

RHB ASEAN FUND

This Fund aims to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of companies with high growth potential.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 70% to 98% of NAV: Investments in equities and equity related securities (such as warrants).
- Up to 30% of NAV: Investments in fixed income securities such as government and semi-government bonds, corporate debt securities and money market instruments.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions.

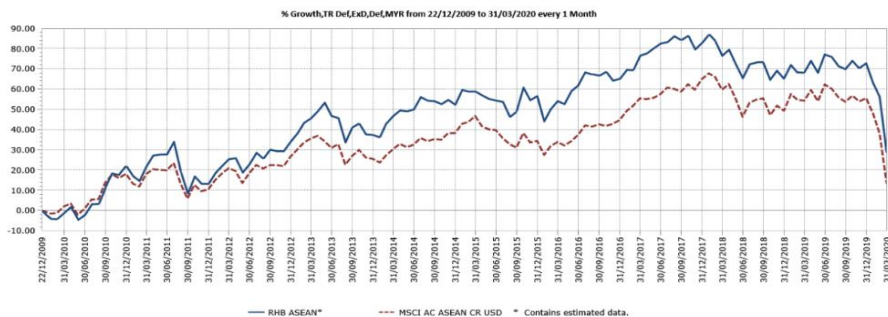
INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- wish to participate in the potential and investment opportunities of the fast growing ASEAN economies; and
- are willing to accept higher risk in their investments in order to achieve medium to long term capital growth.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-17.70	-25.52	-24.25	-25.52
Benchmark	-17.84	-27.16	-26.30	-27.16

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-23.45	-27.11	-19.00	28.62
Benchmark	-26.56	-27.09	-22.77	13.25

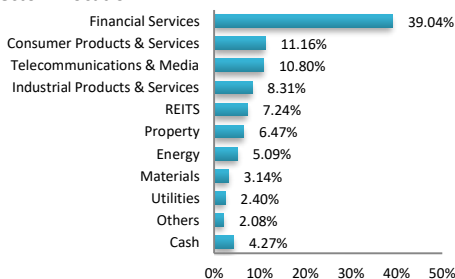
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	4.60	-9.74	10.85	5.55	2.67
Benchmark	4.17	-9.44	13.98	7.64	-2.79

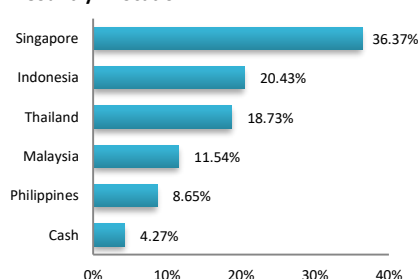
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

OVERSEA-CHINESE BANKING CORP	6.89
BANK CENTRAL ASIA TBK PT	6.20
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LTD	5.59
SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	5.47
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS	3.88

*As percentage of NAV

FUND DETAILS

Manager	RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd
Fund Category	Equity Fund
Fund Type	Growth Fund
Launch Date	02 December 2009
Unit NAV	RM0.3493
Fund Size (million)	RM7.67
Units In Circulation (million)	21.96
Financial Year End	30 April
MER (as at 30 April 2019)	2.37%
Min. Initial Investment	RM1,000.00
Min. Additional Investment	RM100.00
Benchmark	MSCI South East Asia Index (RM)
Sales Charge	Up to 5.50% of investment amount*
Redemption Charge	None
Annual Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of NAV*
Annual Trustee Fee	Up to 0.08% p.a. of NAV*
Switching Fee	RM25.00 per switch*
Redemption Period	Within 10 days after receipt the request to repurchase
Distribution Policy	Incidental

*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 STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.4332	0.5036	0.6743
Low	0.3192	0.3192	0.3192

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
25 Apr 2019	3.0000	6.13
20 Apr 2018	3.4000	6.05
28 Apr 2017	-	-
28 Apr 2016	6.0000	11.24
28 Apr 2015	6.0000	10.12

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

ASEAN markets saw a sharp sell down in March as Covid-19 cases escalate globally, market braces for recession and lockdowns/travel restriction are implemented across multiple countries. The Philippines equity market was the hardest hit -21.6%, followed by Singapore -17.6% and Indonesia -16.8% in local currency terms. Thailand and Indonesia fell the most, -11.5% and -8.2% respectively, in local currencies. ASEAN currencies depreciated against the greenback except Philippines. Indonesia Rupiah saw its strongest depreciation in years at 13.9%.

Bank of Thailand reduced Thailand 2020 GDP forecast to -5.3% (from +2.8% y/y previously) and expects a rebound to 3.0% y/y in 2021. They expect a 60% decline in tourists this year. The central bank cut 25 bps on 20th March 2020. The government had declared a national emergency and this will last for one month. The national emergency may restrict the movement of people and this year Songkran has been cancelled. The government has already implemented Bt517bn of stimulus (3.1% of GDP) and may consider a third.

Indonesia cuts its 2020 GDP to 2.3% -2.5% (from 4.2% - 4.6%) in 2020. A couple of measures have been implemented to deal with the decline in growth. The government cut corporate tax to 22%. Bank Indonesia cuts 25bps and also have taken measures to boost liquidity in the system through the FX spot, domestic non deliverable forwards and local bond market.

Singapore has downgraded its 2020 GDP forecast to -4% to -1% from (-0.5% to 1.5%). There could be a possibility that a recession will extend till the third quarter. The government announced a supplementary budget allocating S\$28bn of support, bringing total budget to S\$48bn about 9.7% GDP. MAS has also eased the S\$NEER, re-entering and cutting the S\$NEER slope to neutral. The government is trying to provide cash flow support for companies via access to loans and cost cuts, enhanced property tax cuts and increased wage subsidies to protect jobs.

Philippines has cut its interest rate by 50 bps to 3.25% and its reserve requirement by 200bps, lowering it to 12%. The government rolled out P27.1bn (US\$531m) in spending budget supporting tourism sector and workers who will be displaced due to the lockdown. Congress has also approved a P1.65bn (US\$32m) in supplementary budget.

Malaysia's new Prime Minister was sworn in on 1 March 2020. In an attempt to control the spread of Covid-19, Malaysia will implement the "Movement Control Order", placing the country in a lockdown situation till 14 April 2020. Furthermore, the decline in oil prices will erode the fiscal and external balances. The central bank has introduced a series of measures such as the Statutory Reserve Requirement (SRR) and deferment of loan repayments to address the liquidity issues.

MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

We have moved our strategy towards a defensive stance. The portfolio has also turned more cautious on tourism plays given that the impact will be felt more than the other sectors exposure to domestic demand. We have also increased our exposure to high yield dividend stocks.

In the next 5-10 years, Asia and especially ASEAN will emerge as the region with relatively stronger growth than the rest of the world. ASEAN with the structural advantage in demographics will emerge as the complimentary piece to China's evolution into a giant consumption economy. Adding on to the commitments by the governments in Asia/ASEAN towards infrastructure development, the region will feature prominently as the place for equity investments. We would look to buy stocks during periods where investors largely ignore these positive developments in the region.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 March 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.1 and is classified as "High". (source: Lipper) "High" includes funds with VF that are above 8.8 but not 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 September 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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