

### RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

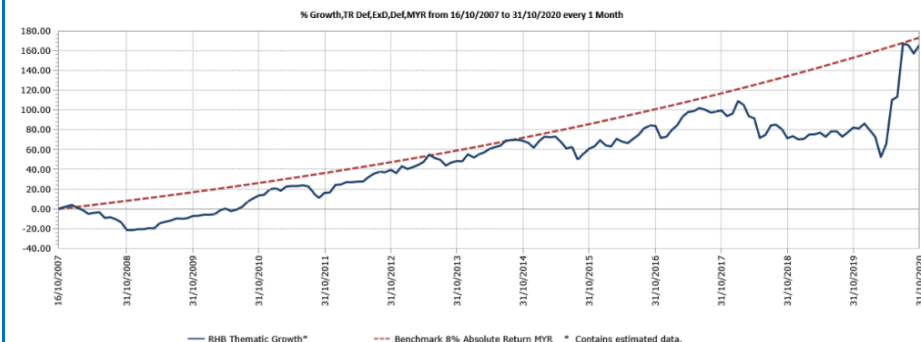
- seek participation in Malaysian companies that will benefit from evolving domestic and/or global trends;
- seek a dynamic and flexible investment mandate;
- prefer capital growth rather than income over a medium to long term period; and
- are willing to accept moderate risk in their investments.

#### 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	3.35	-0.47	60.27	42.62
Benchmark	0.65	1.95	3.94	6.62

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	45.73	33.29	65.20	165.52
Benchmark	8.00	25.98	46.94	172.83

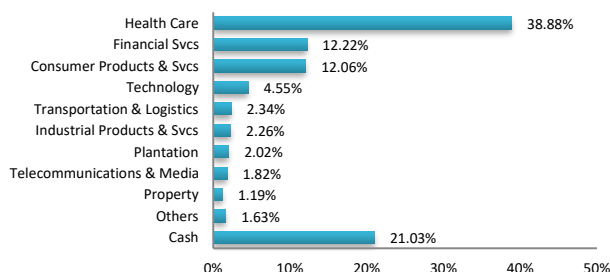
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	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 (%)\*

SUPERMAX CORP BHD	9.45
TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	9.27
KOSSAN RUBBER INDUSTRIES	9.13
HARTALEGA HOLDINGS BHD	8.95
GUAN CHONG BHD	3.59

\*As percentage of NAV

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3163	0.3163	0.3163
Low	0.2869	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

World equity markets started off strongly in the month of October 2020 on the back of continued improvement in economic data. However, the resurgence of new COVID-19 cases particularly in US and Europe resulted most equity markets ended the month on the red. So far, the second wave of COVID-19 has been more pronounced in Europe and the US, forcing some countries to re-enact partial to complete shutdowns in select regions. The spurt in new cases cast doubts over the growth momentum in the near term. For the month, US declining 2.7%, Europe 5.7%, Japan 1.6%. Asia ex-Japan (+2.8% in October 2020, YTD: 6.4%) was the stand-out performer in October 2020 as it was the only region in the world to register an advance. China (5.3%) rode on rising investor optimism, as it unveiled the 14th Five Year Plan to set out on becoming an advanced socialist country with leading global influence by 2049. ASEAN advanced 0.4% after two consecutive down months, driven by Indonesia (8.6%) and the Philippines (7.9%), while political uncertainties weighed on Thai stocks (-2.3%).

October 2020 wasn't really a good month for Malaysia. In October 2020, FBM KLCI retraced -2.52% MoM to 1,467 points. Top gainers were Hartalega (+11.26%), Press Metal (+6.81%), PChem (+4.8%) and Top Glove (+4.20%), while laggards were Pet Dag (-12.66%), MISC (-12.13%), Tenaga (-9.14%) and RHB Bank (-7.44%). Foreigners net sold RM669mn worth of equities last month bringing YTD (October 2020) net outflow to RM22.97bn. Retailers were again the biggest net buyers in October 2020 but at a slower pace (RM456mn versus September 2020: RM1.44bn), while remaining as active participants of the market, accounting for 39.9% of trades (September: 38.2%), suggesting the impact of loan moratorium ending is not as bad as initially feared. Moving on to sector performance, despite a late sell-down on the final trading week of the October 2020, the tech and healthcare sectors remain the top performers.

While it wasn't the weakest monthly performance this year (March: -8.9% MoM), it was certainly the worst month for COVID-19 infections with a total of 19,629 new cases reported in the month alone. The number of cases reported in October 2020 was also significantly higher than the total numbers reported between January to September at 11,919 cases. Hence it was no surprise that Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Selangor and Sabah went back into CMCO. Politics also took the limelight in October 2020 when there was news that Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin had proposed to the King (YDPA) to call for a state of emergency for the country which was later declined by the King. There was also Anwar Ibrahim who claimed that he has majority of support of MPs to form the government (but he did not reveal who).

Meanwhile, Brent crude oil declined -8.5% in October 2020 due to continued demand concerns while CPO futures traded higher to RM3,252, +14.5% MoM on the back of potential decline in production due to shortage of workers in the sector.

#### MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The resurgence of COVID-19 infections has resulted in lockdown measures of varying degrees being imposed which has raised concerns of a slower-than-expected global economic recovery. This implies that the prevailing coordinated efforts by governments to stimulate economies via both fiscal and monetary policies will stay for a prolonged period. Therefore, the flush of liquidity will continue to be positive for the equity market, while economic recovery slowly makes its way back to normalcy.

With the volatility risk in both our domestic market as well as regional/global markets, we continue to favor exporters namely in gloves and technology. Normalisation post a vaccine would likely further support GDP and top-line recovery.

#### DISCLAIMER:

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 October 2020, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 25.4 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.

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