

RHB ASIAN INCOME FUND MULTI CURRENCIES - RM HEDGED CLASS

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the class X units of the Target Fund.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and Placements of Cash.

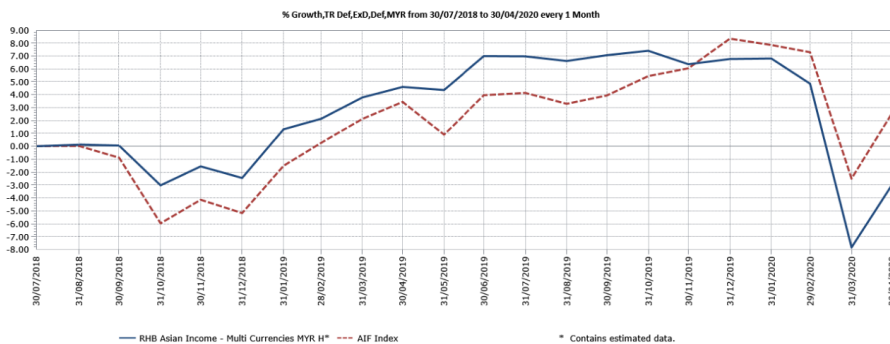
INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for:

- 'Sophisticated Investor(s)' as defined in the Information Memorandum.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	5.22	-9.22	-9.72	-9.18
Benchmark	5.16	-4.95	-2.78	-5.38

	1 Year	Since Launch
Fund	-7.30	-3.04
Benchmark	-0.90	2.51

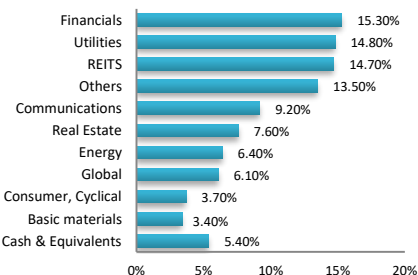
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019
Fund	9.47
Benchmark	14.26

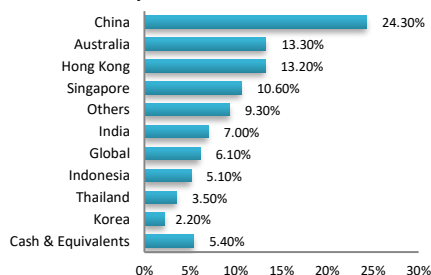
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

HK ELECTRIC INVESTMENTS	2.70
AUSNET SERVICES LTD	2.10
POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LTD	2.00
SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD	1.80
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD	1.70

*As percentage of NAV

*Source: Schroder, 30 April 2020. Exposure in Schroder Asian Income - 97.25%

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.9427	1.0835	1.0835
Low	0.8924	0.8575	0.8575

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
24 Apr 2020	1.0000	1.01
23 Jan 2020	0.7500	0.71
29 Oct 2019	1.1000	1.03

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS
MARKET OVERVIEW

Asian equities rebounded in April as fresh stimulus from major central banks and signs of stabilisation in new Covid-19 cases in the US and Europe improved sentiment. India and Indonesia outperformed on lower crude oil prices while the exporter markets of Taiwan and Thailand also recorded strong gains. By contrast, China lagged, having strongly outperformed in March. In fixed income, movements in government bond yields were more muted. The US 10-year yield was 3bps lower over the month.

MARKET STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK
Equity

The Target Fund Manager introduced a leading Korea technology name which manufactures a wide range of consumer and industrial electronic products. The Target Fund Manager's view is that the tech cycle and consumer demand could rebound once the virus situation improves from here. On a relative basis, the dividend yield of 3% to 4% and further growth in the future also looks more attractive in the zero-interest-rate environment and against the expectation of falling dividends in other sectors. The Target Fund Manager also continued adding to two material names in Australia which specialize in mining and yield an attractive payout. The expected large scale fiscal stimulus in the form of infrastructure spending should be supportive. Notwithstanding the near-term shock on commodity demand, the Target Fund Manager believes investors will start to rotate back into cyclicals to play the recovery. Elsewhere, as mentioned previously, the Target Fund Manager continues to trim financials and REITs which are more exposed to retail headwinds and dividend risks. In particular for the banking sector, short-term pressure on margin due to zero-interest rates and higher non-performing loans (NPL) provisions remain as headwinds. The Target Fund Manager maintains their preference for defensive names in the utilities and telecom sector which should provide some cushion should volatility rise again.

For equities, investors will still need more data and evidence to assess the impact on corporate earnings as companies have started reporting Q1 results. Given the pressure on margins, the Target Fund Manager anticipates dividend cuts / more conservative payouts from companies, although the impact should vary across sectors. Dividends from telecom and utilities should be more resilient compared to other sectors such as financials which face strong headwinds following the recent announcement by a number of regulators to advise banks to halt dividend payments. With interest rates being cut dramatically to support growth, and credit risks increasing as economies enter recession, bank earnings are likely to be under pressure, both structurally and cyclically.

Fixed Income

As mentioned previously, the Target Fund Manager continues to deploy the cash in the underlying portfolio and look for opportunities within investment grade focusing on new issues, as well as increasing the cyclical exposures of the underlying portfolio as market sentiment stabilised. These include a Korean car manufacturer and a quasi-sovereign energy name in Malaysia. Both offers an attractive yield of 4 – 5% with strong credit profile and state support. On the other hand, continued to take profit from some the high yield exposures which have outperformed recently, such as in China property developers. The Target Fund Manager is also reducing some middle-east exposures in the underlying portfolio given the collapse in oil price and the rising geopolitical risk in the region.

Against the backdrop of volatility as markets grappled with uncertainties of Covid-19 and its impact on growth, the Target Fund Manager has been defensively positioned by favouring higher quality credit names, striking a balance between defensiveness and the ability to go offence on those securities with attractive risk/reward profiles that the Target Fund Manager believes are able to navigate the credit cycle. The Target Fund Manager continues to focus on bottom-up selection in order to avoid those names with fallen angel risk or downgrade pressure. Liquidity conditions in the corporate credit space has improved due to the unprecedented stimulus package from the Fed and global policy makers. Overall valuation in the credit market now looks fair, yet the Target Fund Manager still see pockets of opportunities by acquiring high quality names.

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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 Information Memorandum dated 10 July 2018 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) (“the Information Memorandum”) before investing. The Information Memorandum 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 Information Memorandum relates will only be made on receipt of a form of application referred to in the Information Memorandum. The Fund are only offered to “sophisticated investors” as defined in the Information Memorandum. For more details, please call 1-800-88-3175 for a copy of the PHS and the Information Memorandum 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, liquidity risk, currency risk and country risk and the specific risks of the target fund are market risk in Asia, equity risk, currency risk, credit risk, investment grade, below investment grade and unrated debt securities risk, risks relating to distributions, emerging markets and frontier risk, derivatives risk, risks associated with investing through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively and individually referred to as the “Stock, Connect”), risk associated with investing in the China interbank bond market, risks specific to China and onshore RMB currency risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Information Memorandum.

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