

RHB ASIAN INCOME FUND MULTI CURRENCIES - RMB HEDGED CLASS

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the class X units of the Target Fund.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and Placements of Cash.

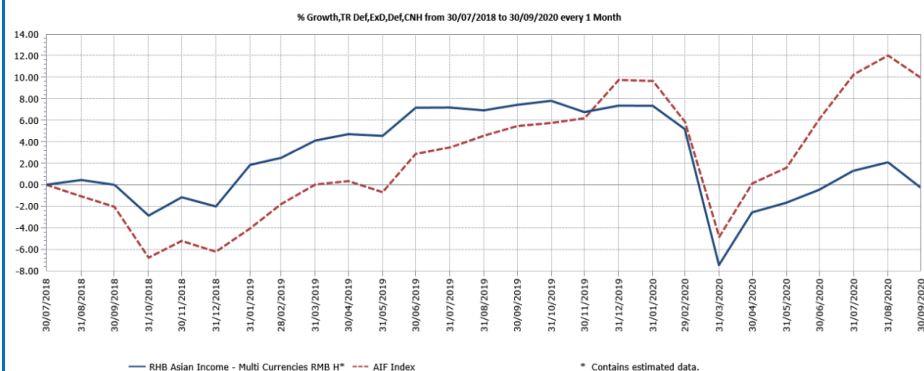
INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for:

- ‘Sophisticated Investor(s)’ as defined in the Information Memorandum.

FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance Chart Since Launch*



Cumulative Performance (%)*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-2.34	0.16	7.74	-7.13
Benchmark	-1.86	3.55	15.52	0.17

	1 Year	Since Launch
Fund	-7.19	-0.30
Benchmark	4.24	9.93

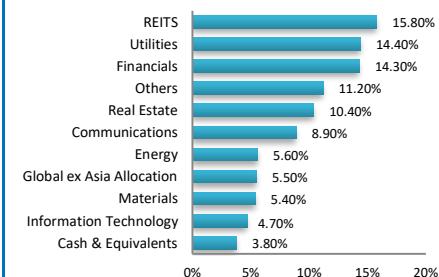
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	2019
Fund	9.57
Benchmark	17.03

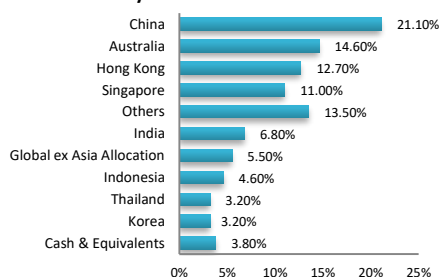
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

HK ELECTRIC INVESTMENTS UNITS LTD	2.60
AUSNET SERVICES LTD	2.20
POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LTD	1.60
NOVATEK MICROELECTRONICS CORP	1.60
POWER GRID OF INDIA LTD	1.60

*As percentage of NAV

*Source: Schroder, 30 September 2020. Exposure in Schroder Asian Income - 97.60%

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RMB)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.9881	1.0827	1.0855
Low	0.9606	0.8636	0.8636

Source: Lipper IM

Historical Distributions (Net)

	Distribution (sen)	Yield (%)
24 Jul 2020	0.9000	0.93
24 Apr 2020	1.0000	1.01
23 Jan 2020	0.7500	0.71
29 Oct 2019	1.1000	1.03

Source: RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS
MARKET OVERVIEW

Asian equities posted a strong return, led by China and Hong Kong, where Covid-19 infection rates fell. In China, positive surprises in Q2 earnings resulted in boosted sentiment, in spite of the rising tensions with the US. Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan finished in negative territory and were the weakest index performers. In fixed income, the 10-year US Treasury yield rose 18bps, while corporate bonds outperformed government bonds.

MARKET STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK
Equity

Over the month, the Target Fund Manager continued their sector rotation by adding to an Australia miner on the back of ongoing fiscal stimulus and China recovery. The Target Fund Manager also increased their Taiwan semiconductor producer on the back of recovering demand. The Target Fund Manager expects the company to strengthen its leading position through scale advantage and margin expansion. Elsewhere, the Target Fund Manager initiated a new position in a Korea internet name which provides web portal services including search engine, online games and e-commerce. It also recently launched an online grocery shopping platform, which is likely to further boost monetization and earnings. On the other hand, the Target Fund Manager trimmed an Australia banking name given the ongoing profit pressure. Lending is likely to remain soft due to weak housing and personal loan demand while net interest margin could also narrow given lower yields and interest rates. The Target Fund Manager then closed their holdings in an India conglomerate in the consumer staples sector. While the company's revenue stream should remain steady, risks remain higher when compared to other sectors such as utilities. The company also lacks catalysts to drive growth and hence the Target Fund Manager has decided to exit and put the capital to better use in sectors and names which offer better growth potential, in line with the evolution of the strategy they discussed in the recent months.

From a style perspective, the Target Fund Manager believes that maintaining the exposures to growth and technology remains a viable approach given the momentum and the acceleration of trends triggered by Covid-19, but they also believe that balancing that with some exposures offering leverage to the normalization of the economy post-pandemic with cheap valuation should help reduce risks given the expectation of sector/style rotation over the medium term. Overall, the Target Fund Manager continues to stress the importance of selectivity. Not every stock which have rallied hard present risks, as some are backed by actual increase in structural growth, but there are also some which rose largely due to investors' optimism and lack fundamental support. Picking the former and avoiding the latter is increasingly important in the current market environment.

Fixed Income

In fixed income, the Target Fund Manager added to several new issues, including an Australia real estate group which boasts a portfolio of quality regional shopping centres. The country's covid-19 situation has been under control which should see gradual increase in visitors' traffic to malls. The long-dated, investment grade paper offers an attractive yield given its strong credit quality and helps to lengthen the duration of the portfolio. By the same token, the Target Fund Manager also added to a long maturity paper of a leading Hong Kong insurance provider. On the other hand, the Target Fund Manager trimmed selective Chinese property developers given the potential spillover from the recent noises surrounding Evergrande, though the Target Fund Manager remains constructive on the overall sector which offers attractive yield and resiliency given its reliance on domestic demand. The Target Fund Manager also closed took profit on a Chinese hardware producer given the revenue recovery helped by strong shipment and cost control. Overall, the Target Fund Manager kept duration largely unchanged at 2.1 years.

While valuations remain rich as bond yields are at historical lows, the Target Fund Manager is positive on credit on the back of the benign liquidity backdrop. The Target Fund Manager is also aware of increasing default risks which points to a more cautious approach to credit investing as falling government bond yields means that investors are being pushed further out the risk curve to search for income. As such, selection and diversified approach now becomes even more important for accessing the credit risk premium. As valuations of credit as an asset class now become less attractive, investors will have to rely more heavily on active management to generate alpha within the asset class. Also, it might also be time to think about moving up the risk curve to increase the allocation to equities for returns, but in a risk controlled manner. The Target Fund Manager will continue to take part in selective attractive deals. Some local currency bond markets also present opportunities, as central banks in Asia are expected to remain extremely accommodative in their monetary policies.

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