

RHB FOCUS INCOME BOND FUND – SERIES 8

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

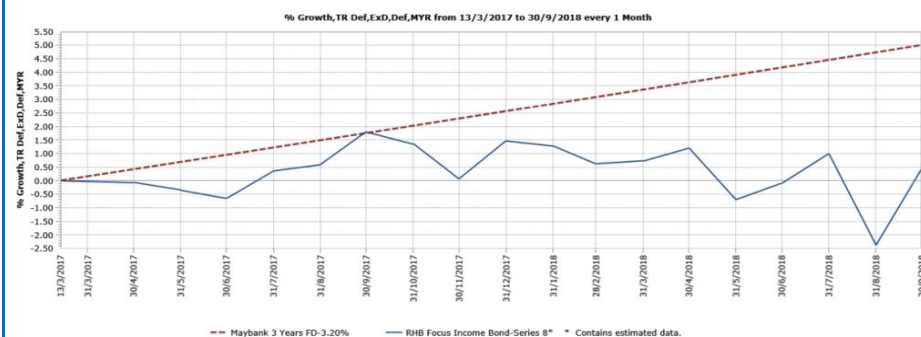
- have a moderate risk appetite;
- seek returns from the income accumulated and/or capital appreciation from a global debt instruments portfolio; and
- have a medium term (i.e. 3 years) investment horizon.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 90% - 100% of NAV: Investments in global debt instruments, of which at least 70% of NAV in bonds.
- Up to 10% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and Deposits.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

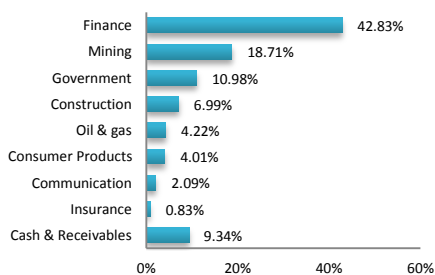
	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	2.89	0.55	-0.28	-1.01
Benchmark	0.26	0.80	1.59	2.38

	1 Year	Since Launch
Fund	-1.34	0.45
Benchmark	3.20	5.01

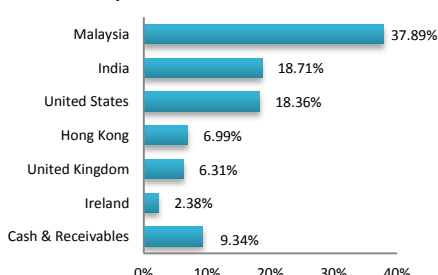
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

JSW STEEL LTD	18.72
AKBANK TAS	7.69
TURKIYE IS BANKASI	7.28
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AVIC INTERNATIONAL LEASING CO LTD	6.99

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.9582	1.0229	1.0229
Low	0.9303	0.9303	0.9303

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Last 1 Year) (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
22 Mar 2018	4.6500	4.65

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS
MARKET REVIEW

US Treasury (“UST”) 10-year yields started out the month of September 2018 at 2.90% and yields steadily climbed higher through the month, as initial fears of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) imposing a 25% tariff on the additional \$200bio of imports from China concluded with just 10% imposed, which the market reacted favorably to. Another factor that contributed to the higher UST yields could be the resumption of a heavy corporate bond supply as the market came back from summer holidays resulting in US Treasury selling as investors seek to reposition into the higher yields from corporate bonds. In terms of supply, the UST issued a total of \$773 bio (vs \$ 867bio last month), across bills and 2y, 5y, 7y, 10y and 30y bonds in the month of September 2018 with supply distribution still mainly skewed in the front end bills of 1 to 6 month tenor. At the end of September 2018 close, the benchmark 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year UST were last traded at 2.82% (August-2018: 2.63% +19bps), 2.95% (2.74%; +21bps), 3.06% (2.86%; +20bps) and 3.20% (3.02%; +18bps) respectively. The US Treasury bond yield curve had an almost parallel shift higher on better risk sentiment, higher Bund yields and repricing in of the widely expected 25bp rate hike in the FOMC.

In terms of significant economic data release, the Institute of Supply Management (“ISM”) Manufacturing Index for August 2018 printed at 61.3, much higher than the 57.6 expected. Nonfarm Payrolls (“NFP”) in the United States released for August 2018 showed the economy added 201,000 new jobs, which beat the 190,000 expectations, and higher than July’s revised reading of +147,000. Average Hourly Earnings increased more than expected at 2.9% YoY (+0.4%MoM), beating consensus estimates of 2.7%. On inflation, the United States Personal Consumption Expenditure (“PCE”), the Fed’s preferred measure of inflation, printed at 2.0% YoY for July 2018. Unemployment Rate was 3.9%YoY for August 2018 (Previous month was 3.9%). U.S. July Trade deficit widened the most in 3 years by nearly 10% Month on Month from -\$45.7bio in June to \$50.1bio. The widening trade deficit was within expectations and is the first trade data since imposition of 25% tariffs on Chinese imports worth \$34bio.

DISCLAIMER:

As this is a close-ended fund, units are no longer available for sale on the basis of the Prospectus dated 17 January 2017. 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 Prospectus dated 17 January 2017 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) (“the Prospectus”) before investing. The 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 Prospectus relates will only be made on receipt of a form of application referred to in the Prospectus. For more details, please call 1-800-88-3175 for a copy of the PHS and the Prospectus or collect one from any of our branches or authorised distributors.

The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks factors of the funds are credit/default risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, country risk, inflation/purchasing power risk, concentration risk, and mismatch risk. These risks and other general risk are elaborated in the Prospectus.

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