# Aegon Polish Equity Fund





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

### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The Fund aims to share in the returns of the Polish stock market, and to profit from Polish economic growth through stock prices and dividend income. In accordance with the risk characteristics of equity investments, the Fund qualifies as a high-risk investment. According to the Fund Manager's intentions, the bulk of the Fund's portfolio is made up of the shares of foreign companies issued through public offerings. The primary investment targets are the securities, traded on the stock exchange or about to be listed on the stock exchange, of companies that operate in Poland or that derive a significant portion of their revenues from Poland, or whose shares are listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange. The Fund may also invest in equities of other Central and Eastern European companies (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Romania and Turkey). When developing the portfolio, the shares determine the nature of the Fund, and thus the proportion of shares that can be held in the Fund at any given time may reach the prevailing legal maximum. The Fund holds more than 30% of its assets in currencies other than the local currency (HUF).

### **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 Polish stock market failed to improve on months of relative weakness in August, with the index again ending the month with a significant decline, underperforming almost all stock market indices. The month saw a strong performance from the recently hard-hit games, telecom and tech companies, while retail companies also performed well after the Dino Polska earnings report, which beat expectations despite some margin tightening. Utility companies took a hit from the staggering rise in gas and electricity prices in Europe, but sellers also sold the shares of the oil and gas companies. The portfolio slightly underperformed its benchmark. In August, we were overweight utilities and consumer staples, while we were underweight banking/financials, telecoms, consumer staples (including gaming and apparel), oil and gas. In August, the mid-cap sector remained overweight relative to the benchmark. The fund has an overall exposure in line with the benchmark.

### **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 Poland IMI Loc Net

ISIN code: HU0000710850

Start: 11/18/2011

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 45,636,323 PLN

Net Asset Value of I series: 29,029,909 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.949084 PLN

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie Spolka

SUGGESTED	MINIMIIM	INVESTMEN	IT PERIOD
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3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
International equities	92.06 %
Current account	9.86 %
Liabilities	-2.30 %
Receivables	0.39 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	9.41 %
Net corrected leverage	108.73 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
Polski Koncern Naftowy	



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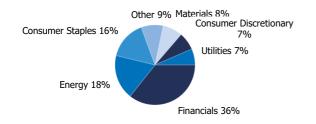




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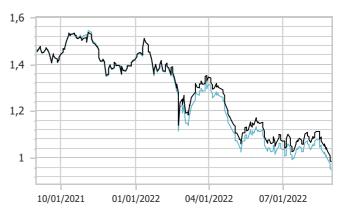
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	-0.48 %	-1.51 %	
2021	21.81 %	21.27 %	
2020	-8.26 %	-9.83 %	
2019	-3.36 %	-3.85 %	
2018	-10.44 %	-11.48 %	
2017	21.83 %	21.15 %	
2016	11.88 %	9.38 %	
2015	-10.34 %	-11.98 %	
2014	-0.78 %	-2.02 %	
2013	0.69 %	-1.47 %	
2012	24.40 %	16.71 %	

### Stocks by sectors



### NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

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



Aegon Polish Equity Fund I series

---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	25.33 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	23.86 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 10 POSITIONS			
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity
Polski Koncern Naftowy	share	PL Koncern Naftowy	
PKO Bank	share	PKO Bank	
MIDWIG INDEX FUT Sep22 Buy	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	09/16/2022
Dino Polska SA	share	DINO POLSKA SA	
POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEŃ	share	POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEŃ	
Bank Pekao SA	share	Bank Pekao SA	
KGHM Polska SA	share	KGHM Ploska SA	
Pgnig	share	Pgnig	
Allegro.eu SA	share	Allegro.eu SA	
LPP	share	LPP	

### 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