# Aegon Alfa Absolute Return Investment Fund

**HUF** series



MONTHLY report - 2021 DECEMBER (made on: 12/31/2021)

## INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The Fund's objective is to establish a portfolio for its Investors that generates positive yields – higher than the yields available in the domestic money market – under all circumstances, in other words the Fund pursues a so-called absolute yield strategy. It intends to accomplish this goal primarily by investing in the bond and equity market of the emerging European region. The Fund's asset allocation is aligned with the given capital market conditions.

The Fund applies special investment strategies used by hedge funds to establish its strategy. The fund is willing to buy or sell all available investment instruments domestic and foreign bonds (treasury bonds, discounted treasury bills, bonds issued by the National Bank of Hungary, as well as low-risk bank and corporate bonds expected to bring higher yields than the state securities) Equities and other securities, indices and currencies - provided it sees the opportunity to make substantial gains – up to the maximum limit allowed by the law, which allows double leverage for the Fund. To the extent set out in the investment strategy, the Fund may also invest in so-called non-investment grade securities, which represent additional risk compared to assets that are classed as investment-grade in terms of creditworthiness. In its investment decision-making mechanism, the Fund considers and weighs fundamental, pricing, technical and behavioural/psychological factors. To ensure liquidity the Fund aims to hold government securities issued by the State Debt Management Centre (ÁKK) on behalf of the State of Hungary.

#### MARKET SUMMARY

At the beginning of December, it seemed that the Covid epidemic was no longer a concern, but unfortunately the Omicron variant started to spread very quickly. According to a recent study it was spreading four times as fast as Delta, and by the end of the month there was hardly a country without a case. So far, all we know is that it is more infectious than the earlier mutations, and we can only hope that it is not as deadly as the Delta variant was. Political leaders want to avoid widespread closures, but restrictions have been imposed in almost every country. Unless the death toll starts to rise sharply, we can be sure that widespread economic closures are nowhere to be expected, but problems could re-emerge in the supply chain which was just beginning to recover from the shock of the past year and a half.

The US Federal Reserve in its December meeting also made a decision that suggests that the cheap money policy may soon be over. The current liquidity program of 120 billion per month will be reduced by 30 billion per month over the next four months, and 2 or 3 interest rate hikes are planned for 2022.

The ECB is facing similar problems as the US Federal Reserve. Inflation is already significantly higher in Europe, but the central bank does not want to raise interest rates. Rising energy prices have been an impactful economic issue for the past month. This is having an impact on the performance of the economy, but the spike in inflation has been the biggest issue.

Hungary has been no exception to the rising inflation environment. Inflation in Hungary is also hitting record highs, in November it was at a 14-year high of 7.4%, and we are not expecting it to improve for 2022. The MNB has been trying to curb inflation with little success so far. It has continued to raise interest rates, with the 1-week depo rate at 3.8% and the base rate at 2.4%. Contrary to the central bank's expectations, the forint has not strengthened in response to the rate hikes, but sank to a new low against the euro at the end of the year.

The fund posted a negative return in December. The negative performance was mainly due to the weakening forint, rising regional yields and divergence within the equity markets. In December, the fund had an equity weight of under 10%, due to the sale of additional SP 500 futures contracts against the equities. We believe value stocks are extremely underpriced and will perform well in the future relative to the overall market. In HUF, we have further increased our long position around the EURHUF 370 level. We also bought European bank shares and Hungarian government bonds with a 5-year maturity yielding above 4%.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: 100% RMAX Index ISIN code: HU0000703970 Start: 02/10/2006

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 40,126,888,534 HUF

Net Asset Value of HUF series: 20,661,209,656 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 2.905666 HUF

## **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Budapest Hitel-és Fejlesztési Bank Zrt., CIB Bank Zrt., Commerzbank Zrt., CONCORDE Értékpapír Zrt., Equilor Befektetési Zrt, Erste Befektetési Zrt., ERSTE Group Bank AG Austria, 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
Government bonds	35.05 %
International equities	13.10 %
Hungarian equities	12.98 %
T-bills	10.40 %
Corporate bonds	10.28 %
Collective securities	9.36 %
Current account	9.43 %
Liabilities	-0.20 %
Receivables	0.10 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-0.49 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	93.83 %
Net corrected leverage	126.89 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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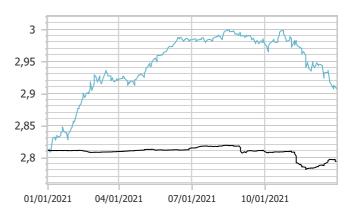
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	6.94 %	3.98 %	
2021	3.39 %	-0.60 %	
2020	0.96 %	0.41 %	
2019	7.38 %	0.23 %	
2018	-3.58 %	0.31 %	
2017	3.08 %	0.20 %	
2016	4.08 %	1.22 %	
2015	4.27 %	1.50 %	
2014	6.81 %	3.31 %	
2013	9.57 %	5.71 %	
2012	15.05 %	8.52 %	
2011	-2.73 %	5.17 %	

# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

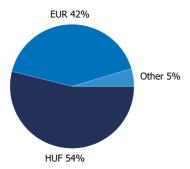
net asset value per share, 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021



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Benchmark

# **Currency exposure:**



RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	2.67 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	0.87 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	1.72 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	1.88 years

TOP 3 POSITIONS			
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity
S&P500 EMINI FUT Mar22 (Erste) Sell	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	03/18/2022
EUR/HUF 22.01.18 Forward Sell	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	01/18/2022
Magyar Államkötvény 2023C	interest-bearing	Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt.	08/23/2023

#### Legal declaration