

# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

U series USD MONTHLY report - 2025 FEBRUARY (made on: 02/28/2025)

## INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The aim of the Fund is to share in the performance of companies benefiting from the growth of developing economies, through share price increases or dividend payments of listed companies, either directly (through investments in individual stocks) or indirectly (through ETFs or mutual Funds), while taking environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into account. The Fund does not directly invest in shares of Chinese companies within the emerging market universe. The geographical distribution is partly determined by the MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China Index, in which, besides a significant Asian (ex China) focus, European and Latin American companies are also heavily represented, and partly by the MSCI World with Emerging Markets (EM) Exposure Index, in which American and European companies represent the greatest weight. The use of stock and index futures is permitted in order to hedge and effectively build the Fund's portfolio. In selecting the stocks, the Fund pays special attention to the ESG compliance of individual companies; therefore, besides analysing financial factors, portfolio managers also consider environmental, social and governance factors in the investment decision process. The Fund Manager seeks to build a portfolio in which the positive ESG characteristics of companies prevail, i.e. companies with high ESG scores are overrepresented in the portfolio as compared to companies with low ESG scores.

The environmental criterion covers the elements where a business interacts with the environment. This includes, for example, the energy usage, waste management, and emission of pollutants of corporations, as well as the preservation of natural resources. Social criteria include all relations of a corporation with external partners, customers and internal employees. Corporate governance criteria include the legal conditions affecting the reliable operation of a corporation.

Due to the strategy of the Fund, it may also invest in assets denominated in foreign currency. The Fund may hedge some or all of its foreign currency risk using forward currency positions against the target currency, i.e. the settlement currency of the benchmark (USD). The Fund Manager has a discretionary right to reduce the foreign currency risk of positions denominated in a currency other than the target currency, depending on market developments, by entering into hedge transactions. In addition, the use of equity and index futures is permitted in order to effectively build the Fund's portfolio. The Fund records its assets in Hungarian forint (HUF).

## MARKET SUMMARY

Global financial and capital market movements in February were largely driven by Donald Trump's tariff hike policy. The US President imposed significant import tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, which initially triggered a sharp sell-off in markets. Eventually, the last-minute announcement of a delay in the tariffs eased the mood, but the phenomenon illustrates the volatility of the markets. Despite the trade tensions, the US economy continued to show solid growth, with annual household consumption growth above 4% and subdued inflation creating a favorable environment for the equity markets. In Europe, investor sentiment was also driven by Trump's tariff announcements and the expected EU response. German and French inflation data came in slightly below expectations, reinforcing expectations of a rate cut by the European Central Bank (ECB) this year. As a result, the yield on two-year German government bonds fell by an unprecedented 19 basis points in February. This was partly due to the German elections, in which the AfD performed weaker than expected. In equity markets, the industrial and automotive sectors were particularly sensitive to US tariffs, while defense and energy stocks performed well. EU policymakers are expected to prepare targeted trade responses, which could lead to further volatility in the coming months.

The Fund started the month of February slightly underweight against the benchmark, but at the beginning of the month it re-opened overweight in the Polish equity market. During the month, the Fund outperformed its benchmark index, mainly due to the overweights in Poland and Greece, while the underweight in Thailand also helped performance. In contrast, the underweight in South Korea took some of the outperformance away. At the end of the month, we remained overweight in Polish, Greek and UAE equities, offset by underweights in Thailand and Malaysia. The Fund started the new month with an overweight of around 5%.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Fund Manager:                      | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary  |
| Custodian:                         | Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.   |
| Main distributor:                  | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary<br>70% MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Net Return USD Index +<br>30% MSCI World with EM Exposure Net Total Return Index |
| Benchmark composition:             |   |
| ISIN code:                         | HU0000723705  |
| Start:                             | 05/26/2020  |
| Currency:                          | USD   |
| Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: | 21,670,060,413 HUF  |
| Net Asset Value of U series:       | 363,882 USD   |
| Net Asset Value per unit:          | 1.200768 USD  |

## DISTRIBUTORS

Conseq Investment Management, a.s., ERSTE Group Bank AG Austria, Erste Investment Plc., OTP Bank Nyrt., SC Aegon ASIGURARI DE VIATA SA, VIG Asset Management Hungary Plc.

## SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

|        |        |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3 mths | 6 mths | 1 yr | 2 yr | 3 yr | 4 yr | 5 yr |
|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

| Asset                                     | Weight          |
|---|-----------------|
| Collective securities                     | 59.49 %         |
| International equities                    | 35.11 %         |
| Hungarian equities                        | 1.77 %          |
| Current account                           | 3.72 %          |
| Liabilities                               | -0.16 %         |
| Receivables                               | 0.09 %          |
| Market value of open derivative positions | 0.00 %          |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>100,00 %</b> |
| Derivative products                       | 8.39 %          |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 108.62 %        |

Assets with over 10% weight

There is no such instrument in the portfolio

## RISK PROFILE

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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## NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

| Interval    | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| YTD         | -1.45 %       | -0.96 %         |
| From launch | 3.92 %        | 6.59 %          |
| 1 month     | -2.59 %       | -2.81 %         |
| 3 months    | -3.07 %       | -1.62 %         |
| 2024        | 7.27 %        | 10.80 %         |
| 2023        | 12.17 %       | 15.48 %         |
| 2022        | -25.08 %      | -22.11 %        |
| 2021        | -3.81 %       | -2.90 %         |

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 05/26/2020 - 02/28/2025



## RISK INDICATORS

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 1 year      | 15.99 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year | 16.03 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 3 year      | 18.80 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 5 year      | 18.61 %    |
| WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)   | 0.00 years |
| WAL (Weighted Average Life)   | 0.00 years |

## TOP 10 POSITIONS

| Asset  | Type            | Counterparty / issuer            | Maturity          |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China UCITS ETF | investment note | Lyxor MSCI EM Ex China UCITS ETF | 8.80 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF       | 6.49 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF       | 6.41 %            |
| Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET                 | investment note | Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF  | 4.76 %            |
| NVIDIA Corp                                    | share           | NVIDIA Corporation               | 4.72 %            |
| iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF                  | investment note | iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF    | 4.70 %            |
| WIG20 INDEX FUT Mar25 Buy                      | derivative      | Erste Bef. Hun                   | 03/21/2025 4.60 % |
| iShares MSCI UAE ETF                           | investment note | iShares MSCI UAE ETF             | 4.08 %            |
| iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF                   | investment note | iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF     | 4.02 %            |
| Apple Computer                                 | share           | Apple Computer Inc               | 3.92 %            |

## Legal declaration

The recent document qualifies as Portfolio Report according to the Kbtv. requirements. It contains the following elements based on the last net asset value of the reporting month: presentation of the assets of the fund regarding asset type of portfolio investment and regarding other categories detailed in its investment policy; list of assets (issuers) representing more than 10% of the portfolio; net asset value of the fund, including the cumulated and the calculated value per unit share. Investors are kindly advised, that past performance of the fund does not guarantee future performance. The returns presented are to be considered without applicable taxes, distribution fees and commissions, fees related to account keeping and other costs in relation with holding an investment fund unit. Information presented in the Portfolio Report are for information purposes only, not intended to serve as investment advice, or any other offer. Investors are kindly advised to carefully read the Key Investors Document and Prospectus of the fund, in order to understand the risks of investing into the fund, and to be able to make an informed investor decision. The referred documents are available at the distribution locations and on the official website of VIG Fund Management Zrt. VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary | 1091 Budapest, Üllői út 1. | +36 1 477 4814 | alapkezezo@am.vig | www.vigam.hu