

### RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

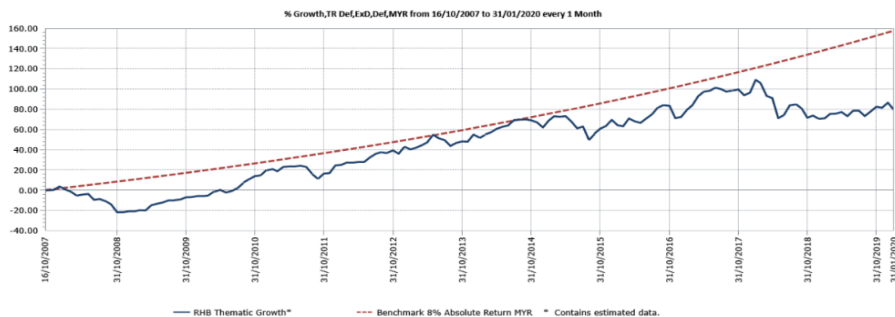
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

#### 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	-3.70	-1.60	0.55	-3.70
Benchmark	0.65	1.96	3.95	0.65

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	4.99	-0.24	6.28	79.28
Benchmark	8.00	25.97	46.93	157.56

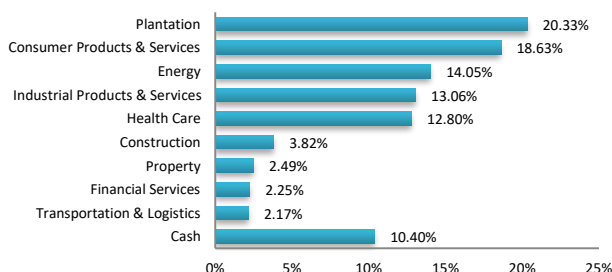
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	9.35	-13.17	13.58	1.92	4.69
Benchmark	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



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

DRB-HICOM BHD	5.43
TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	5.41
SIME DARBY PLANTATION BHD	5.39
SUPERMAX CORP BHD	4.78
CARLSBERG BREWERY MALAYSIA BHD	4.73

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2101	0.2205	0.3153
Low	0.2002	0.2002	0.1912

Source: Lipper IM

##### Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
30 Dec 2019	1.2000	5.74
20 Dec 2018	1.2000	5.15
20 Dec 2017	1.2000	4.69
28 Dec 2016	1.1000	4.61
16 Dec 2015	1.9650	8.01

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

#### MARKET REVIEW

Investor sentiment on global equities was riding high in the beginning of January 2020 before falling prey to the Coronavirus-induced pneumonia outbreak in Wuhan, China. Global equities lost 3.6% in the last two weeks to end the month of January 2020 down 1.2%, as the risk of contagion from the potential epidemic threatens to derail the recovery in global growth. Investors sought refuge in safe havens such as Gold (4.7%) and UST (10-year yields down from 1.9% to 1.5%), leading to a sell-off in risky assets. Commodities, too, suffered from concerns over the potential return of global growth slowdown, with Brent crude oil tumbling 11.9%, copper 9.8% and aluminium 4.9%.

Asia ex-Japan fell 4.5% in January 2020. China/Hong Kong declined 4.8%/4.5% as the optimism around the Phase I trade deal was overshadowed by the grim reality of the corona virus that has claimed more than 400 lives till date. The central bank has been easing liquidity conditions in the system to support the financial markets as well as the real economy. Export-oriented countries such as Taiwan (-4.7%) and Korea (-5.3%), which depend heavily on global growth, were collateral damages, while India (-0.8%) was relatively more immune to the sell-off. ASEAN (-5.2%) was dragged down by Thailand (-8.6%) and the Philippines (-8.0%), two of the popular tourist destinations in the region. Malaysia (-4.0%) had a 25bps rate cut.

While the FBM KLCI index did have a boost at the start of the year, it all went downhill from the second week onwards when the news broke out on Iran hitting a US military base in Iraq in retaliation against US forces for the killing of general Qasem Soleimani in Baghdad on 3 January 2020. The index hasn't really looked back since with major global news headlines focusing on anything and everything relating to the coronavirus. In line with the global risk off sentiment, the FBM KLCI closed -3.6% for the month of January 2020. Commodities particularly Brent crude oil and crude palm oil were sold down due to fears over softer demand. Concern on demand on CPO from China coupled with news on India restricting purchases of refined palm oil from Malaysia led the CPO futures to also fall -15% to RM2,650/MT. Winners to start the year were seen in gloves and healthcare. Major losers for the month were the energy index (as global oil prices tumbled on macro concerns) and plantations.

#### MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Corona virus will have a short term impact on regional GDP growth. The stricter quarantines and travel bans issued now will likely hurt consumer and traveler sentiment more than did the efforts to counter SARS. Asian economies entered this crisis with much less momentum than during SARS, and we see a risk that macro weakness could persist even after the Corona virus recedes. Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and China are the most vulnerable. Indonesia and India the least vulnerable. Among sectors, the virus should not greatly affect global IT demand and could help Internet names with e-commerce businesses.

We remain constructive on CPO and would look for buying opportunities given current share price weakness. CPO price corrected by -13.4% from RM3,052/MT levels end-2019, and similarly share prices of the Malaysian planters by 8-9%. The weakness was initially due to concerns on India's imposing restrictions on imports of refined palm oil ban from Malaysia and exacerbated by concerns on China's demand due to coronavirus. We reckon that fundamentals remain intact with a tight stock-to-usage ratio which will be more apparent towards the end of March 2020. In our view, India's restrictions on Malaysia CPO is expected to be temporary as China and Pakistan may source more CPO from Malaysia.

#### DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 January 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 11.4 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 31 December 2019 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 30 June 2020.

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.

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