

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.

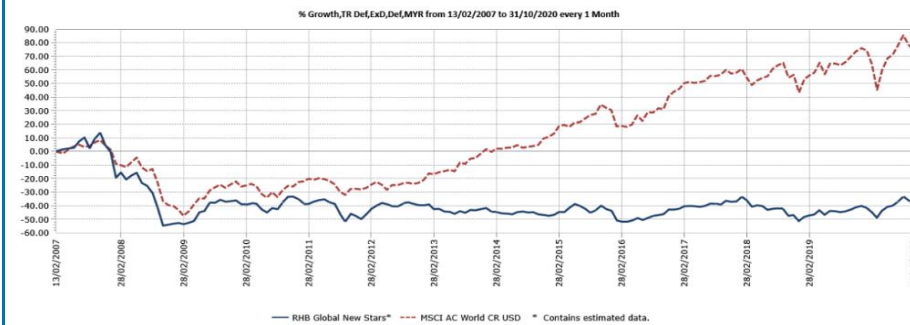
INVESTOR PROFILE

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	-2.50	-1.38	9.79	3.39
Benchmark	-2.52	-2.16	8.84	-0.98

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	8.25	-2.56	3.43	-37.97
Benchmark	2.52	8.89	29.58	74.18

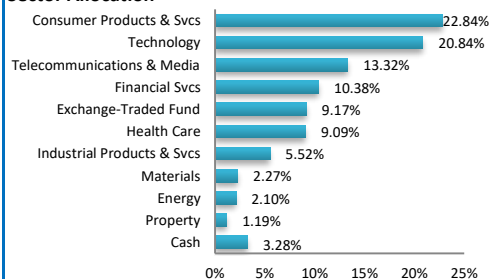
Calendar Year Performance (%)*

	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

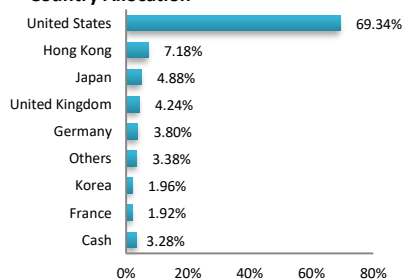
Source: Lipper IM

FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Sector Allocation*



Country Allocation*



Top Holdings (%)*

ALPHABET INC	5.78
AMAZON.COM INC	4.21
APPLE INC	4.00
MICROSOFT CORP	3.49
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	2.69

*As percentage of NAV

FUND STATISTICS

Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3122	0.3173	0.5417
Low	0.2926	0.2202	0.2098

Source: Lipper IM

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARKET REVIEW

With concerns over rising Covid-19 cases and newly implemented mobility restrictions, the global equity markets fell by 2.5% in October, bringing the year to date return to -2.5%. Communication services (+1.8%) and utilities (+1.7%) sectors registered positive returns for the month, while energy was the worst performing sector, falling by -5.9%. Within regions, Asia ex Japan (+2.8%) registered positive return in USD terms, while the US (-2.7%), Europe (-5.9%), UK (-5.2%) and Japan (-1.6%) delivered negative returns in USD terms.

Increasing Covid-19 numbers have pushed European governments to once again start imposing nation-wide lockdown measures. Until 1 December, people in France will only be allowed to leave their homes to buy essential goods, for medical reasons, or to exercise for an hour a day. Unlike the first lockdown, however, schools and nurseries will remain open. Restrictions elsewhere remain targeted, but the direction of travel on restrictions is rapidly headed towards additional tightening. In Germany, Angela Merkel's government will impose a partial lockdown starting 2 November, which will last for four weeks. Bars and pubs will close, while restaurants will only remain open for takeaways only. Spain imposed a national curfew (11 PM-6 AM) since 25 October, while Italy shut down several services and limited operating hours for bars and restaurants for a month since 26 October. Prime Minister see England into a second lockdown on November 2, making the country the latest in Europe to impose new national restrictions.

While the measures are less restrictive than the first wave currently, violent protests broke out in reaction to the new restrictions. Italy had violent clashes between demonstrators and police in Rome, Milan, and Turin. In Spain, the far-left and pro-independence party CUP organized protests in Barcelona, which followed earlier protests from the service sector. The UK has also seen intensifying protests, with several arrests in London and demonstrations in many other cities.

The ECB Governing Council left all policy parameters unchanged, as expected. The Governing Council maintained the overall envelope of its pandemic emergency purchase programme (PEPP) at €1.35 trillion and reiterated that it will conduct net asset purchases under the PEPP until at least the end of June 2021. But ECB flagged strong concerns around the near-term growth outlook due to the re-intensification of Covid-19 containment measures. Against this backdrop, the Governing Council effectively pre-announced more easing at the December meeting, signaling that it "will recalibrate its instruments, as appropriate" in order to "counteract the negative impact of the pandemic on the projected inflation path."

In the US, hospitalizations for Covid-19 have risen at least 10% over the past week. However, this time it's different – the hospitalization trend is flatter than both the initial and summer outbreak. Fiscal stimulus will have to wait until after the election. On the election front, the odds for Biden victory are increasing again. Biden, along with a Democratic Senate, would most likely lead to a more aggressive stimulus. Fed Chair Powell (among others) has been steadfast in his message that there cannot be a sustainable economic recovery until the virus is controlled.

On the positive side, the AstraZenica-University of Oxford vaccine has reportedly shown promising results in treatment for the elderly, but we would need to wait for the phase 3 trial results to get a more conclusive picture about its safety metrics. Separately, J&J's vaccine could be available for emergency use by January, assuming no surprise in the results from its latest trial, expected later this year.

The Bank of Japan kept all policy settings unchanged, as expected. Growth forecasts for FY20, FY21, and FY22 were changed to -5.5%, +3.6%, and +1.6% from -4.7%, +3.3%, and +1.5% in July. Core inflation forecasts for FY20, FY21, and FY22 were changed to -0.6%, +0.4%, and +0.7% from -0.5%, +0.3%, and +0.7% in July. This means that the 2% target for inflation ex-fresh food still not be reached until FY23. The BOJ warned that "the outlook for economic activity and prices provided in this Outlook report is extremely unclear" and could change depending on the virus numbers. The bank also said that it will decide, when necessary, to extend its emergency measures whilst maintaining its economic assessment at "severe" after upgrading it in September from "extremely severe." Separately, Prime Minister Yoshihide announced its 2050 net zero target on 26 October, joining EU, Korea and China. Japan is the world's fifth-largest emitter and relies on coal for a third of its electricity generation. The net zero target requires significant investment in renewables and a complete overhaul of the country's existing climate strategy which focuses heavily on coal power.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) held the Fifth Plenum of the 19th Party Congress on October 26-29 to discuss the proposals for the 14th Five-Year Plan that runs from 2021 through 2025. The Fifth Plenum of the 19th Party Congress's key summary reiterated direction towards Quality Growth, and laid out non-numerical goals over long term (GDP per capita reaching level of mid income developed economies and expansion in mid income population), with a focus on innovation and market reform. Over next few months, NDRC will prepare more detailed draft of the 14th Five Year Plan to be submitted for final approval during the "Two Sessions" in March 2021.

STRATEGY

Results for the US presidential election and data on Phase 3 Covid vaccine trials are coming soon. 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 the virus while avoiding wide-scale shutdowns mitigate downside risk that concerned the market. While manufacturing PMI was largely flat, services PMI accelerated in October amid Golden Week spending. China is at the forefront of restarting the economy, controlling the spread and more policy space to revive activity. We will remain cautious on 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 and the outcome of the US stimulus and the upcoming US election. We remain tactical in the near term on US. Overall, we remain opportunistic and prefer stocks that have a healthy balance sheet, visible earnings growth and valuations support.

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Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 October 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 16.0 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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