	2.74%
<b>Min. Initial Investment</b>	RM1,000.00
<b>Min. Additional Investment</b>	RM100.00
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index (RM)
<b>Sales Charge</b>	Up to 5.26% of investment amount*
<b>Redemption Charge</b>	None
<b>Annual Management Fee</b>	1.50% p.a. of NAV*
<b>Annual Trustee Fee</b>	Up to 0.07% p.a. of NAV*
<b>Switching Fee</b>	RM25.00 per switch*
<b>Redemption Period</b>	Within 10 days after receipt the request to repurchase
<b>Distribution Policy</b>	Annually, if any

\*All fees and charges payable to Manager and the Trustee are subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties and at such rate as may be imposed by the government from time to time.

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**

Trump administration announced a 25% tariff on Chinese products effective 6th July. Unfortunately, China sent back strong retaliatory message sending the financial markets on a risk off mode. The trade tensions saw a risk off scenario with the UST 10 years recovered to close the month of June at 2.86%, unchanged from the end of May. The Dollar Index (DXY) strengthened by 0.5% in the month of June.

In June, PMI remained in expansionary territory amid slower for both US and Asia, while improving in Europe. US flash composite PMI eased slightly to 56.0 in June from 56.6 the previous month, while Eurozone flash composite PMI improved +0.7pts to 54.8 due to stronger services PMI. In Asia, China's PMI Caixin eased by 0.1pts at 51 while ASEAN slipped 0.4pts to 51 in June.

Overall, MSCI World is flattish (-0.17%) for the month of June. Developed markets Australia (+3.5%) and US (+0.6%) have closed the month in green, while ASEAN (-4.9%) and HK/China (-5.2%) equities markets got hurt by the looming trade war sentiment.

IMF estimates that a 10% rise in import tariffs in both the US and the rest of the world will lead to a 1% fall in world trade and 0.5% fall in world GDP. HK, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan will be the hardest hit in Asia should a full-scale trade war break out. Meanwhile, we do see China having ample fire power to beef up fiscal policy in 2H18 to achieve its targeted growth. In light of the more cautious view on external environment, this shift to a more easing bias provide support to China's economic growth amidst uncertainty. We expect further RRR cuts near term to maintain the liquidity condition.

Japan's business activity relatively upbeat despite short term business confidence being affected by trade frictions. After 2 months of consecutive monthly deceleration, Tokyo BoJ core CPI inflation (ex. fresh food and energy) and core CPI inflation (ex. only fresh food) both accelerated 0.2%-pt in June to 0.4%oya and 0.7%, respectively. Retail sales came in a tad lower although the average of April and May is still above 1Q average. Housing starts came off its low and rose nicely in May.

**MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Overall, we skewed our portfolio towards companies with strong balance sheet and good cash flow generation. This has allowed us to better weather through market volatility. We like consumer sector, healthcare and new economy technology companies. Energy equities has been one of our outperformer in the portfolio on the back of high energy prices and we do see this trend to continue.

Even though trade tension and USD strength remain headwinds for the stock market, we like the Asia markets for its growth potential too. We view this sell off as a blanket selling across all the emerging market and have more or less discounted the threat of a trade war. Unless there is a massive escalation into a full blown threat, we do see value emerging in the Asian equity market especially in resilient sectors like consumption, healthcare and internet technology. It is good to note that the Chinese government has indicated more policy easing measures in coming months. The statement out from the first monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting on the 28 June indicate shift in policy stance to "reasonably adequate" liquidity conditions and soften its tone on deleveraging.

We expect the Japanese's economy regained momentum in 2Q after contracting in 1Q. The country's growth rate could potentially surprise on the upside above its potential growth rate of around 1%, barring worsening of the trade war and impact on trade activities. The tight labour market remains good support to consumption for the rest of the year.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 June 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 9.5 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.

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