

# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

PI series PLN MONTHLY report - 2024 SEPTEMBER (made on: 09/30/2024)

## 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

US equity markets started September at near-peak levels in a seasonally weak September, but saw a significant correction in the middle of the month. The soft-landing narrative held at the beginning of the month as the inflation was lower than expected. Investors waited for the Fed rate decision with more attention than usual, and a 25 bps cut in line with the soft-landing was more likely at the beginning of the month. This was supported by positive macro data such as low inflation and GDP growth forecasts. However, the labor market data showed a worrying sign, with employment growth slowing down, leading the Fed to finally cut rates by 50 basis points. The stock market reacted positively to the higher cut. The decision contributed to a temporary weakening of the dollar and a decline in short term yields. In Hungary, the gradual moderation in inflation was a positive, but the slowdown in Hungarian exports, especially of automotive products, further worsened the economic outlook. The forint exchange rate fluctuated, mainly due to uncertainties surrounding international interest rate decisions. Overall sentiment was strongly influenced by the international economic slowdown and fears of a recession in Europe. Easing energy prices helped the Hungarian economy, but industrial production and domestic consumption remained under pressure, limiting the growth potential of markets. The MNB cut its base rate by another 25 basis points to 6.50%.

The Fund returned 1.25% during the month, underperforming the benchmark index. The underperformance was mainly driven by the Polish overweight, while the South Korean and Taiwanese overweights at the beginning of the month were also detracting from the performance. During the month, we closed out the overweights held in the major Asian countries (India, Taiwan, South Korea) and reversed the previous underweights in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia to overweights, as these countries were among the best performers in the past period. During the month, the Fund held a slight overweight position, which it slightly increased at the end of the month.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Fund Manager:                      | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary   |
| Custodian:                         | Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.  |
| Main distributor:                  | VIG Investment Fund Management Hungary<br>70% MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Net Return USD Index + 30% MSCI World with EM Exposure Net Total Return Index |
| Benchmark composition:             |  |
| ISIN code:                         | HU0000723689   |
| Start:                             | 06/09/2020   |
| Currency:                          | PLN  |
| Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: | 21,552,924,553 HUF   |
| Net Asset Value of PI series:      | 26,821 PLN   |
| Net Asset Value per unit:          | 1.229031 PLN   |

## DISTRIBUTORS

Vienna Life TU na Zycie S.A. Vienna Insurance Group

## 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                     | 60.62 %         |
| International equities                    | 32.03 %         |
| T-bills                                   | 1.89 %          |
| Hungarian equities                        | 1.53 %          |
| Current account                           | 3.92 %          |
| Receivables                               | 0.05 %          |
| Liabilities                               | -0.05 %         |
| Market value of open derivative positions | 0.00 %          |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>100,00 %</b> |
| Derivative products                       | 8.58 %          |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 108.85 %        |

### Assets with over 10% weight

Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China UCITS ETF

## RISK PROFILE

|            |   |   |   |             |   |   |
|------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|
| 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5           | 6 | 7 |
| ←          |   |   |   | →           |   |   |
| Lower risk |   |   |   | Higher risk |   |   |

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## NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

| Interval    | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| YTD         | 12.56 %       | 13.85 %         |
| From launch | 4.90 %        | 6.00 %          |
| 1 month     | -0.12 %       | 0.58 %          |
| 3 months    | -2.55 %       | -1.34 %         |
| 2023        | 1.59 %        | 3.24 %          |
| 2022        | -17.73 %      | -15.48 %        |
| 2021        | 5.47 %        | 5.02 %          |

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 06/09/2020 - 09/30/2024



## RISK INDICATORS

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 1 year      | 14.56 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields- based on 1 year | 14.98 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 3 year      | 16.21 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields- based on 5 year      | 15.74 %    |
| 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 | 12.05 %           |
| Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF       | 7.73 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF                     | investment note | Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF       | 6.93 %            |
| S&P500 EMINI FUT Dec24 Buy                     | derivative      | Raiffeisen Hun                   | 12/20/2024 6.70 % |
| NVIDIA Corp                                    | share           | NVIDIA Corporation               | 4.89 %            |
| iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF                   | investment note | iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF     | 4.71 %            |
| Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET                 | investment note | Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF  | 4.47 %            |
| iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF                  | investment note | iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF    | 4.44 %            |
| Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF                    | investment note | Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF      | 3.90 %            |
| Apple Computer                                 | share           | Apple Computer Inc               | 3.49 %            |

### 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