

### RHB MUDHARABAH FUND

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for Investors who want:

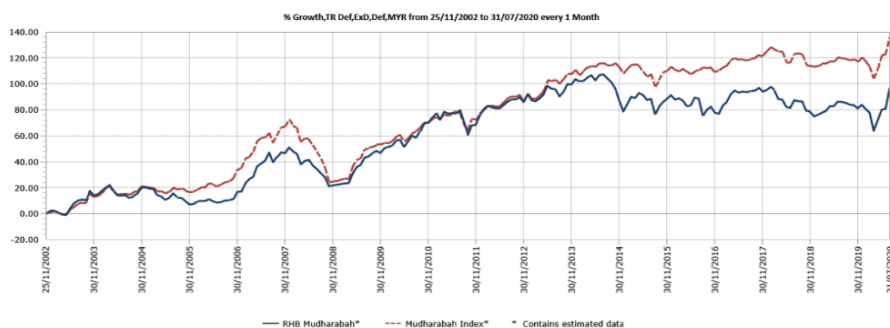
- an investment that complies with the principles of Shariah;
- a professionally managed portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities, sukuk and Islamic debt securities;
- to have a balanced portfolio that provides both income and capital growth; and
- to invest in shares but do not have the time to manage their own portfolio.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 60% of NAV will be invested in Shariah-compliant equities;
- Minimum of 40% of NAV will be invested in Islamic debt securities (Sukuk), Islamic money market instruments and/or liquid assets acceptable under Shariah principles.

#### FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

##### Performance Chart Since Launch\*



##### Cumulative Performance (%)\*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	8.84	14.62	9.06	7.03
Benchmark	5.90	11.40	8.63	6.98

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	5.76	1.40	4.41	66.85
Benchmark	7.42	8.02	13.64	N/A

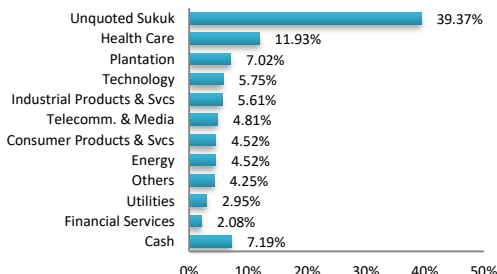
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	5.12	-10.64	10.31	-7.40	7.08
Benchmark	3.55	-5.16	6.92	-1.44	2.79

Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



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

RHBA 4.88% 27/04/2027 (SERIES 2)	5.76
PTP IMTN** 3.950% (18/06/2027)	4.55
TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	3.99
SPG IMTN** 5.170% (30/04/2030)	3.22
YTL POWER INTERNATIONAL BHD 5.050% (03/05/2027)	3.06

\*As percentage of NAV, \*\* IMTN: Islamic Medium Term Note

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.8396	0.8396	1.0388
Low	0.7707	0.6670	0.4095

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**MANAGER’S COMMENTS**

**EQUITY MARKET REVIEW**

Despite rising Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases around the world, global equities continued to rally in July 2020, rising 5.1% during the month and extending the rally since bottoming out on 23 March 2020 to 43.7% (year-to-date: -2.4%). The unabated spread of COVID-19 in multiple geographies risked delaying the opening up of economies, and consequently the sustenance of normalization in activity. As a result, market participants flocked to safe havens, repricing 10-year United States Treasuries (UST) to their lowest ever closing yield of 0.53% and precious metals higher, with Gold (10.9%) scaling an all-time high and Silver (34.0%) registering its best monthly performance since 1979.

Meanwhile, Asia Ex-Japan pulled off yet another strong performance in July 2020 (8.0%) to registered its year-to-date returns (1.8%) into positive territory. Main driver was from China, started off strongly rising 14.6% by 9 July 2020 on state media reports that suggested that the onshore market was ready for a “healthy bull market”, before giving up 4.9% due to escalation in United States (US)-China tensions, to end the month up 8.9%. Hong Kong (-0.8%) struggled due to resurgence of COVID-19 cases that prompted the re-enactment of social distancing protocols, as well as the elimination of its special treatment by the US under the US-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992. Taiwan (14.9%) posted its best monthly returns in more than a decade, as index heavyweight surged after US chipmaker Intel announced delays in its next generation products and that it had decided to outsource its manufacturing operations. ASEAN (1.3%) continued to lag the broader region, dragged down by subpar performances by Singapore (-0.2%), Thailand (-2.9%) and the Philippines (-2.9%).

Over in Malaysia, the FBM KLCI closed above 1,600 (6.9%) despite month end sell down ahead of the long weekend break. The FBM Emas Shariah Index recorded a higher 11.6% appreciation in July as the mid cap names charted relatively better returns. Glove stocks remained active as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise globally. Plantations stocks also gained after mini rally in Crude Palm Oil (CPO) price to intra month high of RM2,800. Retailers remained net buyers at positive RM2.1 billion (USD495 million) while local institutions were even. Foreign institutions remained net sellers at -RM2.5 billion (USD589 million). The FBM KLCI’s average daily transaction value (ADTV) increased to RM5.46 billion (USD1.28 billion) in July 2020 versus RM4.58 billion (USD1.08 billion) in June 2020 with retailers and local institutions remaining active. Best performing sector were Healthcare (64%) and Technology (24%) while the laggards were Reits (-2.8%) and Construction (-1.7%).

**EQUITY MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Risk aversion and market volatility will remain high for the foreseeable future given the evolving situation on the COVID-19 pandemic. Localised outbreaks can be expected from time to time. Our base case expectation for COVID-19 to be broadly contained within 1H20 has broadly panned out in the Asian and European context. But surging COVID-19 infections in the US is raising concerns on the potential stalling of the expected economic recovery in the world’s largest economy.

We expect market volatility to remain elevated from just the pandemic perspective. Investors should expect a choppy market going forward, despite the robust liquidity conditions that are helping to support risk assets. Bursa is likely to trend sideways in the near-term between the 1580 to 1620 mark, should buying interest in rubber gloves and healthcare stocks persist. However, domestic politics may dampen immediate upside. Overall sentiment appears in-tact, backed by robust daily participation.

**FIXED INCOME MARKET REVIEW**

The first two weeks of the month July 2020 saw overall yields were listless and range bound with volatilities at the lowest. The much watch 10-year UST traded within a tight range of 0.61-0.68%. However, the ongoing worries over the resurgence of COVID-19 infections intertwined with mixed economic data and intensifying stand-off between the US and China pressured yields for 10-year UST lower by 10 basis points (bps) to trade within 0.51%-0.55% range towards the final week of the month.

There were mixed macro data for US, which printed its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures a significant contraction for 2Q2020 at 32.9% year-on-year (YoY) due to lockdown measure imposed. US manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) rebounded to expansionary mode at 50.9 in July 2020 after months of contractions since February 2020, signalling healthy recovery of the manufacturing sector. At the end of July 2020 close, the benchmark 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year UST were last traded at 0.11% (June 2020: 0.15% -4bps), 0.20% (0.29%; -9bps), 0.53% (0.66%; -13bps) and 1.19% (1.45%; -26bps) respectively.

On the local front, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) cut its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) rate by another 25 bps making it the fourth consecutive cut this year for a total of 125 bps to reach a record low of 1.75%, the lowest since the global financial crisis back in 2008 to 2009. That resulted to an immediate follow through rally in the local bond/sukuk market as investors citing the latest cut as a sign of further deterioration in economic numbers. Malaysia Government Securities (MGS) and Government Investment Issue (GII) 10-year yields dipped by a massive 17 bps within just 7 days from the rate cut announcement. For the rest of the month, investors continued to remain bullish in duration positioning premised on accommodativeness of monetary policy and benign inflation level and aided from large inflows of foreign funds. The increased foreign interest into the local bond/sukuk market was reflected in the strengthening of Malaysian Ringgit in the last two weeks of the month.

Month-on-month, yield curve generally flattened as Govvies yields tumbled by a hefty range of 33-44 bps with the long end of the curve tightened the most. At the close, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS closed the month at 1.91% (June 2020: 2.25%), 2.11% (2.46%), 2.25% (2.66%), 2.55% (2.88%), 2.96% (3.29%), 3.18% (3.62%) and 3.52% (4.02%) respectively. While similar pattern was noted in GII space, with yield sold-off before stabilizing towards the end of the month. At month end, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year GII were reported at 1.97% (June 2020: 2.31%), 2.07% (2.53%), 2.28% (2.74%), 2.56% (2.87%), 3.02% (3.41%), 3.30% (3.73%) and 3.66% (4.03%) respectively.

On the macro data front, Malaysia manufacturing sector saw improvement in July with Manufacturing PMI data remained in expansionary mode at 50.0 compared with 51.0 in month prior, reflecting a healthy economy recovery following the gradual business reopening beginning early May. Malaysia unemployment rate edged higher to 5.3% in May from 5.0% month prior. The unemployment rate to improve better in the upcoming months from the government’s stimulus package Pakej Rangsangan Ekonomi Prihatin Rakyat (PRIHATIN) and Pelan Jana Semula Ekonomi Negara (PENJANA) with the gradual reopening of the economy. Malaysia’s trade surplus widened to MYR20.9 billion in June from MYR10.4 billion in prior month, by far the largest trade surplus ever recorded, reflecting the impact from the reopening of the economy domestically as well as globally in June 2020. Nevertheless, downside risks to global demand remain in view of the resurgence in coronavirus infection cases.

**FIXED INCOME MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) kept its benchmark interest rate at 0%-0.25% of near zero whilst pledging to maintain bond purchases as part of quantitative easing measures. The Fed also committed to use a full range of monetary tools to support the US economy amid soft economic outlook due to resurgence of COVID-19 cases in several US states. Until a vaccine discovery is firmed up, yields are expected to stay low due to flight to safety.

Concerted monetary policy responses to complement fiscal support are key focus for now to boost global growth by respective countries. We opine the current macro landscape remains supportive of fixed income investments which will benefit countries in which real yields are still attractive given the benign inflation outlook.

For Malaysia, BNM will continue in its efforts to revive the economy and support growth, hence OPR will remain accommodative further complementing the government’s fiscal support to fuel growth prospects. Going forward, investors will be focusing on the upcoming FTSE Russell Review in September on whether MGS will remain to be included in the World Government Bond Index (WGBI). We opine that MGS will remain in WGBI.

We expect issuance momentum to pick up in the coming months as issuers are attracted by the current lower interest/profit rates, with more companies seeking to lock on lower borrowing costs. Local bond/sukuk yield is expected to remain supported given the depth and liquidity of the domestic bond/sukuk market as well as better yield spreads relative to developed market bond/sukuk yields which should enticed foreign investors. We maintain our view that investing in Malaysian Ringgit bonds/sukuk continues to provide still good real yields as inflation is expected to stay negative in 2020.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Based on the fund’s portfolio returns as at 14 July 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 8.0 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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