

# RHB THEMATIC GROWTH FUND

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## PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

**This Product Highlights Sheet only highlights the key features and risks of RHB Thematic Growth Fund. Investors are advised to request, read and understand the Fund's prevailing prospectus and its supplementary(ies) (if any) before deciding to invest.**

<b>Name of Fund</b>	RHB Thematic Growth Fund ("Fund").	<b>Fund Category</b>	Mixed asset fund.
		<b>Fund Type</b>	Growth.
<b>Manager</b>	RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd.	<b>Launch Date</b>	26 September 2007.
<b>Trustee</b>	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad.	<b>Financial Year End</b>	31 December.

## PRODUCT SUITABILITY

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

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

## KEY PRODUCT FEATURES

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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.

*\*Note: "medium to long term" in this context refers to a period of between 3 - 7 years.*

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

This Fund will focus on a minimum of three (3) themes from the evolving domestic and/or global trends identified by the Manager as having strong potential to outperform the benchmark return of 8.00% growth per annum in Net Asset Value ("NAV") of a unit. Hence, the name "Thematic Growth".

The Manager views Malaysia as dynamic, with a high-growth and rapidly expanding economy, undergoing long term structural changes. Depending on which stage of the economic cycle we are in, the Manager will look for the appropriate themes which the Manager will seek to take advantage of. For example, during periods of economic slowdown, the Manager will look for defensive themes such as high dividend yielding stocks and companies with sustainable earnings growth. Other themes would also include counter-cyclical sectors as well as mergers & acquisitions. Conversely, during economic up-cycles, the Manager will look for growth stocks, possibly in export oriented sectors (e.g., manufacturing, technology and electronics) as well as consumer discretionary like properties, automobiles and other luxury goods. The Manager's strategy is to identify the said themes in its early phase to capitalise on its growth. After identifying the most promising themes, the Manager will proceed to select companies with strong fundamentals and attractive valuations. Undervalued securities are uncovered through intensive and independent fundamental research.

Within a theme, the focus is generally on companies with (a) sustainable business model; (b) ability to expand locally and/or regionally; (c) ability to deliver above average growth; (d) consistently strong underlying profitability; (e) reasonable valuations; and (f) strong balance sheet.

The Manager will rebalance the asset allocation and stock selection and reposition the Fund accordingly to reap the benefits of the change in market dynamics, economic cycle and specific factors influencing each sector.

This Fund's portfolio will be structured as follows:

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 and deposits with financial institutions.

Hence, the Fund will generally have an equity exposure of up to 98% of its NAV to generate returns to the Fund. However, the Manager may lower the equity exposure of the Fund in favour of fixed income securities such as government bonds and corporate debt securities which include money market instruments in order to help achieve the benchmark return and/or to help preserve capital#. Accordingly, the Fund's exposure to fixed income securities may increase up to 100% of the NAV.

Although the Fund is actively managed, how active or the frequency of its trading strategy will depend on market opportunities.

The risk management strategies and techniques employed by the Manager include diversification of the Fund's investments in terms of its exposure to various industries, sectors and asset classes and/or type of investments (i.e. equity, fixed income securities and money market instruments). Financial derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes where appropriate. Generally, the assets of the Fund will be invested over a medium to long term period with disposal of the investments when necessary to control risk as well as to optimise capital gains. This is especially so when the full growth potential of an investment is deemed to have been reduced over a prolonged rise in market value and other available investments may present attractive valuations and potential higher returns. The Fund also complies with the permitted investments and restrictions imposed by the Securities Commission Malaysia. Adherence to the permitted investments and restrictions also helps the Manager to risk-manage the Fund's portfolio in terms of diversification. Moreover, the Manager in making its investment decisions shall at all times comply with the investment restrictions of the Fund and requirements as set out in the deed of the Fund.

*# Note: Although the Fund aims to preserve its value, the Fund is not a capital guaranteed fund or a capital protected fund.*

### BENCHMARK

8.00% growth per annum in NAV of a unit over the medium to long term.

This is not a guaranteed return and is only a measurement of the Fund's performance. The Fund may not achieve the aforesaid 8% per annum growth rate in any particular financial year but targets to achieve this growth over the medium to long term\*.

*\*Note: "medium to long term" in this context refers to a period of between 3 - 7 years.*

**KEY PRODUCT FEATURES****DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION POLICY** - Consistent with the Fund's objective which aims to achieve medium to long term\* capital appreciation, distributions will therefore be of secondary importance. Distributions, if any, after deduction of taxation and expenses will be reinvested.

**DISTRIBUTION MODE** - Distribution, if any, after deduction of taxation and expenses (i.e. net distribution), will be reinvested to purchase additional units of the Fund based on the NAV per unit as at the first Business Day when units in the Fund are quoted ex-entitlement. Allotment of such units shall be within two (2) weeks thereafter. No sales charge will be imposed for any reinvestment of distribution into the Fund.

**KEY RISKS**

As this Fund's dynamic mandate allows it to generally have an equity exposure of up to 98% of its NAV or an exposure to fixed income securities of up to 100% of its NAV, the risks peculiar to this Fund are:

**MARKET RISK** - Market risk is a risk that arises when the prices of investments in the marketplace are affected by circumstances such as political or economic events. These circumstances, which may be a local or global event can affect the markets where the Fund is invested in or global markets and subsequently the value of the Fund's investments.

**PARTICULAR SECURITIES RISK** - The fluctuation in the performance of each individual security that the Fund invests in will affect the price of the units of the Fund. Not all companies issuing these securities are successful. The success or failure of the companies will cause its securities value to rise or fall. Valued collectively, the performance of individual securities comprising the Fund's portfolio will cause the unit price of the Fund to rise or fall accordingly.

**INTEREST RATE RISK** - Prices of fixed income securities generally move in opposite direction with interest rates. When interest rates rise, prices of fixed income securities will generally fall. This rise in interest rates will cause the investor to face the risk of capital loss. However, when interest rates fall, prices of fixed income securities will generally increase, thus investors will see capital gains.

**CREDIT / DEFAULT RISK** - This refers to the creditworthiness of the fixed income securities issuer and its expected ability to repay debt. Default happens when the issuer is not able to make timely coupon payments and/or repay or pay the principal in a timely manner thus lowering the value of the Fund's investments and subsequently the value of the investments of unit holders of the Fund ("Unit Holder(s)").

*Note: If your investments are made through an institutional unit trust scheme adviser ("IUTA") which adopts the nominee system of ownership, you would not be deemed to be a Unit Holder under the deed of the Fund and as a result, you may not exercise all the rights ordinarily conferred to a Unit Holder (e.g. the right to call for Unit Holders' meetings and the right to vote at a Unit Holders' meeting). Accordingly, the Manager will only recognise the IUTA as a Unit Holder and the IUTA shall be entitled to all the rights conferred to it under the deed of the Fund.*

**FUND PERFORMANCE****AVERAGE TOTAL RETURNS**

Average total returns for the following periods ended 31 December 2024

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
RHB Thematic Growth Fund (%)	20.32	8.33	10.84	6.77
Benchmark^ (%)	8.00	7.99	7.99	7.99

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS**

Annual total returns for the following Financial Year Ended 31 December

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
RHB Thematic Growth Fund (%)	20.32	7.65	-1.82	-11.93	49.44	9.35	-13.17	13.58	1.91	4.69
Benchmark^ (%)	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.98	8.00

For the latest financial year, the Fund recorded a return of 20.32% outperforming its benchmark return of 8.00%.

*Source: Lipper IM, 6 January 2025. ^The benchmark of the Fund is the 8.00% growth per annum in NAV of a unit over the medium to long term. The abovementioned Fund performance is computed on NAV to NAV basis and has been adjusted to reflect distribution payments and unit splits, if any, and are annualised.*

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")**

Financial Year Ended 31 December

	2024	2023	2022
PTR (times)	1.50	1.03	1.06

The PTR for the latest financial year was higher compared with the previous financial year due to more investment activities for the latest financial year.

**DISTRIBUTION RECORD**

Financial Year Ended 31 December

	2024	2023	2022
Gross distribution per unit (sen)	1.0000	0.7500	1.5000
Net distribution per unit (sen)	1.0000	0.7500	1.5000

For the latest financial year, the Fund has declared a total net distribution of 1.0000 sen per unit. Distribution was in the form of units.

**PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.****FEES & CHARGES**

*This table describes the charges that you may directly incur when you buy or redeem units of this Fund:*

**Charges**

Sales charge <sup>1</sup>	Up to 5.00% of investment amount. An investor can expect differing sales charge to be levied when buying units of the Fund from the various distribution channels and within each distribution channel, subject to the maximum sales charge stipulated herein. This is due to the different levels of services provided by each distribution channel and/or the size of the investment undertaken. <i>Note: If the Fund is an Employees Provident Fund ("EPF") Members' Investment Scheme ("MIS") approved fund and you invest via EPF-MIS, you will be levied a sales charge of up to 3.00% of the investment amount or any other rate as may be determined by the EPF from time to time.</i>
Repurchase charge	None.
Dilution fee or transaction cost factor	None.
<b>Other charges payable directly by the investors</b>	
Switching fee <sup>1</sup>	RM25.00 per switch or the difference in sales charge between switching funds, where applicable. The Manager reserves the right to vary this switching fee or to vary the terms of the switching facility.
Transfer fee <sup>1</sup>	RM5.00 per transfer.

*This table describes the fees that you may indirectly incur when you invest in the Fund:*

## FEES & CHARGES

Fees and Expenses	
Annual management fee <sup>1</sup>	1.50% per annum of the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis before deducting the Manager's and Trustee's fees for that particular day.
Annual trustee fee <sup>1</sup>	Up to 0.08% per annum of the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis before deducting the Manager's and Trustee's fees for that particular day.
Expenses directly related to the Fund	Auditors' fees and other relevant professional fees, custodial charges, cost of distribution of semi-annual and annual reports, tax certificates, reinvestment statements or distribution cheques (where applicable) and other notices to Unit Holders, commissions paid to brokers, other transaction costs and taxes.
Other fees payable indirectly by an investor (if any)	None.

<sup>1</sup> All fees and charges payable to the Manager and the Trustee are subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties and at such rate as may be imposed by the Malaysian government from time to time.

Note 1: The Manager may, for any reason at any time, waive or reduce the amount of its management fee only or all charges directly payable by the Unit Holder and/or investor in respect of the Fund, either generally (for all Unit Holders and/or investors) or specifically (for any particular Unit Holder and/or investor) and for any period or periods of time at its absolute discretion.

Note 2: Any bank charges imposed by the relevant financial institutions will be borne by the Unit Holders.

## TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Minimum Initial Investment	RM100 or such other amount as the Manager may from time to time accept.
Minimum Additional Investment	RM100 or such other amount as the Manager may from time to time accept.
Minimum Investment Balance	100 units or such other lower quantity as the Manager may from time to time decide.
Minimum Redemption of Units	Any number of units.
Frequency of Redemption of Units	No restriction.
Switching Facility and Frequency of Switching	Available. Unit Holders may switch to units of any unit trust fund under the management of the Manager that are of the same currency and that allows for switching. The minimum amount for a switch to another fund is RM100.00 or such other amount as the Manager may from time to time decide. There is no restriction as to the number of switches a Unit Holder may perform or the frequency of switching. The minimum investment balance must be at least one hundred (100) units or such other lower quantity as the Manager may from time to time decide after the switch. Following a switching transaction, if the quantity of units held by a Unit Holder in the Fund falls below its minimum investment balance, the Manager can switch the entire investment and forward the proceeds to the fund that the Unit Holder intends to switch into. The Manager however, reserves the right to vary these terms.
Transfer Facility	Available. Unit Holders may transfer their holdings of units to another investor by forwarding the completed form of transfer to the Manager's registered/principal office or any of its branches or to any of its participating IUTAs and any other authorised distributors before their respective cut-off times on any Business Day. However, the Manager may refuse to register any partial transfer of units if the registration would result in the transferor or the transferee holding less than the minimum investment balance of one hundred (100) units or such other lower quantity as the Manager may from time to time decide. The Manager may also refuse an entry of transfer during the fourteen (14) days preceding an income distribution date.
An investor may request for a lower minimum initial investment, lower minimum additional investment, lower minimum investment balance or lower minimum amount for a switch which the Manager may accept at its absolute discretion from time to time. Note: If the Fund is an EPF-MIS approved fund and you invest via EPF-MIS, the minimum initial investment shall be RM1,000.00 (or any other amount as may be determined by EPF).	
Subscription Settlement	Payment must be made on the subscription date.
Redemption Settlement	Units of the Fund can be redeemed by forwarding the completed form of request to repurchase to the Manager's registered/principal office or any of its branches, or to any of its participating IUTAs and any other authorised distributors before their respective cut-off times on any Business Day. All redemption requests will be processed in accordance with the redemption conditions for the Fund. The redemption monies will be paid within seven (7) Business Days after receipt by the Manager of the request to repurchase. Note: If you have invested via the EPF-MIS, the redemption monies will be credited back into your EPF accounts.
Cooling-off Period	Unit Holders have the right to request for a refund of their investment within six (6) Business Days which shall be effective from the date of receipt of the application by the Manager, subject to eligibility. Note: If you have invested via the EPF-MIS, the cooling-off period shall be subject to EPF's terms and conditions.
Business Day	A day (other than Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) in which the stock exchange managed and operated by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad is open for trading.
Dealing Hours	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Malaysia time) on any Business Day or such later time as the Manager may determine provided always that complete applications for the Fund are received before the next valuation point. The Manager may also vary the dealing hours as it may deem appropriate. Investors will be notified on the change of dealing hours via e-mail or notification published on the Manager's website.
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Person is not eligible to subscribe to the units of the Fund. If a Unit Holder is a US Person or subsequently becomes a US Person, the Manager will issue a notice to that US Person requiring him/her to either redeem all the units of the Fund or transfer all the units of the Fund to a non-US Person, within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice. The Manager shall have the right to compulsorily redeem all the units held by the said US Person after thirty (30) days from the date of notice if the US Person fails to redeem or transfer his/her units within the stipulated period.</li> <li>If the Fund is eligible to be invested via the EPF-MIS and you transfer your moneys from your EPF account to invest in the Fund, the investments made by the Fund as well as your investment in the Fund from your EPF account will be subject to the EPF's requirements. Please refer to the website at <a href="http://www.kwsp.gov.my">http://www.kwsp.gov.my</a> for updated information.</li> </ul>

**YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT.**

## VALUATIONS AND EXITING FROM INVESTMENT

### VALUATION OF ASSETS

The Fund must be valued at least once every Business Day. The valuation of the Fund for a Business Day will be conducted at the close of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad for that Business Day. Thus, the daily price of the Fund for a particular Business Day will be published online on the Manager's website on the next day. Investors may obtain the most current computed price by contacting the Manager directly or visiting the Manager's website, [www.rhbgroup.com](http://www.rhbgroup.com).

### EXITING FROM THIS INVESTMENT

The repurchase price shall be the NAV per unit as at the next valuation point of the Fund's relevant Business Day after the request for repurchase is received by the Manager ("forward pricing"). The Manager will not impose any repurchase charge on the redemption amount. Units of the Fund can be redeemed by forwarding the completed form of request to repurchase to the Manager's registered/principal office or any of its branches, or to any of its participating IUTAs and any other authorised distributors before their respective cut-off times on any Business Day. All redemption requests will be processed in accordance with the redemption conditions for the Fund. The redemption monies will be paid within seven (7) Business Days after receipt by the Manager of the request to repurchase. Where applicable, if you have invested via the EPF-MIS, the redemption monies will be credited back into your EPF accounts.

For partial redemption, the balance of units held after the redemption must be at least one hundred (100) units or such other lower quantity as the Manager may from time to time decide (the "minimum investment balance"). There is no restriction on the minimum number of units a Unit Holder can redeem out of the Unit Holder's investments or the frequency of redemptions in a year. If the balance of units held after the redemption is less than the minimum investment balance, the Manager can withdraw the entire investment and forward the proceeds to the Unit Holder.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact the Manager or to find out about the distribution channels of the Fund, you may call us at 03-9205 8000 at any time during office hours: Mondays through Fridays from 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. or e-mail your enquiries to [rham@rhbgroup.com](mailto:rham@rhbgroup.com).

#### HOW DO YOU LODGE A COMPLAINT?

1. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact:

❖ **via Unit Holders Services Toll-Free Hotline at:** 1-800-88-3175

❖ **via phone to:** 03-9205 8000

❖ **via e-mail to:** [rham@rhbgroup.com](mailto:rham@rhbgroup.com)

❖ **via letter to:** RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd, Level 8, Tower 2 & 3, RHB Centre, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur.

2. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Financial Markets Ombudsman Service (FMOS):

❖ **via phone to:** 03-2272 2811

❖ **via FMOS Dispute Form available at:** [www.fmos.org.my](http://www.fmos.org.my)

❖ **via letter to:** Financial Markets Ombudsman Service, Level 14, Main Block Menara Takaful Malaysia, No. 4 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, 50000 Kuala Lumpur.

3. You can also direct your complaint to the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with FMOS. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

❖ **via phone to the Aduan Hotline at:** 03-6204 8999

❖ **via fax to:** 03-6204 8991

❖ **via online complaint form available at:** [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)

❖ **via e-mail to:** [aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)

❖ **via letter to:** Consumer & Investor Office, Securities Commission Malaysia, 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.

4. Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

❖ **via phone to:** 03-7890 4242 ❖ **via online complaint form available at:** [www.fimm.com.my](http://www.fimm.com.my) ❖ **via e-mail to:** [complaints@fimm.com.my](mailto:complaints@fimm.com.my)

❖ **via letter to:** Legal & Regulatory Affairs, Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia, 19-06-1, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Wisma Capital A, No. 19 Lorong Dungun, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.