

RHB EQUITY TRUST

This Fund aims to provide investors with capital growth through investments in stocks with high growth potential over a medium to long term period.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

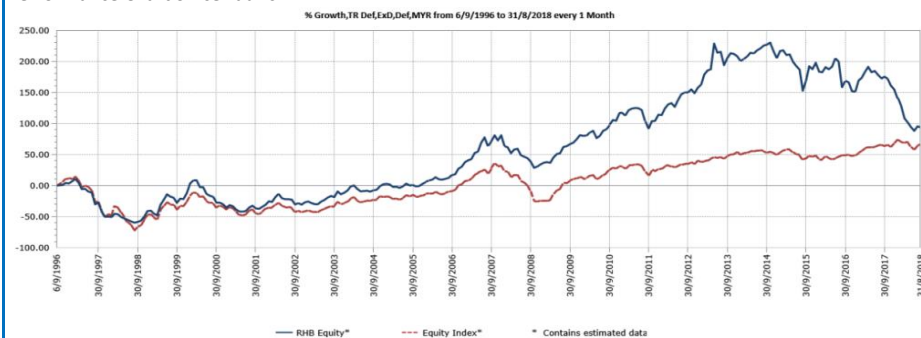
- wish to participate in the upside of the Asia ex-Japan markets;
- are willing to accept moderate to high risk in their investments; and
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 90% - 98% of NAV: Investments in securities of companies that have good growth potential. In managing these investments, the Fund may invest up to 50% of the NAV in Asia ex-Japan markets.
- 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	-1.07	-0.37	-15.46	-24.29
Benchmark	1.24	2.50	-2.27	-0.64

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-29.08	-23.31	-34.32	92.93
Benchmark	0.70	17.54	16.69	66.75

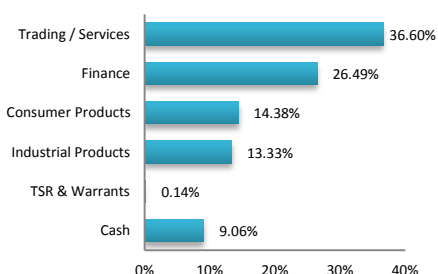
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	1.81	-15.81	-2.46	-1.07	19.69
Benchmark	12.76	0.17	-0.84	-2.82	9.84

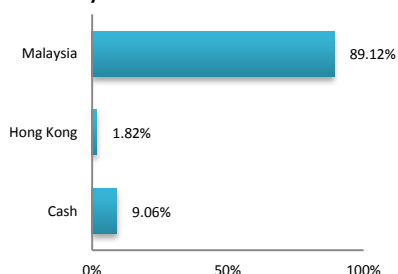
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

PUBLIC BANK BHD	9.13
TEX CYCLE TECHNOLOGY	7.85
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	6.45
SCC HOLDINGS BHD	6.36
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	4.85

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2181	0.3640	1.0622
Low	0.2132	0.2046	0.2046

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 5 Years) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
20 Dec 2017	5.0000	13.92
28 Dec 2016	4.2000	10.22
16 Dec 2015	9.5600	18.01
16 Dec 2014	12.5000	17.83
27 Dec 2013	11.9000	14.87

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

For the month of August 2018, global equity market continued to rise. MSCI World Equities was up 0.6% during the month (YTD: +1.9%), riding on the strength of US equities (+3.1%) although investors were concern over high valuation in US market. Developed Markets (DM) outside US failed to provide respite to investors with Europe falling 3.1% and Australia 2.6%, while Japan (+0.2%) stayed flat. MSCI Asia Ex Japan declined 1.2% in August 2018, with YTD returns at -6.6%, as underperformance by China (-3.9%) and Hong Kong (-2.6%) weighed on the region. China continued on its downtrend as the US upped the ante in the Sino-US trade conflict by preparing to impose harsher tariffs on an additional USD200bn worth of Chinese imports.

The FBMKLCI started the month relatively stable, before turning positive in the second week of the month supported foreign inflows. The index later declined on August 13, 2018 on selling pressure due to the issue with the Turkey crisis. The Lira crumbled after Trump approved of higher tariffs and threat of sanctions. The index staged a recovery on the 20th of August 2018, on optimism over US-China trade talks which boosted sentiments. This buoyed the index to close at an intraday high on 23 August 2018, lifted by index heavyweights. The positive momentum continued; with the index then closed at its three-month high on news of the new NAFTA deal which improved investors risk appetite. Foreigners net sold MYR98.9mn worth of shares, bringing the total YTD net selling to MYR8.6bn. Best performer sector was Industrial Production (+3.72%) with the biggest movers being PChem (+7.49%), Hartalega (+15.45%), and TOP Glove(+9.86%). Worst performer sector was Construction (-5.76%) being dragged down by Gamuda (-4.39%) and IJM (-4.59%). Having said that, only the FBMKLCI were performed whereas broad base market ie the mid cap and small cap are in slight negative territory in the month of review.

On the economic front, Malaysia's Q218 GDP growth of only 4.5%yoy was a sharp miss of the Bloomberg consensus for 5.2% yoy. However, the underlying data are better than the headline implies. Domestic demand growth accelerated to 5.6% yoy from 4.1%yoy driven by consumption. The miss in the overall number came from shocks to the mining and agriculture sector that seem to be reversing.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The market has over this period suffered due to a combination of external and domestic factors such as trade-related tensions, slowdown in global growth momentum, worsening China growth amidst deleveraging, unwinding of central bank liquidity, MYR weakness and uncertainties over the policies of the new government. Foreign equity outflows from ASEAN, including Malaysia, during this sell-off have been intense, and we believe the bulk of the sell-off may have already occurred. However, we believe near-term uncertainty, especially around Malaysia's fiscal deficit situation after the withdrawal of GST, could remain a sticking point especially for foreign investors. That said, we are reluctant to be underweight on the market and would still like to give the benefit of the doubt to the new government as they come out with policies and direction to deliver on their promise of reforms over medium-term. We believe an economy with less leakages will likely be able to fully realise its growth potential and investors may be more willing to give a higher valuation premium eventually. With this in mind, we see value emerging for investors with medium-term investment horizon and investing opportunities in selected themes/sectors/stocks at more palatable valuations.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 17.2 and is classified as "Very High". (source: Lipper) "Very High" includes funds with VF that are more than 11.1 (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 30 June 2018 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 31 December 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 of the Fund are market risk and particular security risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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