HLA Venture Blue Chip Fund (HLAVBCF)

Feb 2019

Fund Features

1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve returns comparable to the general stock market by taking average risks, with focus on well-capitalised and financially sound "blue chip" stocks to achieve a balance of capital gains and dividend income.

2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund provides participation in the stock market without taking excessive risk by focusing on fundamentally strong "blue chip" stocks listed in Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges. This fund is suitable for investors with moderate risk tolerance and expects returns that are comparable to the market as represented by the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBM KLCI).

3. Asset Allocation

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

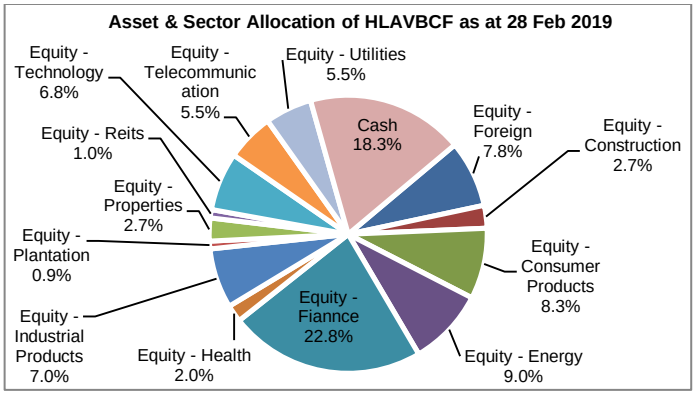
4. Target Market

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Fund Details

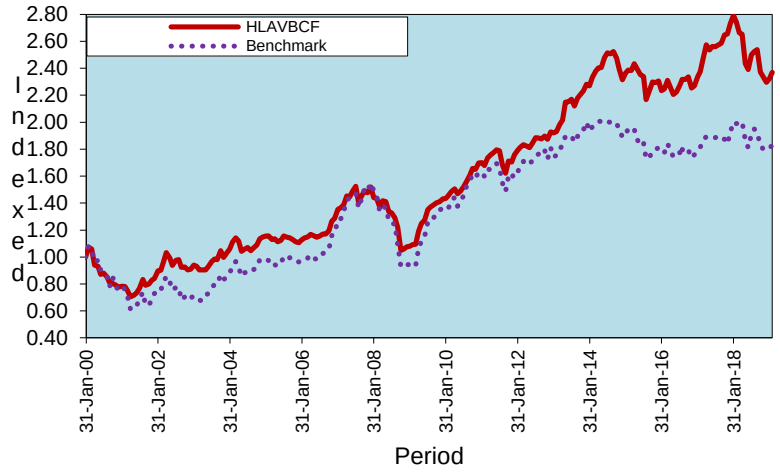
Unit Price (28/2/2019)	: RM2.3701
Fund Size (28/2/2019)	: RM225.7mil
Fund Management Fee (effective as at 01/05/2018)	: 1.43% p.a. (capped at 1.50%)
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	: 19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	: FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBM KLCI)
Frequency 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 5 Holdings for HLAVBCF as at 28 Feb 2019		%
1.	MAYBANK	7.8
2.	CIMB	7.8
3.	YINSON	5.7
4.	TENAGA	5.5
5.	PBBANK	4.0
	Total Top 5	**30.8**

Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVBCF	3.18%	2.09%	-13.59%	5.48%	1.69%	116.90%	137.01%
Benchmark*	1.01%	1.44%	-8.00%	3.20%	-6.97%	91.74%	82.96%
Relative	2.16%	0.65%	-5.59%	2.28%	8.66%	25.17%	54.05%

*Source: Bloomberg

Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

Moving into February, we saw better risk appetite among investors regionally. Market was optimistic when the Fed reiterated its dovish policy direction where the Fed will be more willing to hold back raising rates even if inflation or growth picks up. As a result, investors were willing to bet that the other central banks would also be looking towards re-starting monetary easing aided by the lack of inflationary pressures. In addition to that, news that the US President might be willing to push back the March 1 deadline for additional tariff hikes also seems to solidify the belief that the US and China were determined for a way out of the impasse. Oil prices enjoyed a rebound during the month; +6% mom to US$57.25 per barrel on the back of Opec and Russian-led supply cuts as well as US sanctions on oil producers in Iran and Venezuela which helped offset rising US production. However, things on the geopolitical front seems to have intensified over the month with two nuclear rivals - India and Pakistan launching tit-for-tat airstrikes prompting global concerns over a potential outbreak of war in South Asia. US President Donald Trump also seemed to be unable to make headway following his second meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on the nuclear disarmament.

Back in Malaysia, it was the quarterly corporate reporting season. Majority of the earnings seen were relatively weak. Major disappointments came from the plantation, utilities, property, construction, telco and aviation sectors. The banking sector was mixed with the bigger banks painting a relatively more subdued tone going forward. During the month we saw EPF declaring a dividend of 6.15% for the conventional portion and 5.9% for Simpanan Shariah. The major unexpected news that took the majority of investors by surprise was the announcement by the government that it has commenced talks with Gamuda to negotiate the acquisition of highway concessions for LDP, Sprint, Kesas and Smart Tunnel.

For the month, the KLCI underperformed the broader market with a gain of 1.4% mom to 1,707.73 pts. The FBM Small Cap was the best performing index increasing by 3.6% mom to 12,545.66 pts. FBM Emas Shariah was up by 1.6% mom to 11,732.11 pts and FBM Emas increased by 1.4% mom to 11,826.70 pts.

Going forward, investors will continue to follow closely the outcome of the trade talks between the US and China as well as the outcome of Brexit negotiations. Domestically, among key events to watch include the response to the launch of the National Home Ownership Campaign Expo from 1st to 3rd of March, and it if manages to lift inventory in the property sector. Also with the cap of RON95 pump price at RM2.08 per litre, this could potentially provide further support to private consumption growth. We remain defensive with a preference towards oversold stocks as well as stocks that offer earnings resilience with steady dividend yield.

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Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Ten (10) Calendar Years

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Benchmark	45.2%	19.3%	0.8%	10.3%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%	-5.9%
HLAVBF- Gross	37.4%	21.6%	5.4%	11.9%	21.4%	3.2%	1.1%	-0.1%	23.6%	-15.7%
HLAVBF - Net	33.1%	18.5%	3.6%	9.6%	18.3%	1.5%	-0.4%	-1.6%	20.3%	-15.9%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.
Those are the actual returns in the past ten (10) 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.

Risk Management

The Company has in place its Authorized Investment Framework which forms part of the Risk Management process. The authority framework will cover the nature and scope of the investment authority that is exercisable by various parties in managing the Company's investments. Besides this, sensitivity and stress testing is conducted to inform the Company's management the profit & loss profiles of their investments under different pre-defined risk scenarios and the necessary action to be taken if the potential losses exceed the Company's risk tolerance level.

Basis of Unit Valuation

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
   a) The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
   b) 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.
4. 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 Blue Chip 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.

THIS IS AN INSURANCE PRODUCT THAT IS TIED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS, AND IS NOT A PURE INVESTMENT PRODUCT SUCH AS UNIT TRUSTS.

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.