# Aegon Emerging Europe Bond Fund

**USD** series



MONTHLY report - 2021 OCTOBER (made on: 10/31/2021)

#### 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.

#### **MARKET SUMMARY**

Comments from Bank of England officials indicated that the central bank might raise the policy rate soon, while at the time of writing it has been known already that interest rates are kept on hold. ECB Christine Lagarde said that market expectations for rate hikes by the end of the next year were not in line with the central bank's inflation view and rate guidance, but her pushback wasn't fully accepted by the market. GDP growth for Q3 '21 slowed to 0.5% QoQ in the US and accelerated to 2.2% QoQ in the Eurozone. Inflation jumped to 4.1% in the Euro-area, mostly due to the spike in energy prices. Chinese GDP growth for Q3 '21 declined more than expected, to 4.9% YoY, as several headwinds put pressure on activity, real estate developer Evergrande narrowly avoided default. Eurozone PMIs signalled slower growth, severe supply woes and rising prices. Following Ms. Lagarde's statements, the entire Bund curve moved higher with the front end underperforming longer maturities, UST lagged the move. Global equity markets continued to advance to record levels, supported by a robust corporate earnings season so far. Downbeat US GDP growth data and rising Bund yields helped EUR-USD to surpass the critical 1.1650 threshold. During the month, we closed positions in Ghana and Serbia, slightly cut exposure to Croatia, Poland and Kazakhstan (including quasi-sovereign positions), switched from the Ukrainian sovereign risk to MHP (one of the largest poultry producers in Ukraine) on improved fundamentals and attractive valuation, while moved Turkey closer to neutral levels, we kept all other positions unchanned

GENERAL INFORMA	TION
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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: HU0000718416 Start: 01/05/2017

Currency: USD

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 21,431,941 EUR

Net Asset Value of USD series: 125,334 USD

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.253340 USD

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

# SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

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

Asset	Weight
Government bonds	79.24 %
Corporate bonds	16.52 %
Liabilities	-7.72 %
Receivables	6.53 %
Current account	5.65 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-0.20 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	11.78 %
Net corrected leverage	102.05 %
Assets with over 10% weight	



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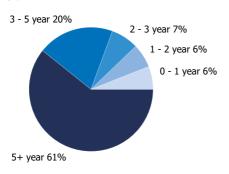


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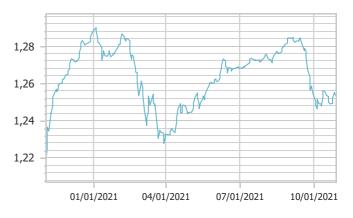
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
From start	4.80 %			
2020	8.12 %			
2019	14.48 %			
2018	-2.34 %			

### Bonds by tenor:



# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 11/01/2020 - 10/31/2021



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	4.84 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	7.21 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	9.42 years

#### Legal declaration