

RHB BOND FUND

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

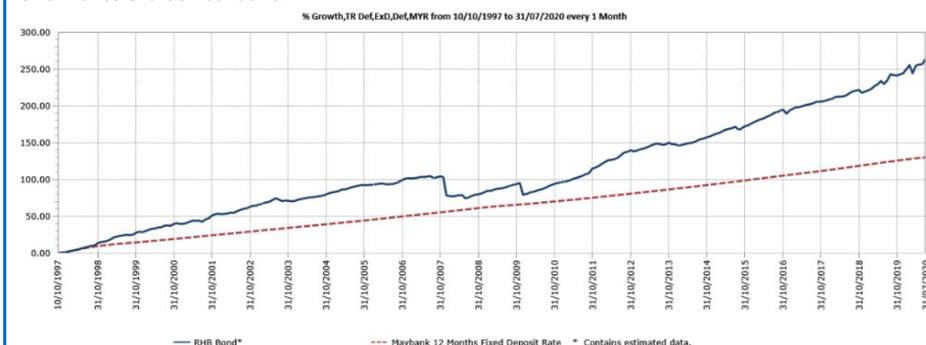
- are risk averse;
- want to protect the purchasing power of their wealth against inflation;
- want to enjoy a relatively more predictable income on a yearly basis; and
- want to diversify their overall investment portfolio by including bonds as an asset class.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 95% of NAV will be invested in bonds and other fixed income securities, of which at least 60% of NAV will be invested in bonds.
- Minimum of 5% of NAV will be invested in liquid assets.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	2.25	2.78	4.11	5.82
Benchmark	0.16	0.52	1.18	1.44

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	8.93	20.37	34.03	263.80
Benchmark	2.74	9.55	16.67	129.91

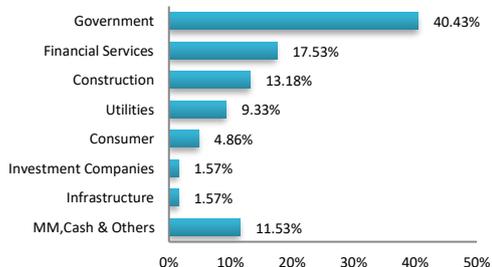
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	7.74	3.54	5.11	6.49	5.73
Benchmark	3.19	3.33	3.09	3.21	3.30

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

MGS 1/2020 4.065% (15/06/2050)	6.73
MGS 4/2019 3.828% (05/07/2034)	5.64
WCT IMTN 6.000% (27/09/2119) SERIES 1 TRANCHE 2	5.19
MALYSIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 4.893% (08/06/2038)	4.99
CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD 5.800% (25/05/2116)	4.09

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.9776	0.9910	1.1454
Low	0.9557	0.9144	0.8682

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
26 Sep 2019	6.8000	7.21
26 Sep 2018	6.8000	7.05
20 Sep 2017	6.7000	6.79
27 Sep 2016	6.7000	6.72
28 Sep 2015	6.7000	6.59

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

On the local rates, both Malaysia's sovereign papers that is Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") and Government Investment Issues ("GII") started the month on upward trajectory from the end of second quarter amid supply concern arising from short-term economic recovery stimulus package by the government to support domestic economy. Nevertheless, prospect of rate cut by Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") has somehow supported the yield and market players have seen to be divided on their positioning ahead of the decision. After the meeting which saw BNM cut interest rate by another 25 basis points ("bps"), local government bond yields were continuously being bought with longer-tenor that is 15-year to 30-year emerged as best performers during the month as curve flattening theme took place on dovish statement released from the meeting. A strong 15-year MGS auction spurred the demand for duration, with buying interest from both locals and foreigners. Despite not having private placement and a Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 5 billion issuance size, 15-year MGS 7/34 reopening was well subscribed. Bid-to-cover ratio was solid at 2.1 times. The interesting part was the successful yields of 2.95%-2.985% which literally fell 4-7bps from previous day closed with more supply, notwithstanding the fact that the 15-year MGS yield had already rallied 7bps during the week prior to the auction. We remain to see the space to be well supported on deep liquidity and low for longer interest rate trajectory which means any sell-off will be quickly met by dip-buying interest.

Month-on-month, MGS space was bull-flattened with yields roughly being well supported at the shorter-tenor while the longer-tenor seen real-money interest. The 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS closed the month at 1.93% (June 2020: 2.24%), 2.11% (2.46%), 2.23% (2.66%), 2.53% (2.86%), 2.96% (3.31%), 3.19% (3.60%) and 3.56% (4.01%) respectively. On the other hand, action on the GII – the Shariah compliant version of MGS, appeared to also been bought well mirroring the bull-flattened curve as the MGS counterpart. At month end, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year GII were reported at 1.97% (June 2020: 2.30%), 2.07% (2.50%), 2.28% (2.74%), 2.56% (2.86%), 3.02% (3.41%), 3.31% (3.73%) and 3.66% (3.97%) respectively.

In the MYR corporate bond/sukuk space, overall monthly trading volumes stayed around the previous month as lower cost of funding after consecutive Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) cut attracts corporates to tap in the primary issuances space. Investors remained side-lined in the secondary market space to participate for the upcoming pipelines for better yield enhancement. We believe that investors are still skewed to prefer selective credit and trades done have been mainly concentrated on higher graded credit especially in Government Guaranteed ("GG") and AAA segment. Additionally, the increased trading volume in GG as well as the AAA spaces suggested that investors are rotating into higher investment grade credits amid a more challenging economic environment given the backdrop of increased downside risk to domestic and global growth. Overall, secondary corporates trading volume recorded MYR10.91 billion, almost no changes if compared to MYR10.96 billion recorded in previous month. The average daily volume recorded approximately around MYR496 million in July 2020, compared to MYR498 million average daily volume recorded in corresponding month. Overall during the month, a combination of GG and AAA space top the transaction activities at 69% followed by AA space by 25% and single-A or lower by 6%.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's Consumer Prices Index ("CPI") report for June 2020 was below expectation and contracted at -1.9%, remained at decades low following lower reading of -2.9% in May 2020. CPI dropped for the fourth consecutive month in June 2020 after March 2020's 0.2% decline. The decrease in the overall index was driven by the decline in transport (-14.3%), housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels (-2.6%), clothing & footwear (-1.1%) and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (-0.2%) which contributed to 45.7% of overall weight. The fall in inflation was mainly driven by weaker oil prices, coupled with lesser economic activities during the movement control order ("MCO") period which started in mid-March 2020. On top of that, low electricity prices will be the other driver for low inflation in 2020. Headline CPI could turn less negative in coming month with oil price trajectory pointing to further recovery in RON95 prices through year-end. Nevertheless, demand-pull pressures should remain muted given headwinds to consumer recovery from the continuing social distancing and further weakness in the labour market. Currently the average year-to-date Brent oil price is still hovering about USD46/barrel which is above the Government's assumption for average oil price at around USD35/barrel, indicated during the release of the recent stimulus package. We opine the Government's medium-term fiscal consolidation roadmap remains on track although the self-imposed ceiling of debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio of 55% to breach slightly above on temporarily basis.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 14 July 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 3.5 and is classified as "Low". (source: Lipper) "Low" includes funds with VF that are above 3.3 but not more than 9.6 (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 2020 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 31 December 2020.

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