# 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: 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: HU0000709530 Start: 01/11/2011

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 20,483,387,978 HUF

Net Asset Value of institutional

series:

14,367,136,525 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 7.717541 HUF

## **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	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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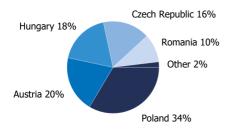


### institutional series

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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
From start	5.17 %	3.07 %		
2020	-5.23 %	-5.77 %		
2019	11.98 %	12.03 %		
2018	-7.46 %	-7.91 %		
2017	27.00 %	25.00 %		
2016	8.12 %	5.96 %		
2015	-0.80 %	-2.82 %		
2014	3.53 %	0.69 %		
2013	-1.31 %	-4.66 %		
2012	18.51 %	14.61 %		

#### Stocks by countries



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 12/01/2020 - 11/30/2021



Aegon Central European Equity Fund institutional series

Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS			
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	14.21 %		
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	13.88 %		
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.		
CEZ	share	CEZ A.S			
Erste Bank	share	ERSTE BANK AG			
Komercni Banka	ika share Komercni Banka				

#### Legal declaration