# Aegon Emerging Europe Bond Fund







#### **MARKET SUMMARY**

According to the FOMC minutes several policymakers suggested to begin discussing a tapering of asset purchases at upcoming meetings if the economy continued to make prompt progress towards the regulator's goals. The Eurozone composite PMI increased stronger than expected, driven by a more optimistic services sector, while supply-chain bottlenecks and price pressure in manufacturing have increased. A sound improvement in sentiment indicators confirmed that the Eurozone economy is set for a growth rebound in the second quarter. ECB rhetoric continued to point to a broadly unchanged pace of PEPP purchases in the near future, driving the 10Y Bund yield back towards -0.19%. Currency majors remained within familiar trading ranges. EUR-USD failed to hold gains above 1.2250. The CNY appreciated beyond 6.40 against the USD to its strongest level since June 2018. Amid lower equity volatility and an absence of pivotal impulses, European credit risk premiums moved in narrow ranges in all market segments. We added short positions in the 10Y German government bonds and decreased it in short 10Y US Treasuries positions, early in the month, we halved exposure to Saudi Arabia along with the increasing duration for Romania, Russia and Turkey, in the third decade of the month we closed positions in Ivory Coast on rich valuations as well as added to the energy names, namely, Russia and Ghana, on top of that Ukraine's exposure was increased amid expectations of IMF deal, the duration for all other countries remained at neutral or slightly lower levels during the month.

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The fund's investment objective is to provide investors with capital appreciation by investing in the sovereign- and quasi-sovereign bond market of Emerging European countries. The fund has no rating constraints, the fund has a permission to invest in any kind of issuer without limitation on its long-term foreign currency debt rating. The fund aims to reach the highest capital gain with rational risk taking. The fund primarily invests on the sovereign- and quasi-sovereign bond market of Emerging European countries denominated in foreign currency, but holds Hungarian local currency, long- and short-term bonds with diversification and liquidity management purposes. The fund may also invest in mortgage backed securities, and short- and long-term, fixed or floating securities of other financial institutions, municipalities or other business corporations, structured and convertible bonds. The fund's general risk level and the measure of the deviation from the target weights are determined on the basis of a regular market analysis and situational analysis relating to four main aspects (fundamentals, valuation levels, market sentiment, technical factors). The core part of the fund consists of the foreign currency denominated, sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds of Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine), Southeast Europe (Serbia, Turkey), Baltic states (Lithuania, Latvia) and the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Georgia, Armenia) and also holds Hungarian local currency bonds with diversification and liquidity management purposes. In case of attractive market conditions (e.g. possible upgrade of an issuer's long-term foreign currency debt rating, change of the yield curve, market mispricing, etc.) the fund may invest in bonds of issuers not listed above. The fund does not intend to invest more than 25% of its assets in a single country. The target weight for the fund's fixed income investments in the above listed countries (target countries) is 95%. The aimed risk profile of the fund is intermediate. We do not use constraints on foreign currency debt ratings. The fund may only conclude derivative transactions for the purpose of hedging or ensuring an efficient portfolio structure. The fund may also hold unleveraged debt-type collective investments linked to derivative indexes. The fund also has the option of taking on a substantial currency exposure, which will ordinarily be fully hedged to the target currency (USD), although depending on market circumstances the fund may even have an open currency position.

The investment policy of the fund changed on the 30th of December, 2016. Since then the fund has no benchmark, and fund performance before the change is not applicable.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: The fund has no benchmark

ISIN code: HU0000724265 Start: 12/29/2020

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 22,801,065 EUR

Net Asset Value of PLN series: 12,489 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.999144 PLN

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt.

| SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD |        |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| 3 mths                              | 6 mths | 1 yr | 2 yr | 3 yr | 4 yr | 5 yr |  |  |

| NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES |               |                 |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Interval                            | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |  |  |  |
| From start                          | -0.09 %       |                 |  |  |  |
| 1 month                             | 1.16 %        |                 |  |  |  |
| 3 months                            | 0.37 %        |                 |  |  |  |



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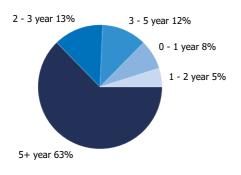


## PLN series

# MONTHLY report - 2021 MAY (made on: 05/31/2021)

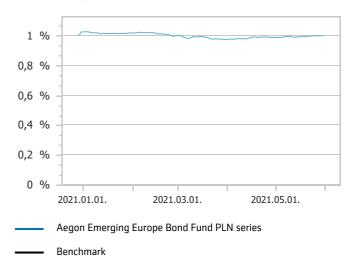
| ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND              |          |
|---|----------|
| Asset                                     | Weight   |
| Government bonds                          | 87.70 %  |
| Corporate bonds                           | 8.62 %   |
| Market value of open derivative positions | 3.09 %   |
| Current account                           | 1.83 %   |
| Liabilities                               | -1.31 %  |
| Receivables                               | 0.07 %   |
| total                                     | 100,00 % |
| Derivative products                       | 18.75 %  |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 103.23 % |
| Assets with over 10% weight               |          |
|   |          |

#### Bonds by tenor:



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 12/29/2020 - 05/31/2021



| RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS                    |            |
|---|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields | 3.41 %     |
| WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)                           | 7.25 years |
| WAL (Weighted Average Life)                               | 9.54 years |

#### Legal declaration