# ■ VIG Maraton ESG Multi Asset Investment Fund

UI series USD MONTHLY report - 2024 FEBRUARY (made on: 02/29/2024)



#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The aim of the Fund is to create an investment portfolio that achieves annualised capital growth for investors higher than the benchmark over a 3-year time horizon while achieving the Fund's Sustainability Objectives. With a view to achieving these objectives, the Fund may invest in a variety of instruments, i.e. it holds primarily equity and bond-type instruments, while it may also invest in collective securities and enter into derivative transactions, subject in each case to the relevant investment limits. The fund does not have a geographical specification. In order to realise the investment objectives, the asset groups in the Fund's portfolio may be varied freely, without having to adhere to a predetermined risk profile.

The Fund's investment strategy is based on sustainable value creation, aiming to build an actively managed and sufficiently diverse portfolio that takes into account both sustainability criteria and the fundamentals of the assets held. The Fund's asset allocation strategy is based on the asset allocation model used by the Fund Manager, the Investment Clock, used by the Fund Manager to determine the asset mix with the best risk to return potential at a given point of the economic cycle. In addition to asset allocation, the Fund Manager aims to achieve the financial and sustainability objectives of the Fund through active stock and bond selection policies. Stock selection is based on sustainable growth, through the selection of stocks of companies able to achieve outstanding performance both financially and in terms of ESG risks, thus creating long-term shareholder value. When selecting bonds, the Fund Manager seeks to maximise the proportion of green bond issues, taking into account existing market constraints.

#### MARKET SUMMARY

In the US, the most important market event remains the Federal Reserve's interest rate meeting and the subsequent press conference. Investors will be trying to guess when the Fed will cut rates for the first time and how many rate cuts there will be in 2024. 2023 has ended with the idea that this year the economy will either land hard, meaning a recession, or soft, meaning the economy will slow but there will be no recession. At the rate-setting meeting, it was decided not to cut interest rates just yet as inflation is falling, but there are signs that inflation could rise again in the future. According to the central bank president, "it would be inappropriate to lower interest rates before there is greater certainty that inflation is on a sustainable path towards the 2% target".

The Hungarian National Bank cut its key interest rate by 100 basis points to 9.00% in January. The decision was not unanimous, but according to the bank's vice-president Barnabas Virág, a large majority supported the higher rate cut. The decision was heavily influenced by the fact that inflation has fallen faster than market and central bank expectations, and that although global political risks remain, but these have not led to an increase in energy prices. The Hungarian economy is experiencing strong and widespread disinflation. Consumer prices rose by 3.8% year-on-year in January, bringing inflation within the central bank's tolerance band. According to the Vice-President's forecast, the key interest rate will be lowered to 6-7% by the end of the first half of the year. Following the rate decision, the forint weakened against the euro, rising above the 390 level.

The Fund closed February up by more than 2%. Equities were the main contributor to the Fund's performance. The equity weighting ranged between 30% and 35% over the month, and while exposure to developed markets was reduced, Central Europe remained heavily weighted in the Fund. Within the region, the main contributors were the very strong performing banking sector (OTP, Komercni and Greek banks) and Hungarian small caps (Dunahouse, Gspark). Within corporate bonds, bank bonds were the best performers, while European government bonds captured more of February's performance. The A Fund's open currency exposure was around 20%, which certainly helped the A Fund's returns. The Fund's developed market exposure, mainly in AI, was realized at the end of the month, but we continue to see good opportunities in Central European markets. The very low bond risk was slightly increased during the month after the correction in February.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager:

VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary

Custodian:

Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

Main distributor: VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary

Benchmark composition: Hurdle rate, annual 3.5%

ISIN code: HU0000729587 Start: 07/21/2022

Currency: USD

Net Asset Value of the whole

Fund: 17,735,736

Net Asset Value of UI series: 82,918 USD

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.176843 USD

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

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ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
T-bills	20.16 %
Corporate bonds	18.70 %
Government bonds	17.64 %
Collective securities	16.13 %
Hungarian equities	10.65 %
International equities	5.76 %
Current account	9.67 %
Receivables	1.95 %
Liabilities	-0.15 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-0.50 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	70.62 %
Net corrected leverage	108.41 %

## SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

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

17,733,756,385 HUF

RISK F	ROFILE					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower rist						Higer risk

OBL 0 10/10/25 (German State)

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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
YTD	1.91 %	0.59 %		
From launch	10.66 %	1.75 %		
1 month	1.06 %	0.28 %		
3 months	5.80 %	0.72 %		
2023	14.12 %	1.59 %		

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

net asset value per share, 07/21/2022 - 02/29/2024



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 1 year	3.79 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year	0.12 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 3 year	6.66 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 5 year	6.66 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	1.94 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	2.25 years

TOP 10 POSITIONS						
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity			
OBL 0 10/10/25	zero coupon	German State	10/10/2025	10.65 %		
US T-Bill 05/02/24	zero coupon	USA	05/02/2024	9.53 %		
OTP HB 5,5% 07/13/25	interest-bearing	OTP Bank Nyrt.	07/13/2025	7.26 %		
FRTR 1,75% 06/25/39	interest-bearing	French state	06/25/2039	6.41 %		
Adventum MAGIS Zártkörű Alapok Alapja	investment note	Adventum MAGIS Closed-End Funds		5.97 %		
iShares Core MSCI World UCITS	investment note	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF		5.93 %		
BTPS 4 10/30/31	interest-bearing	Italian State	10/30/2031	4.17 %		
US LONG BOND(CBT) Jun24 Buy	derivative	Raiffeisen Hun	06/18/2024	3.66 %		
MFB 2025/06/24 1,375% EUR	interest-bearing	Hungarian Investment Bank cPlc.	06/24/2025	3.22 %		
WIG20 INDEX FUT Mar24 Buy	derivative	Erste Bef. Hun	03/15/2024	2.96 %		

### 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