# Aegon Russia Equity Fund





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

### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The objective of the fund is to get a share of the yields of the Russian equity market, and to benefit on the Russian economy growth through equity rates and dividends incomes. In accordance with the risk features of the equity investments, the fund is considered as a high-risk investment. According to the intentions of the Fund Manager, the portfolio of the Fund is predominantly formed by equities publicly issued by foreign companies. Primary targets of investment are the equities of companies listed on the stock that operate in Russia or countries of the former Community of Independent States or make most of their revenues in those countries. When establishing the portfolio, the equities determine the nature of the fund, so the ratio of equities in the fund may reach the legal maximum at the time. The fund registers its assets in Hungarian Forint. The Fund Manager is entitled to cover part of all the curreny risks with forward currency positions, while complying with the effective legal provisions.

### 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 and outperformed its benchmark index. The oil and gas sector was over weighted in the fund and performed extremely well. We are keeping these two sectors in over weight because we believe they will continue to produce very good returns. In contrast to the oil sector, gold, internet and technology companies remain underweight. We still hold the airlines and they are finally starting to move up. We thought that this sector would have done well in the second half of the summer, but concerns about the virus have pushed back the recovery in this sector. By the end of the month, the fund was equally weighted against the benchmark index.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

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

USD

ISIN code: HU0000707401

Start: 12/04/2008

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 7,672,967,232 HUF
Net Asset Value of HUF series: 3,746,395,263 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 4.006374 HUF

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., CIB Bank Zrt., Commerzbank Zrt., CONCORDE Értékpapír Zrt., Equilor Befektetési Zrt, Erste Befektetési Zrt., KBC Securities Magyarországi Fióktelepe, MKB Bank Nyrt., OTP Bank Nyrt., Raiffeisen Bank Zrt., SPB Befektetési Zrt., Takarékbank Zrt, Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

### 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	
International equities	94.84 %	
Receivables	20.92 %	
Liabilities	-16.40 %	
Current account	0.65 %	
Total	100,00 %	
Derivative products	7.06 %	
Net corrected leverage	107.14 %	
Assets with over 10% weight		
Gazprom PJSC		
LUKOIL PJSC		



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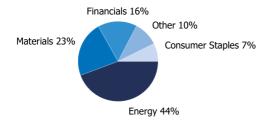




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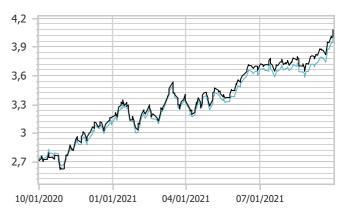
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	11.43 %	12.96 %			
2020	-7.02 %	-0.73 %			
2019	47.23 %	51.89 %			
2018	6.26 %	1.31 %			
2017	-11.80 %	-13.91 %			
2016	50.80 %	48.83 %			
2015	11.61 %	9.86 %			
2014	-32.35 %	-31.22 %			
2013	-1.93 %	-1.19 %			
2012	4.76 %	7.91 %			
2011	-11.05 %	-12.34 %			

### Stocks by sectors



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

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



Aegon Russia Equity Fund HUF series

Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS		
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	19.58 %	
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	21.53 %	
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years	
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years	

TOP 5 POSITIONS					
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity		
Gazprom PJSC	share	Gazprom			
LUKOIL PJSC	share	LUKOIL			
NOVATEK OAO GDR	share	NOVATEK			
SBERBANK-CLS	share	SBERBANK			
RDX USD Index Dec21 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	12/17/2021		

#### Legal declaration