# Aegon Central European Equity Fund





MONTHLY report - 2021 SEPTEMBER (made on: 09/30/2021)

# INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The objective of the fund is to invest in Central and Eastern European equities market. The fund is offered for investors who would like to benefit from the long term performance of regional listed companies. A primary consideration when compiling the fund's portfolio is the need to optimize the aggregate risk of the securities to be included in the fund. The fund buys shares issued by corporations from countries in the Central European region (primarily Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Romania, and secondarily Slovenia, Croatia, Russia and Turkey), but it may also invest in the shares of companies in other emerging and developed countries, as well as in other collective investment securities. The fund may hedge a part or all of its currency risks with forward currency positions. For the sake of efficient establishment of the fund's portfolio, forward stock index deals can also be applied. In order to ensure liquidity, the fund intends to hold state securities issued by ÁKK, but in accordance with the statutory regulations the proportion of shares in the portfolio may be up to 100% share of bonds in the portfolio.

# MARKET SUMMARY

September had similar movements in the stock markets just like the previous months. Indices rose to new highs, but unlike in the previous period, stock markets got over valued I'll after the first week and ended the month in negative territory. The US legislature failed to agree on the budget for next year and the US is in danger of another government shutting down. This already has happened in the early 2010s, when a credit rating firm downgraded the US government's debt in response. In the middle of the month, the US Federal Reserve also met and gave the strongest signal yet that it would start reducing liquidity as early as this year, and aim to complete the process by next summer, which would mean a \$15 billion a month reduction in bond buying. Nine of the 13 voting FOMC members expect an interest rate hike as early as next year. That would put the Fed funds rate to 1% by the end of 2023 which would also be higher than expected. Investors have grown accustomed to the abundance of money provided by the central banks in recent years, and this withdrawal could cause serious problems. The central bank chairman is trying in vain to communicate that reducing liquidity is not the same as raising interest rates if the combined effect is the same for financial markets. In Europe, the ECB took a similar decision to the US at its September meeting, except that they are targeting yields rather than volume. The ECB's communication for years has been that they are targeting an inflation rate of 2%. In Hungary, the central bank raised the benchmark interest rate by a further 15 basis points in September to 165 basis points. The MNB's communication shows that QE has been reduced from 50 billion to 40 billion, bond purchases are mainly targeting the long side and forint swap liquidity is being reduced to achieve higher interest rates. The central bank's clear aim is to contain inflation without torpedoing economic growth. At the same time, they also want to stabilize the forint exchange rate, preferably in the EUR/USD 350-360 range. The fund achieved a positive return in September, but underperformed its benchmark index. The reason for the underperformance was that the fund was not well optimized for energy price rises and we were overweight in the commodities sector, but this sector did not perform in line with our expectations. The fund remains overweight in Austrian, Hungarian and Polish markets. We remain underweight in the Romanian and Czech markets. The banking sector overweight has performed well and we have further increased its weight by buying Polish and Romanian equities. The retail sector remains overweight in the fund and the utilities sector is underweight. Overall, the fund is overweight against the benchmark index at around 115% due to the long-term positions.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Benchmark composition:

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Citibank Europe plc Magyarországi

Fióktelepe

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

45% MSCI Emerging Markets Poland Net Total Return Local Index + 15% MSCI Austria Net Total Return + 15% MSCI Emerging Markets Czech Republic Net Total Return Local

Index + 15% MSCI Emerging Markets Hungary Net Total Return Local Index + 10% MSCI Romania Net

Total Return

ISIN code: HU0000717392

Start: 09/01/2016

Currency: CZK

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 20,810,519,801 HUF

Net Asset Value of CZK series: 136,797 CZK

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.367972 CZK

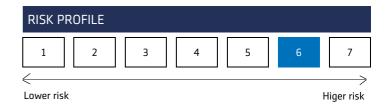
# **DISTRIBUTORS**

ERSTE Group Bank AG Austria, Patria Finance, a.s.

SUGGESTED		

3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
International equities	75.21 %
Hungarian equities	18.22 %
Collective securities	0.91 %
Current account	9.50 %
Liabilities	-4.82 %
Receivables	0.98 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	18.45 %
Net corrected leverage	118.24 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
OTP Bank törzsrészvény	



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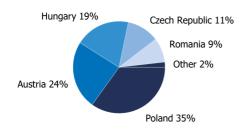


# CZK series

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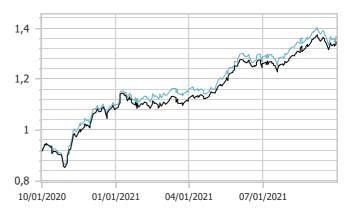
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	6.36 %	6.53 %	
2020	-11.79 %	-11.61 %	
2019	6.30 %	7.38 %	
2018	-10.74 %	-10.42 %	
2017	19.60 %	18.61 %	

#### Stocks by countries



# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	18.12 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	18.02 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS				
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity	
WIG20 INDEX FUT Dec21 Buy	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	12/17/2021	
OTP Bank törzsrészvény	share	Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereske Nyrt.	Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereskedelmi Bank Nyrt.	
Erste Bank	share	ERSTE BANK AG		
OMV	share	OMV AV		
Bank Pekao SA	share	Bank Pekao SA		

#### Legal declaration