

RHB GLOBAL NEW STARS FUND

This Fund aims to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation by investing in initial public offerings ("IPOs"), pre-IPO securities, post-IPO listed securities, debt securities and/or deposits.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Up to 98% of NAV: Investments in post-IPO listed securities of approved markets issued within 3 years of their IPOs at the time of investment and securities offered through IPOs which have been approved for listing in the approved markets ("Post-IPO Portion" and "IPO Portion").
- Up to 10% of NAV: Investments in privately placed pre-IPO securities of companies which are established in the approved markets, that is pre-IPO deals of which the investee companies are targeting to obtain a listing on an approved stock exchange, and other corporate finance deals ("Pre-IPO Portion").
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets.

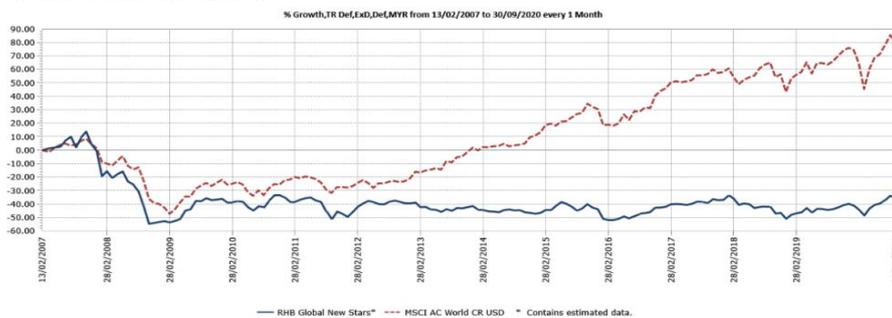
INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- are optimistic about investments in companies in the early growth stages;
- wish to participate in the potential upside of IPO;
- seek an investment well diversified across global markets;
- are fairly aggressive and willing to accept moderate to high risk in their investments; and
- prefer capital growth over a medium to long term period.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-4.27	5.74	24.01	6.04
Benchmark	-3.60	4.41	22.90	1.57

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	13.59	4.82	12.27	-36.38
Benchmark	7.73	14.23	39.99	78.68

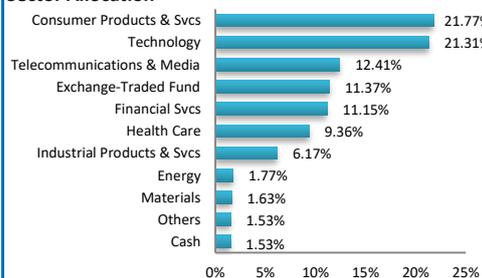
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	22.78	-22.60	10.38	1.77	6.38
Benchmark	22.79	-9.31	9.72	10.36	17.57

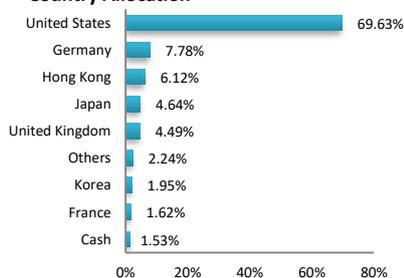
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

ALPHABET INC	5.10
AMAZON.COM INC	4.25
APPLE INC	4.14
MICROSOFT CORP	3.53
NVIDIA CORP	3.53

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3173	0.3173	0.5417
Low	0.2911	0.2202	0.2098

Source: Lipper IM

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

Global equity markets retreated for the month of September, weighed down by building risk factors across the globe. These include rising cases in Europe, a spike in hospitalizations in Spain, new lockdown rules in UK and France, weaker PMIs across the globe, as well as US political uncertainty. The global equity markets fell by 3.4% in September, bringing the year to date return flat. No sector registered a positive return. Industrials (-0.9%), utilities (-1.1%) and materials fell the least in the month of September. Energy was the worst performing sector, as it fell -12.4% in the month. Within regions, Japan (+0.3%) registered positive return in USD terms. US (-3.9%), Europe (-3.5%), UK (-5.1%) and Asia ex Japan (-1.7%) positive negative return in USD terms.

US politics is coming in to focus as the election draws near, with current poll seeing support for Biden (Figure 2-4). The death of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg has introduced a huge element of uncertainty and volatility into the situation. The most direct impact is likely to be further delays in the stimulus package, as markets believe that it is unlikely for a deal to come before the election, as the Republican-led Senate's focus is to push through a replacement for Justice Ginsburg. The US Senate passed a bipartisan spending bill that will keep the government funded through December 11, averting a much-dreaded shutdown. The House of Representatives already passed the stopgap measure by a 359-57 vote. Separately, President Trump's latest comments on the legitimacy of mail-in voting are not new, but reinforces concerns about possible unrest after elections, with VIX futures remain elevated into December.

The FOMC delivered no surprise (0.0-0.25%; USD 80 billion per month) and the overall message remain dovish. The FOMC committee gave its first forward guidance by the new principles agreed to at the end of its recent framework review (flexible average inflation targeting). Under this new framework, the Fed will have much more discretion to allow higher inflation and tighter labor markets, with an underlying message of lower for longer rates. The BOJ adopted an inflation-overshoot strategy back in 2016. According to the updated Summary of Economic Projections as the FOMC rolls forward the end of its forecast horizon by one year to 2023, rates remain low at least until 2023.

Markets are digesting the rising infection rates across Europe. France and the UK are seeing record daily infection rates, while the number of hospitalizations are increasing as well (especially in Spain). The good news is that deaths are nowhere near the first wave of the pandemic. The bad news is that limited lockdowns and self-imposed lockdowns will still have a chilling effect on economic activity, and September flash PMIs across Europe are already reflecting this. However, Europe successfully crushed the curve in the first wave and we are confident that it can be done for this second wave, albeit at the cost of slower growth in Q4. Indeed, business confidence in Italy saw a surprising strong reading, reinforcing that it is dealing with the second wave far better than it dealt with the first. US virus numbers are also rising again, but as the US has not crushed the "first" wave in the first place and so the US is starting from an already weakened position. With stimulus running out, the US economy may underperform in Q4.

The Bank of Japan left its policy settings unchanged but upgraded its economic assessment. The bank said the economy "has started to pick up with economic activity resuming gradually," though adding that conditions remain severe, compared to what it described as "extremely severe" previously. Despite recognizing the recovery, it's pretty clear that the BOJ will keep on the current policy track until the 2% comes into sight. According to its July forecasts, that target won't be reached until well after FY2022 (where it sees inflation at 0.7%). The bank will release updated macro forecasts at the next meeting October 29. The Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP) held its presidential election on Monday to appoint a successor to current LDP leader (and Prime Minister) Shinzo Abe, who announced on August 28 that he will be stepping down due to deterioration in a pre-existing health condition. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga won the LDP's leadership election and is appointed as the Prime Minister during a special Diet session on September 16, with Mr. Suga forming his own cabinet. This suggests continuity in Japan's post-Abe politics. Less uncertainty for asset prices given that the stimulative fiscal and monetary policy will remain intact. Incoming Prime Minister Suga will look to shore up his credentials with another round of fiscal stimulus before year-end.

China left its Loan Prime Rates (LPR) unchanged, as markets expected. The 1-year rate remains at 3.85% and the 5-year at 4.65%. They are likely to remain for some time with the domestic economy still recovering at a good pace. A fallout in external demand might be the key variable that could prompt further action. The main risks to external demand are probably further economic restrictions from government reactions to a second virus wave, and a potential escalation of the US-China trading conflict. Separately, FTSE Russell said it would include China in its flagship World Government Bond Index (WGBI) from October 2021, with a 12-month staggered inclusion process. CGB is expected to eventually constitute 5.7% of the benchmark. As of now, all three major Global Bond Indices have announced their China inclusion, with Bloomberg-Barclays Global Aggregate Index and JP Morgan GBI-EM's phase-in last till November this year. Malaysia continues to be included in the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), but will remain on the FTSE Russell Fixed Income Watch List for a potential downgrade. "This follows recent initiatives by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) to improve secondary market liquidity and to facilitate foreign exchange (FX) transactions", according to FTSE statement.

STRATEGY

Overall, we remain positive on Asia ex-Japan on prospects of growth uptick and within which, we favour China. The speed and effectiveness at which China was able to deal with recent virus relapses while avoiding wide-scale shutdowns mitigates a downside risk that concerned us previously. Although we still anticipate clusters to occur going forward, China has acquired enough capacity to conduct mass testing relatively quickly. Such capacity allows it to identify and quarantine the transmission chains to prevent even larger outbreaks. Amid "First in First out", China is at the forefront of restarting the economy and more policy space to revive activity, but we will remain cautious amid the ongoing US-China tensions.

Within developed markets, we prefer US relatively on the longer run as it has more policy space versus other developed markets, but key risks such as increasing new COVID-19 cases, political risks ahead of November election and delay to the next round of US stimulus, US-China/EU tensions. We put US on cautious stance on the tactical basis in the near term. We remain opportunistic and prefer stocks that have a healthy balance sheet, visible earnings growth and valuations support.

DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 September 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 15.8 and is classified as "High". (source: Lipper) "High" includes funds with VF that are above 12.8 but not 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.

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The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks of the Fund are Pre-IPO and IPO risk, country risk, currency risk and market risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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