

RHB US FOCUS EQUITY FUND

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who:

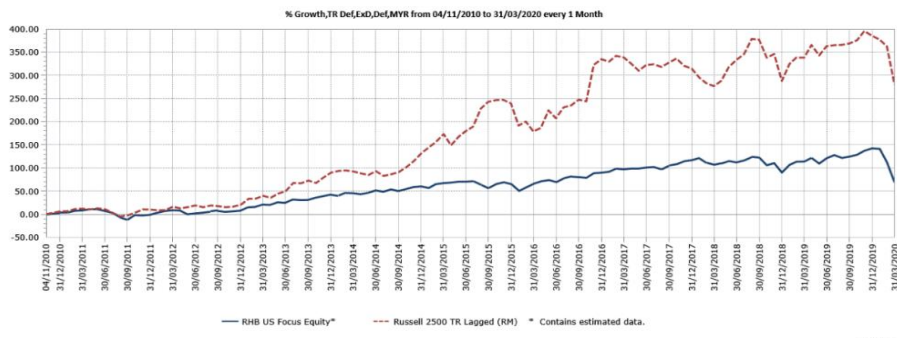
- seek investment opportunities in the US market;
- have medium to high risk appetite; and
- seek capital growth.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the X Accumulation Shares of Schroder ISF USSME.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-20.64	-30.44	-24.88	-30.44
Benchmark	-17.85	-21.70	-18.92	-21.70

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-21.07	-14.70	0.30	68.12
Benchmark	-13.25	-13.40	39.23	279.93

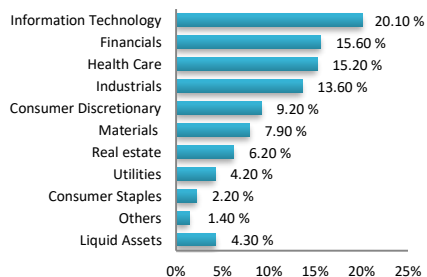
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	27.59	-12.49	14.06	15.41	2.40
Benchmark	25.14	-6.46	5.73	22.58	19.36

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

ASSURANT INC	2.40
ENCOMPASS HEALTH CORP	2.30
MASIMO CORP	1.90
CATALENT INC	1.90
ENTEGRIS INC	1.80

*As percentage of NAV

*Source: Schroder, 31 March 2020. Exposure in Schroder ISF US Small & Mid-Cap Equity - 102.83%

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.9939	1.1227	1.1300
Low	0.6423	0.6423	0.4185

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
29 Oct 2019	4.2000	4.15
25 Oct 2018	5.5000	5.12

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

The coronavirus driven market retreat began in mid-February but the bulk of the damage occurred in March. Risk assets continued to collapse and correlations trended to 1.00. Some 70% of the quarter's decline took place in March. A compounding factor was the more than 50% collapse in the price of oil due to the price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As governments began mandating social distancing and allowing only essential businesses and organisations to remain open, the employment picture became very grim. In the last two reports of first time jobless claims, a total of 10 million people who had jobs coming into March were now reported to be out of work. Since the period end, in the first report in early April another 6.6 million filed. The total of 16 million unemployed workers represents approximately 10% of the total labour market in the US. The Target Fund Manager hasn't seen numbers like this since the Great Depression.

The Federal Reserve was quick to react and began launching programmes designed to make sure there was ample liquidity in the system. They have continued to add programmes since the period end. The federal government followed and enacted legislation to budget \$2 trillion dollars to support the economy. Early programmes have been aimed at providing aid to small and medium-sized enterprises which are the heart of the American employment market. More than 80% of the American workforce is employed in these organisations which typically have fewer resources and cash reserves than larger companies. These companies have limited access to capital and are generally the first to go bankrupt in a crisis. Thus efforts are being made to get help to this segment quickly.

One of the most critical features of the \$2 trillion CARES Act is the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) that offers forgivable loans if the money is spent on payroll. In effect the government is offering free money to the SMEs if they keep people on the payroll. Banks with Small Business Administration (SBA's) programmes have been overwhelmed with applicants, causing systems challenges. It is critical that these monies find their way to the small "non-essential" businesses that are victims of a forced government shut-down aimed at containing a health crisis. Absent government relief, a large number of America's small businesses will not survive. At the end of the month, the economy was shutting down. Economists forecasts for US Q2 GDP ranged from -25% to -35%. This would be worse than anything the Target Fund Manager has ever seen, including the Great Depression.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Everything changed this quarter as a global health crisis has brought the global economy to a grinding halt. When the year began the Target Fund Manager had the view that good earnings were required to drive equity markets in the US this year. The Target Fund Manager had expectations for a reasonable year in US equities, led by a strong US consumer that was benefiting from strong employment and steady wage growth. That has all changed, dramatically and swiftly. The Target Fund Manager will see a worse GDP number in Q2 than anything the Target Fund Manager experienced even during the Great Depression. The Target Fund Manager will see bad earnings numbers for calendar 2020. The key question as the Target Fund Manager gets to the back half of the year will be how are company earnings setting up for 2021.

The Target Fund Manager thinks that by year-end earnings expectations for small cap will be much better than those for large cap. But to get to that point the Target Fund Manager will pass through a recession, multiple federal government economic aid packages and a presidential election in November.

This is not to minimize the pain and difficulty all of us will face getting through these unprecedented times. The economic contraction will be significant, but the Target Fund Manager remains confident in the resilience in the American economy and the ability to adapt to a new normal.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 March 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 14.3 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 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. This update does not amount to indicate that the SC has recommended or endorsed the Fund. 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 foreign investment risks such as currency risk and country risk and the specific risks of the target fund are general risks, investment objective risk, regulatory risk, risk of suspension of share dealings, liquidity risk, financial derivative instrument risk, warrants risk, counterparty risk, custody risk, smaller companies risk, initial public offerings risk, emerging and less developed markets securities risk, specific risks linked to securities lending and repurchase transactions and potential conflict of interest risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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