

### 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:

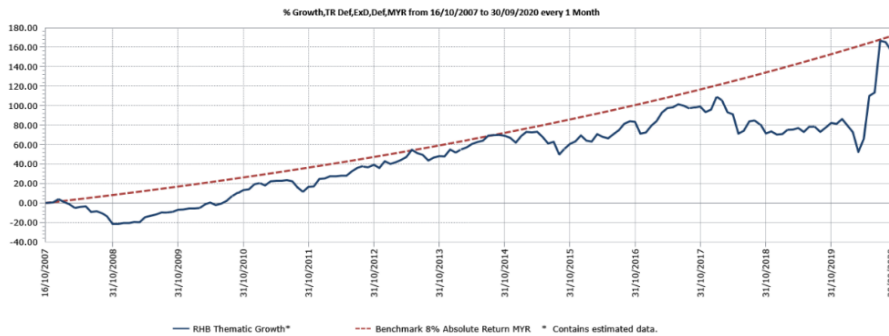
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

#### 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	-3.17	20.45	68.47	38.00
Benchmark	0.63	1.95	3.92	5.93

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	44.85	29.67	64.99	156.93
Benchmark	8.01	25.98	46.94	171.06

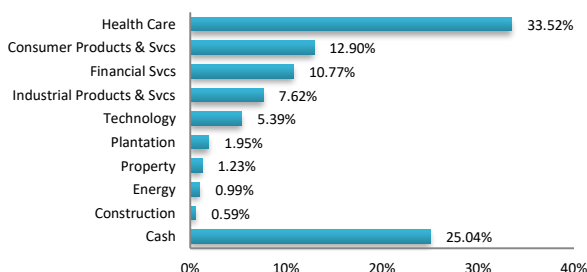
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	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 (%)\*

TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	8.55
SUPERMAX CORP BHD	8.10
HARTALEGA HOLDINGS BHD	8.05
KOSSAN RUBBER INDUSTRIES	7.29
RUBBEREX CORPORATION BHD	4.98

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.2963	0.3059	0.3153
Low	0.2548	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

Global equities market took a beating in the month of September 2020. MSCI World Equity Index declined 3.4% during the month. YTD returns was 0.0%, as it witnessed the first monthly loss since bottoming out on 23 March 2020. The sell-off was led by the Developed Markets with the US declining 3.9% and Europe 3.4% while Japan (0.3%) stayed flat. Investors were concerned over high valuation in particular the technology sector and also partly attributed to the drying up of stimulus in US. In addition, US Presidential elections, as well as the rise in the number of new virus cases in Europe and other parts of the world may dampened global recovery. Commodities plunged on investor concerns over the sustainability of the sharp recovery in economic activity witnessed over the past few months, with the Brent Crude falling 9.6% over the month, Silver 17.4%, Iron Ore 6.3%, Aluminum 1.9%, and even Gold (-4.2%) failing to protect the downside.

Asia ex-Japan declined marginally by 1.7% in September (YTD: 3.5%) was the best performing region in emerging market, owing to performances by tech-heavy Korea (2.9%) and Taiwan (1.8%). Despite continued improvement in economic data, China fell 2.9% during the month, as investors anticipate a potential breakdown of the Phase 1 trade deal with regards to an intensification of the US-China rivalry ahead of the US elections. ASEAN (-5.9%) was dragged down by Indonesia (-13.0%) and Thailand (-9.6%).

The KLCI fell for the second consecutive month by 1.3% MoM in September 2020 due to concerns over political uncertainty, the end of the loan moratorium on 30 September 2020 and rising new Covid-19 cases post-Sabah election. Retail participation share of trades fell MoM for the first time since March 2020. Foreign selling pressure continued in September 2020, with a net outflow of RM2.0bn, bringing YTD net foreign selling to a record RM21.9 bn. Market activity pulled back in September 2020 as market Average Daily Volume (ADV) traded were down 30% MoM to RM4.7bn. Retail ADV also retreated by 42.3% MoM to RM1.8bn. Retail participation fell to 38% in September 2020 from 47% in Aug 2020.

Malaysia has seen a spike in the number of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases recently, with the seven day average tally reaching 209 as of 4 October 2020 higher than the previous peak of 173 in early April 2020. The recent wave is being driven by clusters in two states in particular Sabah and Kedah. While Sabah had accounted for most of the new cases even prior to the recent surge, several new cases in other states have been traced back to persons who had recently travelled to Sabah for the state elections on 26 September. The authorities have imposed localized lockdowns in the affected areas, while inter-district travel has also been banned in Sabah. The federal government has said it does not see the need to re-impose a nationwide lockdown as the majority of the cases are from previously identified clusters.

#### MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

In October, the market will be focusing on political developments after Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim claimed he has a "strong, formidable majority" to form a new government as well as how the end of the loan moratorium affects the market. We expect market to be range-bound, with downside risks in October 2020 in view of domestic and external uncertainties. With the end of the loan moratorium on 30 September, we expect deposits growth to slow and this could impact retail participation in the stock market. We maintain our cautious view on the market amid the economic uncertainty arising from COVID-19. We recommend sticking to sectors or stocks with earnings growth in particular exporters. Globally, investor focus remains on what is widely seen as the most important event risk over the rest of the year i.e the US elections.

#### DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 September 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 25.3 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 ("SC") who takes no responsibility for its contents. The SC's approval or authorization, or the registration of the Master 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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