

RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

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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	0.52	7.87	-10.06	-5.62
Benchmark	0.66	1.96	3.96	5.26

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-6.17	23.67	28.79	85.05
Benchmark	8.00	25.97	46.93	130.91

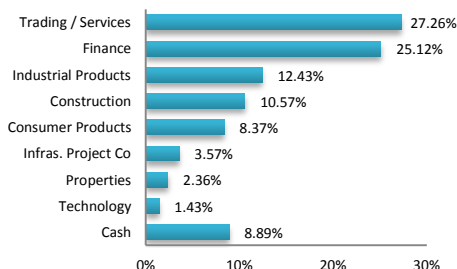
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	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	7.40
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	6.27
CARLSBERG BREWERY MALAYSIA	5.53
CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	5.34
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	4.82

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2346	0.2647	0.3153
Low	0.2298	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

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%).

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

We continue to expect the OPR to stay unchanged at 3.25% for the rest of this year. The tone of the latest MPC statement was expectedly more dovish, and we think BNM is likely in a wait-and-see mode. Lower headline inflation gives BNM room to ease monetary policy if needed. But for now, a steady growth path supported by sustained domestic demand and net exports should keep the policy rate flat.

FBMKLCI likely to continue in consolidation mode as investors stay on the sidelines awaiting second quarter corporate results. We expect June export growth numbers to rebound boosted by MYR depreciation and a favourable base effect. We believe a similar base effect and a likely pick-up in private consumption after the zero-rating of the goods and services tax may have led to even stronger import growth, narrowing the trade surplus.

Investors will be closely tracking development regarding policy and leadership changes at the government-linked investment companies (GLICs). Investors will be also keeping close tabs on developments relating to the restructuring and takeover of Syarikat Pengeluaran Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (SPLASH), developments on the fate of the KL-Singapore High Speed Rail and East Coast Rail Link projects, as well as fulfillment of Pakatan Harapan's 10 promises in its manifesto as it approaches the 100 days anniversary on 18 August 2018.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 13.2 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 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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