# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

El series EUR MONTHLY report - 2023 SEPTEMBER (made on: 09/30/2023)



### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The aim of the Fund is to share in the performance of companies benefiting from the growth of developing economies, through share price increases or dividend payments of listed companies, either directly (through investments in individual stocks) or indirectly (through ETFs or mutual Funds), while taking environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into account. The Fund does not directly invest in shares of Chinese companies within the emerging market universe. The geographical distribution is partly determined by the MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China Index, in which, besides a significant Asian (ex China) focus, European and Latin American companies are also heavily represented, and partly by the MSCI World with Emerging Markets (EM) Exposure Index, in which American and European companies represent the greatest weight. The use of stock and index futures is permitted in order to hedge and effectively build the Fund's portfolio. In selecting the stocks, the Fund pays special attention to the ESG compliance of individual companies; therefore, besides analysing financial factors, portfolio managers also consider environmental, social and governance factors in the investment decision 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. This includes, for example, the energy usage, waste management, and emission of pollutants of corporations, as well as the preservation of natural resources. Social criteria include all relations of a corporation with external partners, customers and internal employees. Corporate governance criteria include the legal conditions affecting the reliable operation of a corporation.

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 forward currency positions against the target currency, i.e. the settlement currency of the benchmark (USD). The Fund Manager has a discretionary right to reduce the foreign currency risk of positions denominated in a currency other than the target currency, depending on market developments, by entering into hedge transactions. In addition, the use of equity and index futures is permitted in order to effectively build the Fund's portfolio. The Fund records its assets in Hungarian forint (HUF).

#### MARKET SUMMARY

In the US, at a press conference after the US Federal Reserve's September meeting, the Fed chairman said that he believes US interest rates will remain higher for longer than market participants had previously thought, which could mean that despite the fall in inflation, based on the macroeconomic numbers, the Fed is not willing to cut rates quickly. Also, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell does not seem to want to declare victory over inflation too soon, after his ill-fated "inflation is only temporary" statement two years ago, which means that he is leaning towards tightening, especially while economic indicators are still strong. Powell has also talked about soft-landing, but contrary to market expectations, this is not the Fed's baseline scenario. Real wages in the US are rising again, which is boosting economic activity, and the combined effect of these could lift the inflation trajectory in the coming months

In Hungary, the MNB has continued to cut interest rates and after a long period, the base rate and the policy rate are the same. The base rate is now only 13%, which raises the question of how the forint will react to this. Although 13% is the highest in the region, the political risk premium makes it uncertain that the forint can remain stable. The MNB expects domestic inflation and core inflation to continue to fall at a rapid pace in the coming months. As the pace of disinflation continues to accelerate, inflation is expected to ease into the single-digit range in the autumn.

The Fund achieved a positive return in September, but underperformed the benchmark index. During the month, the Fund held an underweight position of around 7%, mainly consisting of a 10% underweight in China and smaller over weights in Mexico, Greece and India. At the end of the month, we adjusted the Fund's benchmark index, removing Chinese assets from the Fund entirely and replacing them with developed market equities that derive a significant portion of their revenues from emerging markets, and are therefore more exposed to the performance of emerging market economies. Following the benchmark index change, the Fund is underweight by 2% overall at the end of the month, with a continued overweight in Greek and Indian markets and an underweight in Korean and Taiwanese markets.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

VIG Investment Fund Fund Manager: Management Hungary

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

VIG Investment Fund Main distributor: Management Hungary

70% MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Net Return USD Index +

Benchmark composition: 30% MSCI World with EM

**Exposure Net Total Return Index** 

HU0000729553 ISIN code:

07/18/2022 Start:

Currency: FUR

Net Asset Value of the whole

13.865.460.006 HUF Fund:

Net Asset Value of EI series: 3,449,961 EUR Net Asset Value per unit: 0.944966 EUR

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

UNION Vienna Insurance Group Biztosító Zrt.

	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	56.99 %
International equities	35.30 %
Liabilities	-42.78 %
Receivables	39.92 %
Current account	10.59 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-0.01 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	5.35 %
Net corrected leverage	105.35 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	-4.60 %	-4.05 %	
1 month	-1.26 %	-0.01 %	
3 months	-2 07 %	-0 71 %	

### **NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES**

net asset value per share, 07/18/2022 - 09/30/2023



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 1 year	16.42 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year	16.70 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 3 year	17.10 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 5 year	17.10 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 10 POSITIONS				
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity	
Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI EM Ex China UCITS ETF	8.86 %	
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	7.91 %	
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	7.77 %	
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	4.80 %	
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	4.54 %	
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	4.45 %	
iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	4.15 %	
Apple Computer	share	Apple Computer Inc	3.74 %	
Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS	investment note	Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS ETF	3.55 %	
NVIDIA Corp	share	NVIDIA Corporation	3.22 %	

#### 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