## VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

**EGON**Alapkezelő

PI series PLN

MONTHLY report - 2023 APRIL (made on: 04/30/2023)

#### 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. The Fund may hedge some or all of its foreign currency risk using

#### MARKET SUMMARY

The US Federal Reserve raised the benchmark US interest rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%. The last time it was at this level was in 2007. Recently, the Fed's policy of raising interest rates has been causing an upheaval. There are views that the Fed has already won the battle against inflation and should be more concerned with avoiding a severe recession in the US economy, but there are also counter-views that inflation could still be a threat and that the Fed should instead raise the base rate further to avoid making the mistake that the then Fed leadership made in the late 1970s. Based on current communication, market expectations and the FOMC policymakers' views are quite divergent, with the latter ruling out a wave of rate cuts in the autumn. In Hungary, although falling, inflation remains very high. According to the official KSH release, inflation was 25.2% in April, 0.2% lower than the previous month. At the end of April, the MNB slightly changed its interest rate policy. It kept the overnight bank deposit at 18%, but brought the top of the interest rate corridor down to 20.5%. This did not really change anything, but was rather symbolic. Barnabás Virág, the deputy governor of the Hungarian national Bank, justified the change by saying that "the extreme risk scenarios have been priced out", meaning that the financial situation is much better than last autumn, when the extremely wide interest rate corridor was introduced. Let us not forget that foreign investors still have access to the MNB's 18% weekly deposit, which makes the forint very attractive. The forint did not weaken on this news of the band cut and was trading around the 375 level against the euro at the end of the month.

The Fund achieved a negative return in April and minimally underperformed the benchmark. At the beginning of the month, the Fund's forint exposure was closed. Our view is that the forint rather weaken than strengthen from this level in the future. We maintain our overweight positions in Greece and Mexico. Our view on Mexico remains unchanged that it could be one of the winners of deglobalisation in the Americas. In contrast, South Africa and India are underweight in the fund. Unfortunately, the underweight positions also outperformed in April, which is one of the reasons why the fund failed to outperform the benchmark index. China remained at neutral weight. By the end of the month, the fund was at around 100% against the benchmark index.

#### **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

HU0000723689

Start: 06/09/2020

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 11,022,439,847 HUF

Net Asset Value of PI series: 1,133,827 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.052787 PLN

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie Spolka

#### 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	49.36 %
International equities	24.63 %
Current account	26.01 %
Liabilities	-0.15 %
Receivables	0.15 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	25.87 %
Net corrected leverage	125.71 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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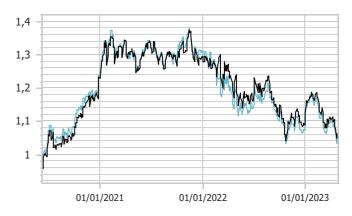
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	1.80 %	2.13 %	
2022	-17.73 %	-15.48 %	
2021	5.47 %	5.02 %	

### NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 06/09/2020 - 04/30/2023



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yieldsbased on 1 year	18.00 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	18.19 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer Matur
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun 06/16/2
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF
Amundi MSCI China ESG Leaders Select UCITS ETF	investment note	Amundi MSCI China ESG Leaders Select UCITS ETF
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun 06/16/2
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun 06/16/2
MSCI EmgMkt Jun23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun 06/16/2
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF

#### 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