# Aegon Russia Equity Fund





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

### 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**

The main concern for the investment world remains when and how much the US Federal Reserve will raise interest rates. It is now widely accepted that tapering will start soon, but opinions are still divided on the timing of the rate hikes. The Fed chairman has repeatedly stressed that the ending of monetary easing does not equate to an interest rate rise, the question is how the equity markets will interpret the Fed's action. The bigger issue is inflation. At the beginning of the year, the Fed chairman was emphatic that inflation would only be temporary and that he did not think it would cause serious problems for the economy. Later, when asked for his definition of "temporary", he gave an interesting answer that risked losing the rest of his credit. More recently, not once did the Fed's communiqué use the word 'transitory', they seem to have accepted the fact that inflation will be here for a longer period of time.

In Europe, the ECB is communicating exactly the same as the US Federal Reserve, and facing the same problems. High frequency indicators show that Eurozone residential activity is back to pre-pandemic levels, with the use of many services, while job vacancies are rising steadily. As in the United States, with inflation soaring, more and more German employees are demanding higher wages from their employers, and a wave of strikes could be on the way. This is of course generating inflation, which is reflected in the monthly economic figures.

In Hungary, the central bank raised the benchmark interest rate by a further 15 basis points in September to 180 basis points. The central bank's clear aim is to keep inflation in check 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. With inflation on the rise around the world, it is possible that the central bank will be forced to raise interest rates further in order to keep Hungarian inflation manageable.

The fund achieved a positive return in October and outperformed the benchmark index. The oil and gas sectors are overweight in the fund and they performed extremely well. We are keeping these two sectors overweight because we believe they will continue to produce very good returns. The gold, internet and technology companies remain underweight. We also still hold the airlines as we continue to believe they are fundamentally underpriced. The fund was equally weighted against the benchmark index by the end of the month.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd. Fund Manager:

Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt. Custodian:

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd. 100% Msci Russia 10-40 Net TR

Benchmark composition: USD

HU0000709514 ISIN code:

Start: 12/10/2010

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 8.929.120.823 HUF

Net Asset Value of institutional

3,485,631,759 HUF

4.686230 HUF Net Asset Value per unit:

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Equilor Befektetési 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

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
International equities	87.89 %
Current account	10.28 %
Receivables	4.01 %
Liabilities	-2.17 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	12.36 %
Net corrected leverage	112.29 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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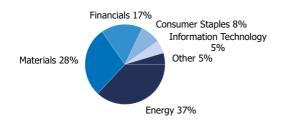




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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	6.98 %	6.12 %			
2020	-5.99 %	-0.73 %			
2019	48.72 %	51.89 %			
2018	7.12 %	1.31 %			
2017	-11.09 %	-13.91 %			
2016	52.01 %	48.83 %			
2015	12.51 %	9.86 %			
2014	-31.20 %	-31.22 %			
2013	-0.40 %	-1.19 %			
2012	6.45 %	7.91 %			
2011	-10.94 %	-12.34 %			

#### Stocks by sectors



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

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



Aegon Russia Equity Fund institutional series

Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	21.46 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	23.16 %
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				
NOVATEK OAO GDR	share	NOVATEK				
SBERBANK-CLS	share	SBERBANK				
Gazprom PJSC	share	Gazprom				
RDX USD Index Dec21 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	12/17/2021			

#### Legal declaration