# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund



R series

MONTHLY report - 2022 AUGUST (made on: 08/31/2022)

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The aim of the fund is to benefit on the economical growth of emerging countries. The fund accomplishes this goal basically via individual equity investments, however it may also hold collective investment instruments, if it is necessary for the efficient management of the portfolio. These can primarily be ETFs listed on the stock exchange, and open-end public investment funds. In the course of selecting the equities the Fund dedicates special attention to the compliance of individual companies with ESG (environmental, social, governance) criteria, so in addition to analyzing the financial factors, Portfolio managers also take into consideration environmental, social and governance factors during the investment decision making 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. Environmental criteria include elements in the course of which the company comes into contact with the environment. These include for example the energy utilization, waste management, pollutant emission and/or the preservation of natural resources. Social criteria include all relations maintained by the company with its external partners, customers and internal employees. Corporate governance criteria are legal factors impacting reliable operation of a company. The Fund's main strategy is to provide broad emerging equity market exposure and to achieve performance above the emerging market index through active equity market allocation. An active strategy enables the Fund to achieve a return in excess of the benchmark. The Fund's risk exposure due to its geographical distribution is close to the benchmark. 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

## MARKET SUMMARY

Although the US inflation rate came in better than expected in August, it is still historically very high, with the second quarter GDP coming in at -0.9%, meaning that the US economy is in a stagflationary environment which is the worst of all economic environments. There was precedent for this in the US in the 1970s, when a declining economic environment was combined with high inflation. Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Chairman, solved this by raising short interest rates to over 20% in a coup de grace, which pushed the US economy into a severe recession in 1981. We think that in the current political environment, it is unlikely that the Fed chairman will be willing to do the same.

Europe continues to groan from the effects of the Russian-Ukrainian war. The biggest problem, of course, is that the Russians are using gas supplies as a weapon against Europe, and as a result, energy prices have spiraled out of control on the continent. High energy prices are fueling fears of a hard recession in Europe, and the German producer price index suggests that inflationary pressures in Europe are more likely to accelerate if energy prices do not correct.

Inflation is also a major concern in Hungary. The official inflation rate published by the HNB is also above 13%, but real inflation is closer to 20%. The MNB is trying to curb inflation with its own tools, and has raised the base rate further by 100 basis points to 11.75%, and has indicated that it will raise it even higher in the coming period. The forint reacted favorably to the rate hike, with the EUR/USD exchange rate falling below 400.

The fund achieved a positive return in August, but underperformed its benchmark index. Emerging markets again managed to outperform developed markets in August. The fund's underperformance was due to the Brazilian market being underweight, however the Brazilian market rallied a lot and outperformed emerging markets last month. In addition, the overweight in the Indonesian market continues to work well. In August, sentiment in Chinese internet stocks was helped by the US Securities and Exchange Commission's agreement with Chinese authorities on audit problems, but the positive impact of this was offset by China's zero-covid policy. China continues to be under no inflationary pressure and is in a completely different economic cycle, which is reflected in the performance of Chinese equities, which are moving in the opposite direction to global performances, but it appears that Chinese GDP growth will not be nearly as good as expected at the beginning of the year. We have taken advantage of the rise in equities during the month and reduced the fund's equity weighting, which now stands at 95%.

Lower risk

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: 100% MSCI EM (EMERGING

MARKETS) ESG HU0000723663

ISIN code: HU0000723663

Start: 06/02/2020

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 8,918,982,404 HUF

Net Asset Value of R series: 155,080,877 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.348594 HUF

**DISTRIBUTORS** 

Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

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

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND						
Asset	Weight					
Collective securities	56.24 %					
International equities	40.61 %					
Current account	2.43 %					
Receivables	0.96 %					
Liabilities	-0.22 %					
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %					
Total	100,00 %					
Derivative products	7.22 %					
Net corrected leverage	107.25 %					
Assets with over 10% weight						
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF						
RISK PROFILE						
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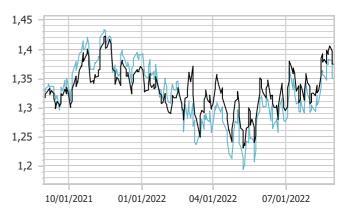
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NET YIELD PERFORMA	NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES						
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield					
From start	14.24 %	15.79 %					
2021	6.74 %	6.36 %					

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 09/01/2021 - 08/31/2022



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	19.44 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	19.27 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 10 POSITIONS							
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity				
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF					
Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS	investment note	Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS ETF					
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF					
MSCI EmgMkt Sep22 Sell	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	09/16/2022				
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF					
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactu	share	TSMC					
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF					
Lyxor MSCI Indonesia UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Indonesia UCITS ETF					
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF					
Tencent Holdings Ltd	share	Tencent Holdings Ltd					

#### Legal declaration

The recent document qualifies as Portfolio Report according to the Kbftv. 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 Aegon Alapkezelő Zrt. | 1085 Budapest, Kálvin tér 12-13. | +36 1 477 4814 | alapkezelo@aegon.hu | www.aegonalapkezelo.hu