# ■ VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

I series HUF

MONTHLY report - 2023 MAY (made on: 05/31/2023)



## 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 of the benchmark (USD).

#### MARKET SUMMARY

As expected, the US fiscal crisis was resolved by the end of May. To an outsider, it was odd that such a thing could happen again after 2011, when everyone knew full well that the US would not declare bankruptcy. If it did, it would have unforeseen consequences that no one would dare risk.

The Fed raised the base rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%. The wording of the Fed's statement at the post-raise briefing was much the same as that used at the top of the rate hike cycle in 2006, deleting the phrase "FOMC expects further rate hikes to be necessary", but there was no mention of the possibility of easing, and the balance could still tip towards tightening.

In Hungary, although falling, inflation is still very high. According to the official KSH release, inflation was 24% in May, more than 1% lower than the previous month. What was different from previous months was that the National Bank lowered the top of the interest rate band from 25% to 19.50%. While the official base rate is 13% and the overnight 1-day rate is 17%, the lowering of the top of the band itself could be a guide for the months ahead. The MNB president said at the post-cut briefing that if inflation numbers continue to fall, a 100 basis point per month rate cut could be expected. The forint did not weaken much on the announcement, indicating that the market had already priced in the news. Let's not forget that foreign investors still have access to the MNB's 17% weekly deposit, which makes the forint very attractive. Let us also note that the forint yield is still significantly high compared to the surrounding countries.

The Fund achieved a positive return in May, but underperformed the benchmark index. We remain overweight in Greece and Mexico. The Greek overweight helped the Fund, but the Indian underweight negatively impacted the Fund's performance as Indian equities performed well in May. This is largely responsible for the underperformance against the benchmark index. Our view on Mexico remains that it could be a winner from deglobalisation in the Americas. In contrast, South Africa and India are underweight in the fund. China is unchanged at neutral weight. At the end of the month, the fund was at around 97% against benchmark index.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary

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ISIN code: HU0000723655

Start: 05/19/2020

Currency: HU

Net Asset Value of the whole

Benchmark composition:

Fund: 10,897,426,580 HUF

Net Asset Value of I series: 672,538,131 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.138953 HUF

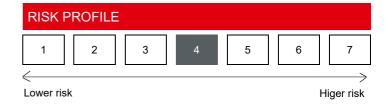
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Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

## 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	51.40 %		
International equities	24.44 %		
Current account	26.65 %		
Liabilities	-2.54 %		
Receivables	0.05 %		
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %		
Total	100,00 %		
Derivative products	21.43 %		
Net corrected leverage	121.29 %		
Assets with over 10% weight			
There is no such instrument in the portfolio			



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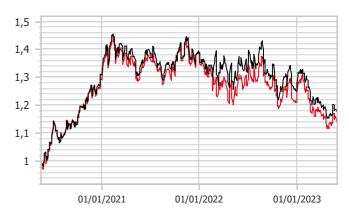
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	4.38 %	5.50 %			
1 month	1.00 %	1.52 %			
3 months	-2.34 %	-2.26 %			
2022	-12.53 %	-10.16 %			
2021	6.72 %	6.36 %			

## **NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES**

net asset value per share, 05/19/2020 - 05/31/2023



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 1 year	17.13 %
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Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 3 year	30.04 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 5 year	30.05 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity	
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	06/16/2023	9.17 %
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF		7.81 %
Amundi MSCI China ESG Leaders Select UCITS ETF	investment note	Amundi MSCI China ESG Leaders Select UCITS ETF		6.69 %
Shares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF		5.77 %
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF		4.69 %
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	06/16/2023	4.58 %
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Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF		4.20 %
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF		3.37 %
Shares MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF		3.09 %

#### 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 VIG Fund Management Zrt. VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary | 1091 Budapest, Üllői út 1. | +36 1 477 4814 | alapkezelo@am.vig | www.vigam.hu