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### MONTHLY report - 2021 JULY (made on: 07/31/2021)

### **MARKET SUMMARY**

In July, stock markets continued their rally, and all but the Russell 2000 index reached new all-time highs. In our view, this is invariably due to the central bank's action of supplying an unlimited amount of liquidity. If we look at the valuations' of equities, we see that they are relatively higher than they were when the Nasdaq bubble burst in 2000 and the housing bubble burst in 2007. If you compare it to the previous quarter, stocks have also continued to appreciate relative to that quarter. At the end of March, the BF P/E was 22, also considered extremely high, but that number had risen to 23 by the end of July. What is noticeable, however, is that investors are not so confident that at these levels stock market values are pegged at realistic prices. Amid a minor scare in the middle of the month, there were almost no buyers and the indices fell more than 1.5% in 1 day. As we have pointed out many times before, this investment environment is solely due to the central bank's supply of unlimited liquidity. The problem will arise if inflation, contrary to the central bank's expectations, becomes permanent rather than temporary. The financial authorities will also have no choice but to raise interest rates, which in turn will hit equity investments very hard. Europe's economy has continued to improve over the past month, and this is likely to have been helped by the fact that recovery aid set up during the epidemic has started to be distributed to the member countries. The preliminary reading is that activity in the Eurozone's services sector showed a third month of growth, strengthening to 58 from 55.2 in May. At the same time, manufacturing was also strong, with a reading of 63.1 reflecting 12 months of expansion. Of course, these macroeconomic numbers could quickly turn negative if the virus starts to spread again. In addition, the ECB raised its inflation target from less than 2 percent to above 2 percent, while accepting a temporary overshoot. The move, while not new, could help the industrial sectors.

China's economy is contracting again after rising in recent months. China's manufacturing PMI was 50.9 in June after 51 in May. Caixin's China manufacturing index fell to 51.3 in June from 52 in May. The Caixin China Services Sector Purchasing Managers' Index fell sharply in June to 50.3 from 55.1 the previous month, a 14month low. China's GDP grew by 7.9% on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter, slightly below expectations. As we can see China is slowing down and the question is what impact this will have on the world economy.

Hungary continues on the path it started in mid-May. The economy continues to open up, but the problem is the rise of inflation. In June, the central bank raised the base rate by 30 basis points, and in July raised it again by another 30 basis points. So now the base rate is 1.20 percent. The inflation figures caused the forint to weaken against the euro from 352 to 362 during the month, but it strengthened back to 358 after the announcement of the rate hike. The fund posted a positive return in July and outperformed the benchmark index. We continue to be overweight oil companies as we are most positive on this sector and the expectation revisions are very positive. We closed last month's steel sector underweight as the stock has fallen to levels where it has fundamental value. Although airlines did not perform well last month, we are still holding on to them in the hope that domestic and European tourism will pick up in the second half of the summer. The fund was weighted to the benchmark index at the end of the month.

### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The fund aims to share in the yields of the Russian equity market, and to profit from Russia's economic growth through share price gains and dividend income. Given the risk profiles of the equity investments, the fund is classified as a high-risk investment.

The fund's portfolio primarily consists of the publicly issued shares of foreign companies. The main investment targets are the stock exchange-traded shares of companies that maintain an active presence in Russia or the former CIS states, or which generate the bulk of their revenues in these countries. When building the fund's portfolio, beyond the minimum statutory requirements, the principles of safety and maximum diversification (the spreading of risk) are observed.

The fund management company, exercising all due care, determines the means of utilising the fund's resources on the basis of its own judgement and decisions, while observing the relevant legal provisions and the limitations stipulated in the Fund Documentation and by taking into account the macroeconomic environment of the investment markets, relying primarily on fundamental analysis. When compiling the portfolio, it is shares that determine the nature of the fund, and thus the proportion of shares that may be held in the fund at any given moment may reach the prevailing statutory maximum. The weights, within the portfolio, of shares traded in the Russian market are determined with a view to ensuring that the fund - in line with our expectations with regard to future risks and yields - achieves its objective, which is to outperform the benchmark advertised by the fund, over the longer term.

The fund records its assets in forint; the fund management company may, at its own discretion, choose to hedge all or a part of its currency risks with forward currency positions, in compliance with the applicable statutory requirements. Under the current legislation the proportion of shares in the portfolio may be up to 100%.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt. Custodian:

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

100% Msci Russia 10-40 Net TR Benchmark composition:

USD

ISIN code HU0000709514 Start: 12/10/2010

6.056.999.551 HUF Net Asset Value of the whole Fund-

Net Asset Value of institutional 1,729,372,742 HUF series:

4.073098 HUF Net Asset Value per unit:

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

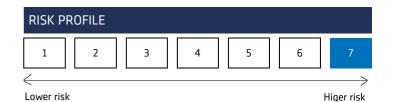
Currency

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Raiffeisen Bank Zrt., Unicredit Bank Hungary 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	5.74 %	4.88 %		
2020	-5.99 %	-0.73 %		
2019	48.72 %	51.89 %		
2018	7.12 %	1.31 %		
2017	-11.09 %	-13.91 %		
2016	52.01 %	48.83 %		
2015	12.51 %	9.86 %		
2014	-31.20 %	-31.22 %		
2013	-0.40 %	-1.19 %		
2012	6.45 %	7.91 %		
2011	-10.94 %	-12.34 %		



# Aegon Russia Equity Fund

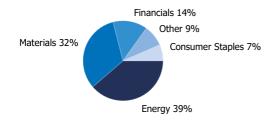


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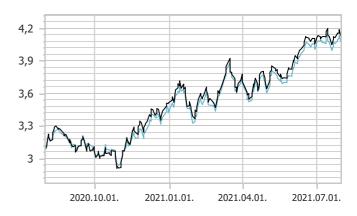
ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
International equities	99.15 %
Current account	0.99 %
Liabilities	-0.29 %
Receivables	0.16 %
total	100,00 %
Derivative products	0.00 %
Net corrected leverage	100.00 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
LUKOIL PJSC	
Gazprom PJSC	
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC	

### Stocks by sectors



# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 08/01/2020 - 07/31/2021



Aegon Russia Equity Fund institutional series

---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	19.59 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	21.64 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS				
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity	
LUKOIL PJSC	share	LUKOIL		
Gazprom PJSC	share	Gazprom		
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC	share	NORILSK NICKEL		
SBERBANK-CLS	share	SBERBANK		
NOVATEK OAO GDR	share	NOVATEK		

#### 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 Aegon Alapkezelő Zrt. | 1085 Budapest, Kálvin tér 12-13. | 477 4814 | alapkezeló@aegon.hu | www.aegonalapkezelo.hu