

HLA Venture Growth Fund (HLAVGF)

Dec 2017

Fund Features

1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve higher returns than the general stock market by investing into growth stocks which potentially generate more superior returns.

2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund focuses on growth stocks listed in Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that provide potentially higher capital gains.

3. Asset Allocation

The fund may invest up to 95% of its NAV in equities.

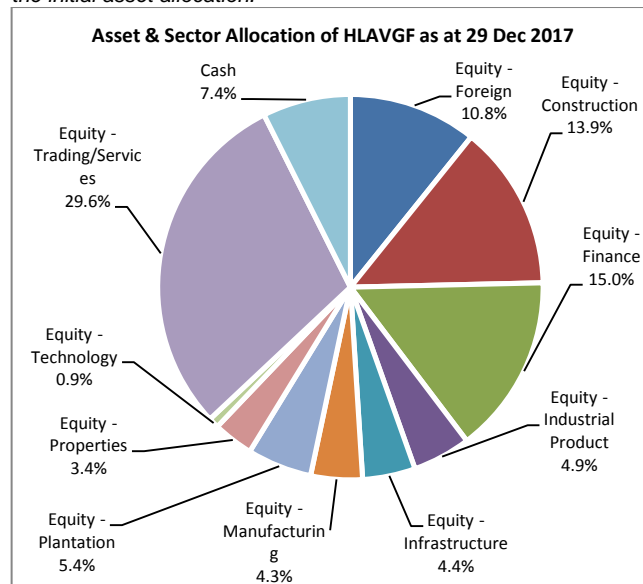
4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors with moderate to high-risk appetite with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

Fund Details

Unit Price (29/12/2017)	:RM2.4257
Fund Size (29/12/2017)	:RM436.3mil
Fund Management Fee (effective as at 01/11/2016)	: 1.45% p.a. (capped at 1.50%)
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Equity
Fund Inception	:19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	:FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBM KLCI)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

The Company reserves the right to change the cap of Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice. The Fund Management Fee will be reviewed monthly and will be revised if the previous month end actual asset allocation deviates by more than ten percent (10%) of the initial asset allocation.



Top 10 Holdings for HLAVGF as at 29 Dec 2017

	%
1. MAYBANK	7.9
2. TENAGA	7.6
3. CIMB	7.1
4. DIALOG	4.7
5. INARI	4.3
6. YINSON	3.5
7. TENCENT	3.4
8. EFORCE	3.2
9. AXIATA	3.0
10. SIMEPLT	2.8
Total Top 10	47.5

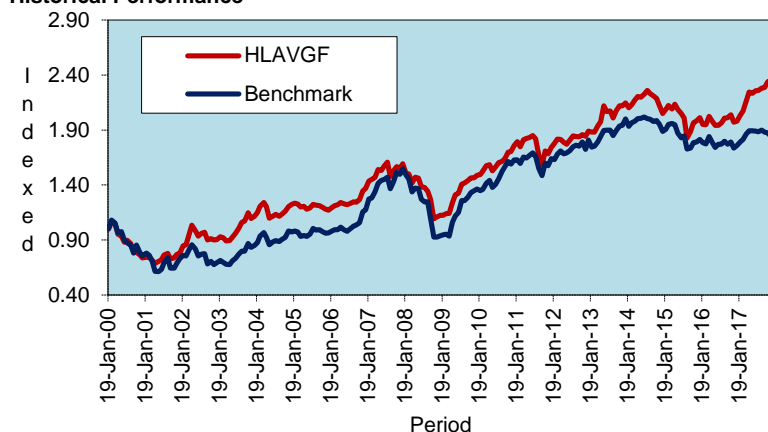
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Historical Performance



	1 month	YTD	1 year	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVGF	3.19%	22.45%	22.45%	28.40%	52.16%	142.57%
Benchmark	4.60%	9.45%	9.45%	6.39%	24.34%	92.51%
Relative	-1.41%	13.01%	13.01%	22.01%	27.81%	50.06%

Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

Most regional equity markets ended the month on a positive note on the back of optimism over global growth with markets like Hong Kong and Thailand hitting ten year highs despite profit taking of technology stocks due to concerns over weaker than expected demand for Apple's new phones. Meanwhile, the main headlines was the passing of the US tax reform bill, which is seen as a game-changer for US corporate earnings and the overall economic outlook. In turn, commodities extended its upward trend, led by rising industrial metal prices, as concerns over slowing Chinese industry activity eased again. During the month, Brent crude rallied to above US\$66 a barrel on the back of supply pressures following a pipeline leak in the UK North Sea, an explosion that disrupted the supply at a Libyan pipeline and the extended production cuts by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec). Finally, FOMC raised its target for short-term interest rates at the December meeting by 0.25% as expected, although the pace of future hikes is more uncertain with a new Fed Chair.

The local index started the month flat, as the market lacked catalysts. However, heading towards month-end, the KLCI started to trend upwards due to year end window dressing on blue-chips. This was followed by foreign inflows of RM165m during the last trading week of the year. Ringgit also continued to strengthen to trade at RM4.0465/ US\$ from the low of RM4.4862/ US\$ as at end 2016.

For the month, the KLCI rose 4.6% or 79pts to close at 1,796.8pts driven by the finance and technology sectors. The broader market underperformed, with the FBM Emas rising by only 4.3% mom to 12,942pts. Small caps performance was weaker relative to KLCI in December as the FBM Small cap index rose by only 1.6% mom to 17,051pts while the FBM MESDAQ rose 4.6% to 6,603pts. Average daily value traded on Bursa fell 3% mom to RM2.65bn. During the month, Nestle, Press Metal, Sime Darby Plantations were added to the KLCI index, while Westports, Sime Darby Property, IJM and BAT were deleted.

We expect 2018 to be an eventful year. On the global backdrop, monetary policies are expected to be less accommodative with uncertainties surrounding the new tax reform in the US. Domestically, market is now expecting Bank Negara Malaysia to hike rates by 25bps in January 2018 just before the upcoming general elections that must be held by August 2018. Themes that we favour in 2018 would include 1) consumption recovery plays, 2) beneficiaries of a stronger Ringgit, 3) reflationary theme and 4) selective rail-related infrastructure spending beneficiaries.

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Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Five (5) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Benchmark	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%
HLAVGF- Gross	16.3%	-3.2%	-0.6%	-0.1%	26.0%
HLAVGF - Net	13.6%	-4.4%	-1.9%	-1.5%	22.5%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past five (5) years, or since inception if shorter, and are strictly the performance of the investment-linked fund. Thus, the returns are not earned on the actual premium paid of the investment-linked product.

Investment Risks

All investments carry risks. Policy Owners must be prepared to accept certain degree of risk associated with this Investment. The following are the non-exhaustive list of risks associated to this fund.

1. Market Risk

Market risk stems from the fact that there are other economy-wide perils, which threaten all businesses. It is mainly caused by uncertainties in the economy, political and social environment.

2. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund invested cannot be readily sold and converted into cash. This may arise when the trading volume is low and/or where there is a lack of demand for the security.

3. Credit Risk

This refers to the possibility that the issuer of a security will not be able to make timely payments of interest or principal repayment on the maturity date. The default may lead to a fall in the value of the funds.

4. Interest Rate Risk

The level of interest rates has an impact on the value of investments. Any increase in rates will lead to a fall in the value of securities, thus affecting the value of the funds.

5. Country Risk

The foreign investment of a fund may be affected by the political & economic conditions of the country which the investments are made.

6. Currency Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuation in foreign exchange rates will have an impact on the value of the funds.

Basis of Unit Valuation

- The assets of every fund are to be valued to determine the value at which units of a particular fund can be liquidated or purchased for investment purposes.
- The unit price of a unit of a fund shall be determined by the Company but in any event shall not be less than the value of fund of the relevant fund (as defined below), divided by the number of units of the given fund in issue on the business day before the valuation date, and the result adjusted to the nearest one hundredth of a cent.
- The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
 - The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
 - In the case of securities for which market values are not readily available, the price at which, in our Investment Manager's opinion, the asset may have been purchased on the business day before the valuation date; plus any expenses which would have been incurred in its acquisition.
- To ensure fair treatment to all unit holders, the cost of acquiring and disposing of assets is recouped by making a transaction cost adjustment to the net asset value per unit.

Exceptional Circumstances

The Company reserves the right to defer the payment of benefits (other than death benefit) under this Policy for a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date the payment would have been normally effected if not for intervening events such as temporary closure of any Stock Exchange in which the fund is invested which the Company, in its discretion, may consider exceptional.

Basis of Calculation of Past Performance

The historical performance of the fund is calculated based on the price difference over the period in consideration compared to the older price of the period in consideration.

$$\frac{\text{Unit Price}_t - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$$

Others

HLA Venture Growth Fund is managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (HLA). Any amount invested in this fund is invested by HLA on behalf of Policy Owner in equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instruments defaults or insolvent, the Policy Owner risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the instruments on his/her behalf by HLA.

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Disclaimer:

Policy Owner must evaluate your options carefully and satisfy yourself that the investment-linked fund chosen meets your risk appetite. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The intention of this document is to enable Policy Owner to better understand the fund features and details in order to assist Policy Owner to making an informed decision. This document shall not be construed as professional advice on investment choices.