

RHB DEPOSITS FUND

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INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

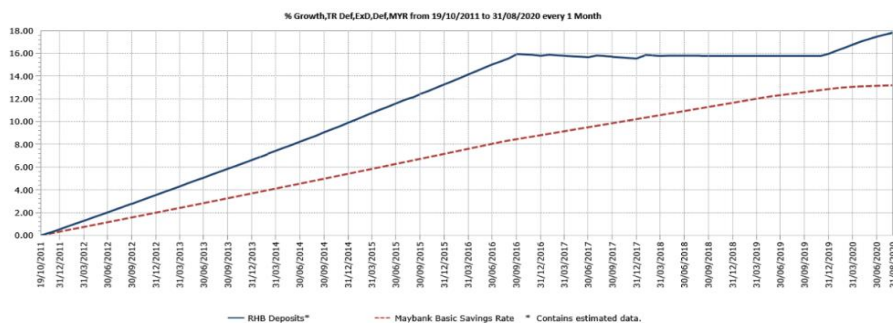
- require a high level of liquidity;
- are conservative and seek capital preservation;
- seek reasonable returns that commensurate with the low risks investments; and
- prefer a short term investment horizon.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 98% of NAV: Investments in deposits with financial institutions which have a remaining maturity period of not more than 365 days.
- Up to 2% of NAV: Maintained in cash.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	0.14	0.48	1.13	1.59
Benchmark	0.02	0.06	0.17	0.30

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	1.76	1.78	5.08	17.81
Benchmark	0.61	3.14	6.21	13.19

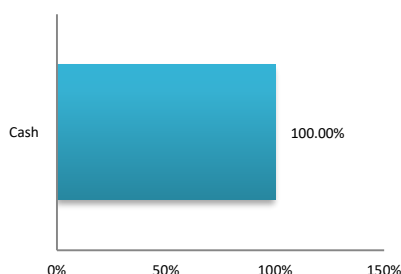
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	0.17	0.18	-0.17	2.21	3.07
Benchmark	1.08	1.30	1.30	1.53	1.66

Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Asset Allocation*



*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	1.0064	1.0066	1.0093
Low	1.0052	1.0021	1.0000

Source: Lipper IM

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

On the local rates, both Malaysia's sovereign papers ie; Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") and Government Investment Issues ("GII") started the month with positive vibes that saw yield curve stayed supported on further dovish tone by the US Fed and increased possibility of another rate cut by BNM as well as the well-bid GII 7-year auction tendered in late July 2020, giving further boost to the local market sentiments. Nevertheless, the bullish run in Ringgit bonds came to a halt in mid-August 2020 at the back of selling flows and profit taking activities amid the adjustments of rates outlook by investors after BNM's Governor remarked at the Malaysia's 2nd Quarter Growth Domestic Product ("GDP") release that she is 'cautiously optimistic' that the worst has passed and projecting an economic recovery in the second half of the year. Therefore, we sense that the need for rate cut has decreased at this juncture as global economies are reopening gradually and central banks might prefer to leave some policy space for future use. The weak sentiment has further been shown from the subdued bid-to-cover ("BTC") ratio during the month with curve steepening on auction tails for both the 20-year MGS and 15-year GII which garnered a low BTC of 1.47 times and 1.42 times respectively. Nonetheless, we also remain opportunistic as the correction in yields will attracts good entry level as policy remain far from tightening cycle.

Month-on-month, MGS space was bear-steepened with yields roughly being well supported at the shorter-tenor up to 5-year while the longer-tenor impacted on overall repositioning of the curve after BNM seems upbeat on the economic recovery for the second half of the year. The 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS closed the month at 1.83% (July-2020: 1.93%), 2.08% (2.11%), 2.30% (2.23%), 2.59% (2.53%), 3.08% (2.96%), 3.48% (3.19%) and 3.75% (3.56%) respectively. On the other hand, action on the GII – the Shariah compliant version of MGS, appeared to also been mirroring the bear- steepened curve as the MGS counterpart. At month end, the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year GII were reported at 1.84% (July-2020: 1.97%), 2.06% (2.07%), 2.35% (2.28%), 2.58% (2.56%), 3.14% (3.02%), 3.37% (3.31%) and 3.73% (3.66%) respectively.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's Consumer Prices Index ("CPI") for July 2020 showed the economy was still in deflation, but at a lower rate of -1.3%, following a reading of -1.9% in June 2020. CPI dropped for the fifth consecutive month in July 2020 since March 2020's 0.2% decline. The decrease in the overall index was due to lower fuel prices and in line with the Bloomberg forecast. The decrease in the overall index was attributed by the decline in transport (-10.3%); housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels (-2.6%); clothing & footwear (-0.6%) and furnishings, household equipment & routine household maintenance (-0.1%) which contributed 45.7% to overall weight. However, food prices continued their upward trend with Food & non-alcoholic beverages increased by 1.4% to 135.0 from 133.2 a year ago. This group contributes 29.5% of CPI weight. 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 GDP ratio of 55% to breach slightly above on temporarily basis. BNM's inflation rate forecast remains at -1.5% to 0.5% for 2020 and see the inflation could pick-up to 1.0% to 3.0% in 2021.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 August 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 0.3 and is classified as "Very Low". (source: Lipper) "Very Low" includes funds with VF that are above 0.0 but not more than 3.3 (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 ("SC") 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 of the Fund are credit/default risk, inflation/purchasing power risk and interest rate risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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