

# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

R series HUF MONTHLY report - 2024 APRIL (made on: 04/30/2024)

## 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, the key market indicators remain inflation and unemployment. The Federal Reserve is confident that its relatively high Fed funds rate will bring inflation down over time, but the big headwind is that policymakers continue to run very large budget deficits. The US national debt is \$34,000bn and rising. The annual interest cost of the debt is already \$1,000bn, which is more than the US spends on defense. Against this backdrop, the Fed has a difficult task, because although it would like to lower interest rates in the face of rising interest costs, the inflation figures do not yet support this decision. The question is what the central bank will do if the unemployment rate starts to rise but inflation does not come down. Although Fed Chairman Jerome Powell believes that the most likely scenario is that the unemployment rate will remain low while inflation gradually declines, the macroeconomic numbers do not support this. Where we think the Fed chairman is wrong is that inflation is not coming from the supply side, but from excessive fiscal spending. This in turn is driven by politicians and there is no will to tighten. Here at home, the Hungarian National Bank cut its key rate by 50 basis points to 7.75% in April. The decision was unanimous, and Barnabás Virág, the bank's vice-president, said that the key rate could fall to 6.50-7.00% by the middle of the year, provided the macro data remain strong. The HNB will decide on the basis of incoming data, and inflation developments will remain an important factor in the decision. Following the rate decision, the forint strengthened slightly against the euro and stabilized around the 392 level at the end of the month.

The Fund had a return of almost -3% in April, slightly underperformed its benchmark. In the first half of the month, the Fund increased its overweight position, mainly by adding to its overweights in Korea, Taiwan and India, as well as an overweight position in Turkey, while closing its overweight position in Greece. In mid-month, however, the Fund reduced its equity weighting to underweight due to the deteriorating outlook and closed its regional and Asian overweights. While the Turkish overweight contributed strongly to performance over the month, the regional, Taiwanese and Korean markets underperformed, leading to the Fund's overall underperformance over the month. The Fund started the new month with underweight against its benchmark.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Fund Manager:                      | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary   |
| Custodian:                         | Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.  |
| Main distributor:                  | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary   |
| Benchmark composition:             | 70% MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Net Return USD Index + 30% MSCI World with EM Exposure Net Total Return Index |
| ISIN code:                         | HU0000723663   |
| Start:                             | 06/02/2020   |
| Currency:                          | HUF  |
| Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: | 18,973,727,944 HUF   |
| Net Asset Value of R series:       | 9,815,389,577 HUF  |
| Net Asset Value per unit:          | 1.404479 HUF   |

## DISTRIBUTORS

Raiffeisen Bank cPlc.

## 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                     | 55.87 %         |
| International equities                    | 29.92 %         |
| T-bills                                   | 3.48 %          |
| Current account                           | 10.92 %         |
| Liabilities                               | -0.21 %         |
| Receivables                               | 0.03 %          |
| Market value of open derivative positions | -0.01 %         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>100.00 %</b> |
| Derivative products                       | 7.46 %          |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 107.32 %        |

### Assets with over 10% weight

There is no such instrument in the portfolio

## RISK PROFILE

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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## NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

| Interval    | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| YTD         | 9.94 %        | 9.74 %          |
| From launch | 9.08 %        | 10.08 %         |
| 1 month     | -2.81 %       | -2.37 %         |
| 3 months    | 7.64 %        | 8.40 %          |
| 2023        | 4.95 %        | 6.49 %          |
| 2022        | -12.40 %      | -10.16 %        |
| 2021        | 6.74 %        | 6.36 %          |

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 06/02/2020 - 04/30/2024



## RISK INDICATORS

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 1 year       | 14.43 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year | 14.92 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 3 year       | 16.87 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields-based on 5 year       | 16.61 %    |
| WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)   | 0.00 years |
| WAL (Weighted Average Life)   | 0.00 years |

## TOP 10 POSITIONS

| Asset  | Type            | Counterparty / issuer                      | Maturity          |
|--|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China UCITS ETF | investment note | Lyxor MSCI EM Ex China UCITS ETF           | 7.67 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF                 | 7.47 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF                 | 6.80 %            |
| Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET                 | investment note | Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF            | 5.96 %            |
| iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF                  | investment note | iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF              | 5.36 %            |
| iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF                   | investment note | iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF               | 4.86 %            |
| iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF     | investment note | iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF | 4.32 %            |
| S&P500 EMINI FUT Jun24 Buy                     | derivative      | Raiffeisen Hun                             | 06/21/2024 3.90 % |
| NVIDIA Corp                                    | share           | NVIDIA Corporation                         | 3.69 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF                    | investment note | Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF                | 3.62 %            |

## Legal declaration

The recent document qualifies as Portfolio Report according to the Kbtv. 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 | alapkezelelo@am.vig | www.vigam.hu