## Aegon Emerging Europe Bond Fund

PI series



MONTHLY report - 2021 DECEMBER (made on: 12/31/2021)

## INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The fund's investment objective is to provide investors with capital appreciation by investing in the sovereign- and quasi-sovereign bond market of Emerging European countries. The fund has no rating constraints, the fund has a permission to invest in any kind of issuer without limitation on its long-term foreign currency debt rating. The fund aims to reach the highest capital gain with rational risk taking. The fund primarily invests on the sovereign- and quasi-sovereign bond market of Emerging European countries denominated in foreign currency, but holds Hungarian local currency, long- and short-term bonds with diversification and liquidity management purposes. The fund may also invest in mortgage backed securities, and short- and long-term, fixed or floating securities of other financial institutions, municipalities or other business corporations, structured and convertible bonds. The fund's general risk level and the measure of the deviation from the target weights are determined on the basis of a regular market analysis and situational analysis relating to four main aspects (fundamentals, valuation levels, market sentiment, technical factors). The core part of the fund consists of the foreign currency denominated, sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds of Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine), Southeast Europe (Serbia, Turkey), Baltic states (Lithuania, Latvia) and the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Georgia, Armenia) and also holds Hungarian local currency bonds with diversification and liquidity management purposes. In case of attractive market conditions (e.g. possible upgrade of an issuer's long-term foreign currency debt rating, change of the yield curve, market mispricing, etc.) the fund may invest in bonds of issuers not listed above. The fund does not intend to invest more than 25% of its assets in a single country. The target weight for the fund's fixed income investments in the above listed countries (target countries) is 95%. The aimed risk profile of the fund is intermediate. We do not use constraints on foreign currency debt ratings. The fund may only conclude derivative transactions for the purpose of hedging or ensuring an efficient portfolio structure. The fund may also hold unleveraged debt-type collective investments linked to derivative indexes. The fund also has the option of taking on a substantial currency exposure, which will ordinarily be fully hedged to the target currency (USD), although depending on market circumstances the fund may even have an open currency position.

The investment policy of the fund changed on the 30th of December, 2016. Since then the fund has no benchmark, and fund performance before the change is not applicable.

## MARKET SUMMARY

Last month, the Fed left interest rates unchanged but confirmed its hawkish shift by announcing that it will increase in twice the pace at which it will taper its asset purchases, with net asset purchases now expected to end in mid -March. It also signalled earlier and more rate hikes. The ECB announced that it will discontinue net asset purchases under the PEPP at the end of March 2022. It also unveiled a path for the APP that will help it avoid a cliff in asset purchases in Q2 '22 while leaving QE on a downward trajectory throughout next year. The BoE's Monetary Policy Committee raised the bank rate by 15bp, to 0.25%. UST and core EGB curves held broadly stable, while peripheral markets underperformed. In FX, EUR-USD hovered around 1.13. As a reaction to the FOMC meeting, equities recovered earlier losses, showing broadly flat performance over the month. Credit risk premiums remained flat amid very low new bond supply. We made no changes to the portfolio composition last month.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: The fund has no benchmark

ISIN code: HU0000724273

Start: 12/29/2020

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 20,509,084 EUR

Net Asset Value of PI series: 12,157 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.972597 PLN

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Aegon Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie Spolka

SUGGESTED	MAINIMALIMA	INIVECTME	NIT DEDIOE

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

Asset	Weight
Government bonds	79.55 %
Corporate bonds	17.30 %
Current account	6.55 %
Liabilities	-0.15 %
Receivables	0.00 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-3.24 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	9.67 %
Net corrected leverage	101.57 %
Assets with over 10% weight	



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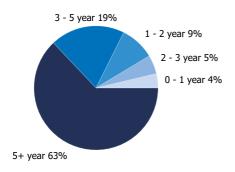


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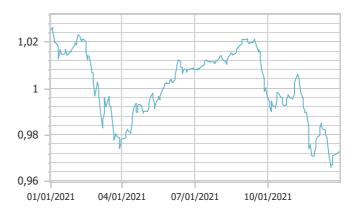
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES		
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield
From start	-2.73 %	
2021	-5.06 %	

#### Bonds by tenor:



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	4.96 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	7.45 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	9.77 years

#### Legal declaration