

RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

This Fund aims to provide investors with medium to long term capital appreciation through investments in securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.

INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

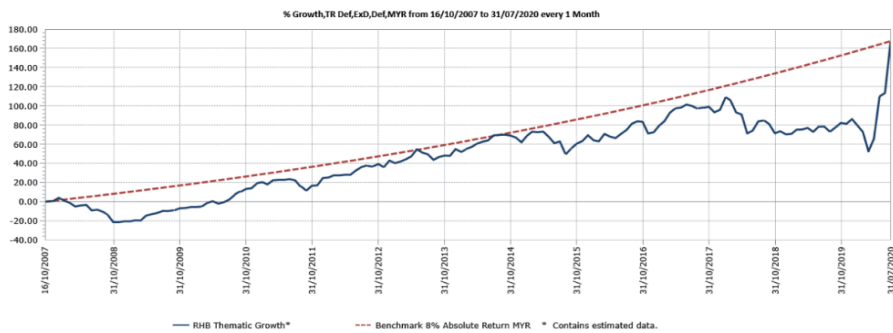
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in equity and equity-related securities of Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends.
- 2% - 100% of NAV: Investments in fixed income securities, money market instruments, cash & deposits with financial institutions.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	25.06	61.03	48.80	43.29
Benchmark	0.65	1.95	3.90	4.58

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	49.62	33.36	64.00	166.78
Benchmark	8.01	25.98	46.95	167.61

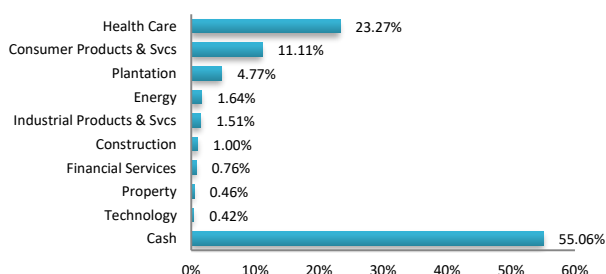
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	9.35	-13.17	13.58	1.92	4.69
Benchmark	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

HARTALEGA HOLDINGS BHD	6.40
KOSSAN RUBBER INDUSTRIES	5.90
TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	5.62
SUPERMAX CORP BHD	5.35
GUAN CHONG BHD	2.81

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2989	0.2989	0.3153
Low	0.2382	0.1537	0.1537

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
30 Dec 2019	1.2000	5.74
20 Dec 2018	1.2000	5.15
20 Dec 2017	1.2000	4.69
28 Dec 2016	1.1000	4.61
16 Dec 2015	1.9650	8.01

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

Despite rising 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% (YTD: -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 US Treasuries 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 20 (8.0%) to registered its YTD returns (1.8%) into positive territory. Main driver were from China, started off strongly rising 14.6% by 9 July 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 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-HK 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 market closed above 1600 points despite month end sell down ahead of the long weekend break. Glove stocks remained active as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise globally. Plantations stocks also gained after mini rally in CPO price to intra month high of RM2,800. Retailers remained net buyers at +RM2.1bn (USD495m) while local institutions were even. Foreign institutions remained net sellers at -RM2.5bn (USD589m). FBMKLCI's average daily transaction value (ADTV) increased to RM5.46bn (USD1.28bnn) in July 2020 versus RM4.58bn (USD1.08bn) 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%).

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 1580-1620 mark, should buying interest in rubber gloves & healthcare stocks persist. However, domestic politics may dampen immediate upside. Overall sentiment appears in-tact, backed by robust daily participation.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 14 July 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 20.9 and is classified as “Very High”. (source: Lipper) “Very High” includes funds with VF that are more than 15.4 (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.

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 contents of the PHS and Master Prospectus dated 3 August 2017 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) (“collectively known as the Master Prospectus”) before investing. The Master Prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. The SC's approval or authorization, or the registration of the Prospectus should not be taken to indicate that the SC has recommended 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. If in any doubt, consult your banker, lawyer, stockbroker or an independent financial adviser.

The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks for the Fund are market risk, particular securities risk, interest rate risk and credit/default risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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