# Aegon Central European Equity Fund





MONTHLY report - 2021 NOVEMBER (made on: 11/30/2021)

### 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

In November, it seemed that the Covid pandemic became a non-factor because of the vaccination and would be just a bad memory, but unfortunately, a potentially more infectious strain had developed in South Africa by the end of the month. Within a short period of time, the new strain has appeared around the world and the question now is how governments will respond to this new challenge. Very little is known about the new variant, communication will mostly consist of encouraging the public to take the 3rd jab. If we are lucky, the current vaccines will provide enough protection against the new variant, if not then the corona virus will continue to cause problems for a long time. We do not think that there will be the repeat of the level of closures that we saw in the first or second wave.

In the US, speculation continues as to when the Fed will raise interest rates. Current pricing suggests the first hike will be next June, followed by two more. At the November Fed meeting, it was also announced that they would start the tapering by \$15 billion per month.

In Europe, the ECB President again rejected the possibility of any monetary tightening, in contrast to the Fed, stating that rising energy prices have already pushed household spending incomes into negative territory.

In Hungary, the central bank raised the benchmark interest rate by a further 30 basis points in November to 2,10%. In addition, the Hungarian National Bank reintroduced the 2-tier interest rate regime in order to stabilize the forint exchange rate. The result is that the official interest rate is 2.10% while the weekly deposit rate is 3.10%. 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 around the EUR/USD 360 level.

The fund posted a negative return in November, but outperformed the benchmark index. The fund remained overweight in Austrian and Hungarian markets, while the Polish overweight was closed and became underweight by the end of the month. The Romanian and Czech markets remain underweight. The retail sector remains overweight while the utilities and banking sectors are underweight. Within the banking sector, we have sold a large part of our Polish exposure and instead bought a small size in the Czech banks. Overall, the fund is overweight against the benchmark index at around 103% due to long positions.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Benchmark composition:

Fund Manager:

Custodian:

AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

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: 20,483,387,978 HUF

Net Asset Value of CZK series: 133,880 CZK

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.338799 CZK

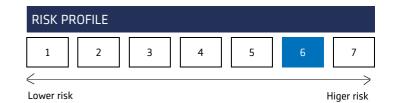
### **DISTRIBUTORS**

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

| SUGGESTED                         | A A I B I I B A I I B A |          | NIT DEDIOD |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| $\gamma_{111111} = \gamma_{1111}$ | MINIMITM                | INVESTME | NIPERILII  |

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

| ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND                 |          |
|--|----------|
| Asset  | Weight   |
| International equities                       | 71.20 %  |
| Hungarian equities                           | 16.11 %  |
| Collective securities                        | 0.58 %   |
| Current account                              | 13.05 %  |
| Liabilities                                  | -1.22 %  |
| Receivables                                  | 0.29 %   |
| Total  | 100,00 % |
| Derivative products                          | 15.93 %  |
| Net corrected leverage                       | 115.04 % |
| Assets with over 10% weight                  |          |
| There is no such instrument in the portfolio |          |



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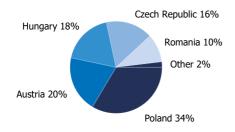


## CZK series

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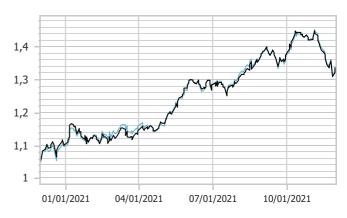
| NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES |               |                 |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Interval                            | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |  |
| From start                          | 5.72 %        | 5.77 %          |  |
| 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, 12/01/2020 - 11/30/2021



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Benchmark

| RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS                         |            |
|--|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields      | 15.21 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields | 14.94 %    |
| 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 Kereskedelmi Bank<br>Nyrt. |            |
| CEZ                       | share     | CEZ A.S   |            |
| Erste Bank                | share     | ERSTE BANK AG   |            |
| Komercni Banka            | share     | Komercni Banka  |            |

#### Legal declaration