

# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

UI series USD MONTHLY report - 2024 AUGUST (made on: 08/31/2024)

## 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

August started with a correction in developed economies, including the US. Contributing to the downturn was the likelihood of a hard landing in the economy as opposed to a soft landing. On the other hand, the Japanese central bank's interest rate hike in response to the weakening yen negatively affected investors who had leveraged equity positions financed with cheap Japanese yen. This caused a stock market crash in Japan that spilled over to the United States. US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell has indicated that the Fed may start cutting interest rates from September, but, he sees no justification for a drastic cut. This uncertainty has increased market volatility and many investors have fled into bonds, and yields have fallen. At the end of the month, Nvidia published its second quarter results, which exceeded investor expectations, but the company's less optimistic forecasts were disappointing. Nvidia, seen as the flagship of the artificial intelligence wave, is also being watched by many as the performance of many technology companies could be affected by its month-end report. In Hungary, the MNB's interest rate policy has reached a turning point, as the one-and-a-half-year cycle of rate cuts appears to be coming to an end, with the central bank leaving the base rate at 6.75% at its August policy meeting. This is consistent with declining inflationary pressures, but we do not rule out further rate cuts in the event of weak economic performance. Another important consideration is the forint exchange rate, which has shown considerable volatility recently, so we believe that an implicit moderation of this may have played a role in the decision.

The Fund returned -2% during August, underperforming the benchmark index by almost 70 basis points. The Fund maintained a neutral risk exposure during the month. The regional composition of the Fund caused the underperformance, as the large Asian countries that were slightly overweight (India, Taiwan, South Korea) all underperformed, while underweight regions such as Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia all outperformed during the month. This was somewhat offset by some individual positions, mainly due to further outperformance from Richter and Erste. The Fund started September slightly overweight.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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:	HU0000729561
Start:	07/18/2022
Currency:	USD
Net Asset Value of the whole Fund:	21,952,076,904 HUF
Net Asset Value of UI series:	89,819 USD
Net Asset Value per unit:	1.276437 USD

## DISTRIBUTORS

Concorde Securities Ltd.

## SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr
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## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Asset	Weight
Collective securities	58.47 %
International equities	31.48 %
T-bills	4.28 %
Hungarian equities	1.49 %
Current account	4.23 %
Receivables	0.09 %
Liabilities	-0.05 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.01 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>
Derivative products	10.91 %
Net corrected leverage	110.90 %

### Assets with over 10% weight

Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China UCITS ETF

## RISK PROFILE

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## NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield
YTD	14.75 %	15.26 %
From launch	12.20 %	13.08 %
1 month	0.99 %	1.79 %
3 months	7.26 %	7.79 %
2023	13.55 %	15.48 %

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 07/18/2022 - 08/31/2024



## RISK INDICATORS

Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 1 year	15.30 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year	15.70 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 3 year	17.32 %
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 5 year	17.32 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.01 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.01 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	11.69 %
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	7.43 %
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	6.98 %
S&P500 EMINI FUT Sep24 Buy	derivative	Raiffeisen Hun	09/20/2024 5.94 %
NVIDIA Corp	share	NVIDIA Corporation	4.72 %
iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	4.60 %
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	4.39 %
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	4.34 %
US T-Bill 10/31/24	zero coupon	USA	10/31/2024 4.28 %
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	3.90 %

## 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 | alapkezelo@am.vig | www.vigam.hu