

### RHB GOLD AND GENERAL FUND

This Fund aims to achieve returns on investment mainly in securities of corporations (whether or not listed on any stock exchange, and in any part of the world) whose business (in any part of the world) is or is substantially in the mining or extraction of gold, silver or precious metals (e.g. platinum, palladium, rhodium etc.), bulk commodities (e.g. coal, iron ore, steel etc.), base metals of all kinds (e.g. copper, aluminium, nickel, zinc, lead tin etc.), and other commodities (e.g. industrial minerals, titanium dioxide, borates etc.) and it includes the mining or extraction of oil, gas, coal and alternative energy or other commodities or other minerals.

#### INVESTOR PROFILE

This Fund is suitable for investors who:

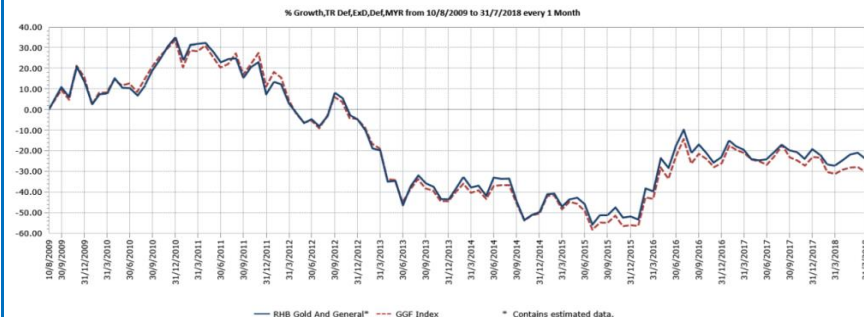
- wish to participate in the potential benefits derived from investment in companies involved in the mining and exploration of precious metals, energy or base metals;
- wish to diversify their investment portfolio from traditional asset classes; and
- are willing to accept a higher risk in their investments to obtain potentially higher returns in the long term.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- At least 95% of NAV: Investments in the units of United Gold and General Fund.
- 2% - 5% of NAV: Investments in liquid assets including money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions.

#### FUND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

##### Performance Chart Since Launch\*



##### Cumulative Performance (%)\*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
Fund	-3.73	0.99	-2.65	-6.00
Benchmark	-3.40	-1.63	-9.06	-9.50

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Fund	-4.05	72.30	21.38	-23.91
Benchmark	-10.01	66.37	13.83	-30.20

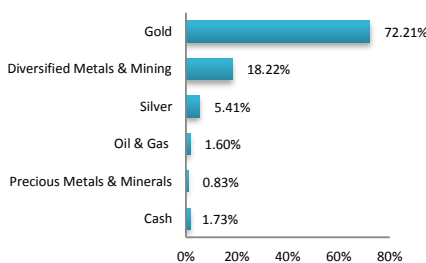
##### Calendar Year Performance (%)\*

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	5.32	59.38	-4.01	-10.92	-40.59
Benchmark	4.07	68.12	-11.34	-10.72	-41.64

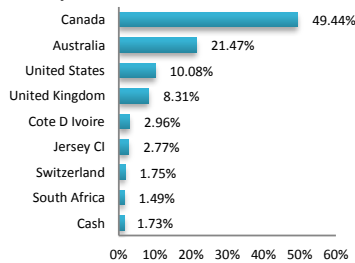
Source: Lipper IM

#### FUND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

##### Sector Allocation\*



##### Country Allocation\*



##### Top Holdings (%)\*

NEWMONT MINING	7.58
TECK RESOURCES LTD	5.28
RIO TINTO PLC	4.68
GOLDCORP INC	4.55
OCEANAGOLD	4.36

\*As percentage of NAV

\*Source: UOBAM, 31 July 2018. Exposure in United Gold & General Fund - 96.29%

#### FUND STATISTICS

##### Historical NAV (RM)

	1 Month	12 Months	Since Launch
High	0.3022	0.3282	0.6393
Low	0.2865	0.2745	0.1622

Source: Lipper IM

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**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

**MARKET REVIEW**

Physical gold started July 2018 at US\$1,253/oz and rallied slightly to reach an intra-month high of US\$1,258/oz on 5 July 2018. However, the gold price then came under sustained selling pressure given escalating concerns about Chinese economic growth prospects and the related impact on commodity prices. China is perceived as being the world's largest market for precious metals, as well as for most other commodities. The gold price eventually finished the month at US\$1,224/oz.

The US Dollar Index (DXY) strengthened marginally in July 2018 against other OECD currencies. However, it was noticeably stronger against the Chinese Renminbi, with the Chinese currency falling to US\$:RMB6.82 (-2.9%) by month-end. The Renminbi has now declined by -8.1% against the US Dollar since April 2018. Stress signs also emerged in other emerging market currencies, with the Turkish lira reacting negatively to Turkey's Central Bank leaving interest rates unchanged, and to the appointment of President Erdogan's son-in-law as head of Turkey's Finance Ministry. While emerging market stress is negative for general commodity demand, historical data shows that gold is the one commodity that can rally during periods of US Dollar strength.

Uncertainty as to the eventual impact of US trade policy action has started to undermine business and investor confidence, particularly towards emerging markets. Both gold and commodities generally suffered as risk-off sentiment increased in July 2018. Although "risk-off" implies a pick-up in safe haven demand, to date this demand has been channelled into US treasuries, not precious metals. However, the Target Fund Manager believes that gold-related assets are starting to appear attractive, particularly with the gold price moving towards the lower end of its multi-year trading range. This view is supported by data from the COMEX futures market.

July 2018 saw COMEX gold net long positions move firmly into oversold territory. Net long positioning increased to 768 tonnes (+4.2% mom) and net short positioning increased to 669 tonnes (+42.6% mom). This resulted in a net long positioning of 98 tonnes (-36.7% mom). This is the lowest level since December 2015 – which on that occasion resulted in the gold price's strong 1H16 rally. Bloomberg data showed total aggregate Gold ETF holdings virtually unchanged at 2,181 tonnes (+0.0% mom). IMF data on central bank purchases showed the Russian Central Bank adding another 16 tonnes in May 2018, increasing Russia's official gold reserves to 1,944 tonnes. The official gold holdings of the People's Bank of China (PBoC) remained unchanged at 1,842 tonnes.

Gold equities underperformed physical gold in July 2018, perhaps unsurprising since operational leverage implies that gold producers will see a larger drop in profits than any underlying weakness in the gold price. Even so, the sell-off in share prices was at odds with the generally positive 2Q18 financial results. In particular, the Target Fund Manager notes that a number of Australian producers – such as Gascoyne Resources, Newcrest Mining and St. Barbara – all hedged a portion of their future production at recent highs in the gold price. The Target Fund maintained its preference for companies operating in safe political jurisdictions, and is predominantly invested in Australian and Canadian producers.

The EMIX Global Mining Index declined in July 2018, with trade war concerns overshadowing still positive global manufacturing PMI data and industrial production data. While global manufacturing production is still positive, investors appear to be concerned that growth is now starting to lose momentum. For example, the JP Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI peaked at 54.5 in December 2017 and fell to 52.7 in July 2018. This weakness has negative implications for base metals and bulk commodity prices. The Target Fund maintained a neutral benchmark weighting in general mining companies and is solely invested in low-cost producers with strong balance sheets.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil price started July 2018 at US\$74.15/bbl and closed the month higher at US\$68.76/bbl (-7.3% mom). Even though OPEC had signalled in June 2018 that it would raise production, sentiment was affected by its production of 32.6 mmbopd in July – the highest level for the year. In addition, US onshore production continues to increase, with many US producers using the futures market to lock-in high prices and ensure their profitability over the coming twelve months.

**MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

Financial markets expect further interest rate hikes and monetary tightening from the US Federal Reserve. However, US monetary policy contrasts with the Bank of Japan and the ECB, both of which continue with quantitative easing programs. This divergence may cause volatility in global currency markets and has uncertain implications for global inflation. Unconventional monetary policy and low real interest rates could cause higher inflation, which would be positive for gold and potentially positive for general commodity prices. Conversely, disappointing economic growth could result in deflation and renewed risks to the global banking system. The Target Fund expects to hold a neutral to overweight position in gold equities relative to the benchmark, with a preference for mid-tier and junior producers with growing volume output and low production costs. The Target Fund's preference for gold is based on the Target Fund Manager's belief that gold-related assets can perform well in both inflationary and deflationary environments.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 July 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 33.3 and is classified as "Very High". (source: Lipper) "Very High" includes funds with VF that are more than 11.1 (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 2018 which is calculated once every six months and is valid until its next calculation date, i.e. 31 December 2018.

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 PHS and the contents of the Master Prospectus dated 6 October 2017 and its supplementary(ies) (if any) ("the Master Prospectus") before investing. The Master Prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. 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.

The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks of the Fund are management risk and foreign investment risks such as currency risk and country risk and the specific risks of the Target Fund are market risk in the global markets, foreign exchange/currency risk, political risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, small capitalisation companies risk, single sector risk, commodities risk, broker risk, counterparty risk, equity risk and investment management risk. These risks and other general risks are elaborated in the Master Prospectus.

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