

### RHB EMERGING MARKETS BOND FUND

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- seek income and potential capital appreciation over the longer term;
- have medium to high risk appetite; and
- seek returns in emerging markets debt investments and products.

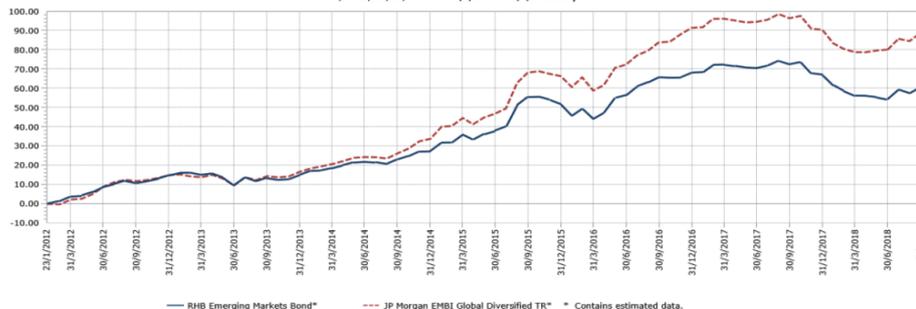
#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the units of United Emerging Markets Bond 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\*

% Growth\_TR Def\_EXD\_De\_MYR from 23/1/2012 to 30/9/2018 every 1 Month



##### Cumulative Performance (%)\*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	1.98	4.04	2.80	-3.91
Benchmark	2.23	4.81	5.58	-0.85

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-6.96	3.24	41.54	60.48
Benchmark	-3.87	12.25	64.99	88.75

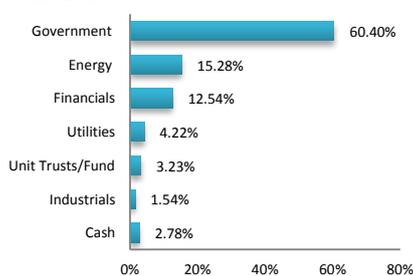
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	-0.60	10.71	19.20	10.68	0.31
Benchmark	-0.53	15.09	24.25	14.68	1.84

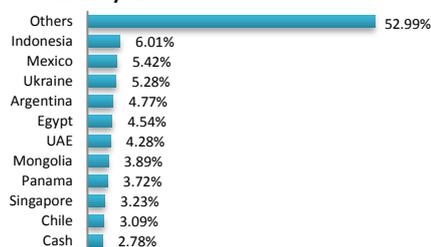
Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



##### Country Allocation\*



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

ICD FUNDING LTD COMPANY GUAR REGS 05/24 4.625	3.36
UNITED EMERGING MARKETS LOCAL CURRENCY BOND FUND - CLASS SGD ACC	3.23
OJSC RUSS AGRIC BK(RSHB) SUBORDINATED REGS 10/23 8.5	2.90
UKRAINE GOVERNMENT SR UNSECURED REGS 09/20 7.75	2.82
PERTAMINA PERSERO PT SR UNSECURED REGS 05/43 5.625	2.80

\*As percentage of NAV

\*Source: UOBAM, 30 September 2018. Exposure in United Emerging Markets Bond Fund - 97.82%

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.5519	0.6391	0.6681
Low	0.5388	0.5296	0.4959

Source: Lipper IM

##### Historical Distributions (Last 4 Quarters) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
28 Aug 2018	0.8500	1.56
24 May 2018	1.0000	1.80
21 Feb 2018	1.0000	1.68
21 Nov 2017	1.0000	1.61

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

**MARKET REVIEW**

The global macro backdrop has gradually turned less challenging for emerging markets (EM) as inflows are gradually picking up on the back of signs of temporary stabilization in some key countries despite higher US rates. The extra yield investors demand to own EM sovereign bonds over US Treasuries ended the month 35 bps tighter at 336 bps.

A handful of key sources of global uncertainty have been receding. The final announcement of a new trade agreement between Canada, Mexico and the US was read by the market as increasing the chances of a successful negotiation of the US trade disputes with China ahead of the midterm elections. Market concerns on the dynamics of the budget negotiations in Italy appear to be more contained as the government might accept a path of gradual reduction in the deficit. Brazil elections are now less of a concern given recent moderation in extreme candidates, the new International Monetary Fund package appears to be working to bring some stabilization in Argentina, and price action in Turkey indicates that markets are giving President Erdogan some extra time to react. Midterm elections in the US and some geopolitical accident, including escalation of trade war with China and a further increase in the price of oil still appear as the main short term risk for the global backdrop with implications for EM.

However, the main structural risk for EM remains a move to much tighter global liquidity conditions mostly driven by US rates. The US Federal Reserve hiked as expected and markets seemed unimpressed by the prospects of aggressive hiking next year, but a string of stronger than expected US data is putting pressure on US rates and supporting the USD across the board.

**STRATEGY**

Re-escalation in trade jitters of late combined with pressure points from specific countries are likely to keep risk appetite at bay despite firm underlying sovereign fundamentals. The Target Fund Manager believes strong EM fundamentals will re-assert themselves with modest spread tightening once the Target Fund Manager gets confirmation of firmer data and subdued rates and FX volatility. The Target Fund Manager maintains a preference for defensive investment grade gulf cooperation council and Latin America countries with lesser political risk and selected Asian countries. In the near-term the Target Fund Manager remains respectful of technical factors that may eclipse a stable EM backdrop.

Low interest rates in developed markets – negative in the case of Europe and Japan would be expected to offer support for EM fixed income. However, markets have only recently started to price in a series of risks emanating either directly or indirectly from the US – such as protectionism, stronger dollar and potentially higher inflation.

The Target Fund Manager remains mindful of the impact a strong dollar could have on EM. The Target Fund Manager believes that once the initial adjustment to potentially higher short-term core yields and a stronger USD is complete, a more structural view on market beta will be supported by continued strong bid for EM. Overall, the Target Fund Manager continues to like EM bonds, primarily for their carry and for the asset class' favorable risk-adjusted returns over the long-term.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 September 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 7.1 and is classified as "Moderate". (source: Lipper) "Moderate" includes funds with VF that are above 6.6 but not more than 8.7 (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 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 country risk and specific risks of the Target Fund are market risk, debt securities risk, emerging markets risk, political and economic risks, repatriation of capital, dividends, interest and other income risks, regulatory risk, nature of investments and market risks, lack of market economy, derivatives risk, synthetic product risk, illiquidity of investments, broker risk, settlement risk, custody risk, counterparty risk, possible business failures, accounting practice, quality of information, legal risk, taxation, foreign exchange and currency risks, banking systems, risk of mismanagement by debt issuers, actions of institutional investors, risk of use of rating agencies and other third parties, exceptional market conditions risk, exceptional market conditions risk, liquidity risk of investments, investment management risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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