

RHB ISLAMIC REGIONAL BALANCED FUND - MYR CLASS

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

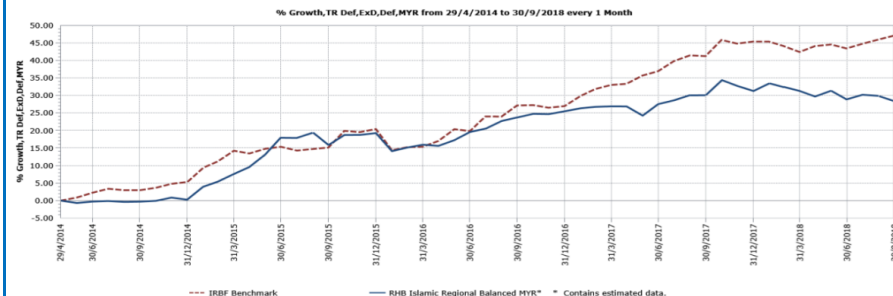
- want to have a balanced portfolio that provides both income and capital growth, and at the same time complies with the principles of Shariah; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 40% and up to 60% of NAV: Investments in Shariah-compliant equities.
- At least 40% and up to 60% of NAV: Investments in non-equity Shariah-compliant investments.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



RHB Islamic Regional Balanced Fund ("IRBF") Benchmark : Following the change in Shariah screening methodology of the Fund from a combination of screening methodologies to a single FTSE Shariah screening methodology effective from 3 December 2017, the performance of this Fund is benchmarked against a composite benchmark comprising 50% RAM QuantShop GII (medium term) Index and 50% FTSE Shariah Developed Asia Pacific Index. Prior to 3 December 2017, the performance of this Fund is benchmarked against a composite benchmark comprising 50% RAM QuantShop GII (medium term) Index and 50% Dow Jones Islamic Market Asia Pacific Index.

Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-1.11	-0.33	-2.17	-2.22
Benchmark	0.75	2.54	3.27	1.16

	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-1.36	10.86	28.34
Benchmark	4.13	27.68	47.03

Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2017	2016	2015
Fund	4.61	5.27	18.90
Benchmark	14.50	5.41	14.33

Source: Lipper IM

FUND DETAILS

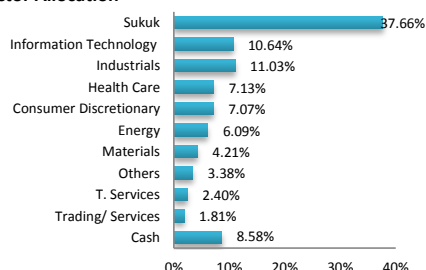
Investment Manager	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Trustee	TMF Trustees Malaysia Bhd
Fund Category	Balanced fund (Shariah-compliant)
Fund Type	Income and growth
RM Class Launch Date	08 April 2014
USD Class Launch Date	17 June 2014
Domicile	Malaysia
Base Currency	Malaysian Ringgit (RM)
Unit NAV	RM1.2838
Fund Size (million)	RM168.48
Units In Circulation (million)	131.24
Financial Year End	30 April
MER (as at 30 Apr 2018)	2.09%
Min. Initial Investment	RM1,000.00
Min. Additional Investment	RM100.00
Benchmark	50% RAM QuantShop GII (medium term) Index + 50% FTSE Shariah Developed Asia Pacific Index
Sales Charge	Up to 5.00% of investment amount*
Redemption Charge	None
Annual Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of NAV*
Annual Trustee Fee	Up to 0.06% p.a. of NAV, subject to a min. of RM18,000p.a.*
Switching Fee	RM25.00 per switch*
Distribution Policy	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.

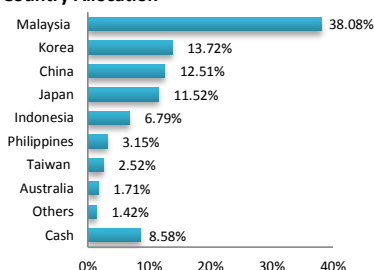
For the purpose of computing the annual management fee and annual trustee fee, the NAV of the Fund is exclusive of the management fee and trustee fee for the relevant day.

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

YTL POWER ISLAMIC MEDIUM TERM NOTE 5.050% (03/05/2027)	3.31
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	3.08
GII MURABAHAH 1/2017 (26/07/2027)	2.98
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL	2.52
SAMSUNG HEAVY	2.50

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	1.3025	1.3616	1.3616
Low	1.2748	1.2720	0.9739

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MANAGER’S COMMENTS

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Equity

Rising uncertainties over the global economic outlook had caused the recent market volatility. Trade war remains the key risk to the market after China cancels the trade talks with the United States (US). On the bright spot, US will lead the global recovery in the second half of the year amid better corporate earnings. We remain overweight on equity allocation, but skewed towards sectors that have positive catalysts in the near term.

Energy sector has become the core of our investment for the rest of the year amid global supply constraint. Oil reserve plunges due to underinvestment in new supply for conventional oil discoveries. Reserve Replacement Ratio (RRR) has fallen to the lowest level since the 1980s, while capital investment of major oil companies remains at decade lows. Demand for energy remains very strong underpinned by structural demand growth in China and India.

Healthcare sector had decent performance over the past year and we think there’s likely improving performance to come. Valuations appear fair to slightly below average based on historical levels, balance sheets are solid, stocks generally have good dividend yields, and the overall cost structure appears to be much improved. Also, demand appears to be on the rise for health care products and services, partly as a result of an aging population.

Sukuk

Global bond yields are creeping upwards as Federal Reserve (Fed)’s normalisation remains on track. In fact there are views of further rate hike in Q4 2018, taking cue from robust US economic data. US stronger cyclical performance should allow the Fed to keep hiking throughout 2019 to reach a terminal fed funds target rate of 3.5%. Meanwhile, emerging economies have had to tighten monetary policy to counter external market pressure from a stronger United States Dollar (USD) and widening rate spreads versus the US. This poses longer-term risks to their growth outlook.

As the Fed continue to raise rates, the cost of currency swap will be more expensive hence may no longer be attractive for European and Japanese investors. Unless, there is a major safe haven push, United States Treasury (UST) yield curve is poised for a bearish move in the coming months. We therefore taking a more cautious view on Emerging Markets USD denominated sukuk while maintain overweight Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) sukuk.

We believe MYR bond/sukuk market remains as one of the deepest in the region, supported by still healthy macro dynamics. The recent upward adjustment in MYR government bond/sukuk yields could pave the way for bargain hunts and may have already started as bond/sukuk yields have since converged lower. Onshore real money investors are supporting MYR market and reinvest at higher yielding levels when valuation becomes attractive. Benign inflation outlook with receding Consumer Price Index (CPI) bode wells for fixed income market as real yields are still attractive. Key risk events to watch will be upcoming Malaysia Budget 2019 to be tabled on 2 November 2018 as fiscal consolidation measures are expected to be announced and another is US mid-term election on 6 November 2018.

Going forward, although MYR bond/sukuk yields are likely to be influenced by upward pressure as US Fed normalization continues to resonate, we are still upbeat on long-term view for Malaysia and remain comfortable in tactically nimble around duration or buying on dips to the portfolio. We also remain overweight corporate bond/sukuk on healthy credit spreads and yield premium.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund’s portfolio returns as at 15 September 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 5.4 and is classified as “Low”. (source: Lipper) “Low” includes funds with VF that are above 1.9 but not more than 6.6 (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 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 Prospectus dated 3 November 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 for the Fund are equity risk, currency risk, country risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, regulatory risk, credit downgrade and credit/default risk, reclassification of shariah status risk, market risk in emerging and less developed markets, unrated securities risk and risk of use of rating agencies. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Prospectus.

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