## Aegon Central European Equity Fund







## 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

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 4% 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 achieved a positive return in December, but underperformed the benchmark index. At the country level, the fund remains overweight in the Austrian and Hungarian markets and we closed underweight in the Romanian equities. At sector level, the largest overweight are in the banking and retail sectors due to expected earnings growth. The oil and utilities sectors are underweight as we expect earnings declines in these sectors in the region. Overall, the fund is overweight against the benchmark index at around 105% due to long term 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: HU0000702501

Start: 03/16/1998

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 21.346.909.129 HUF

Net Asset Value of HUF series: 5,397,001,613 HUF

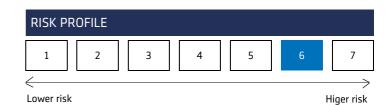
Net Asset Value per unit: 7.452729 HUF

## **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, 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   |
| International equities                       | 75.24 %  |
| Hungarian equities                           | 15.05 %  |
| Collective securities                        | 0.00 %   |
| Current account                              | 9.57 %   |
| Receivables                                  | 0.30 %   |
| Liabilities                                  | -0.15 %  |
| Total  | 100,00 % |
| Derivative products                          | 13.68 %  |
| Net corrected leverage                       | 114.19 % |
| Assets with over 10% weight                  |          |
| There is no such instrument in the portfolio |          |



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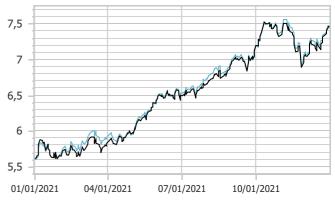


## MONTHLY report - 2021 DECEMBER (made on: 12/31/2021)

| NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES |               |                 |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Interval                            | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |  |  |
| From start                          | 8.81 %        | 2.60 %          |  |  |
| 2021                                | 33.18 %       | 33.21 %         |  |  |
| 2020                                | -5.95 %       | -5.77 %         |  |  |
| 2019                                | 10.90 %       | 12.03 %         |  |  |
| 2018                                | -8.23 %       | -7.91 %         |  |  |
| 2017                                | 26.04 %       | 25.00 %         |  |  |
| 2016                                | 7.31 %        | 5.96 %          |  |  |
| 2015                                | -1.48 %       | -2.82 %         |  |  |
| 2014                                | 2.70 %        | 0.69 %          |  |  |
| 2013                                | -2.03 %       | -4.66 %         |  |  |
| 2012                                | 17.67 %       | 14.61 %         |  |  |
| 2011                                | -16.30 %      | -18.90 %        |  |  |

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

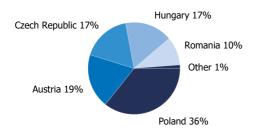
net asset value per share, 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021



Aegon Central European Equity Fund HUF series

Benchmark

## Stocks by countries



| RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS                         |            |
|--|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields      | 13.13 %    |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields | 12.73 %    |
| 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 Mar22 Buy | derivatív | Erste Bef. Hun                              | 03/18/2022  |  |  |
| OTP Bank törzsrészvény    | share     | Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereske<br>Nyrt. | Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereskedelmi Bank<br>Nyrt. |  |  |
| CEZ                       | share     | CEZ A.S                                     |   |  |  |
| Erste Bank                | share     | ERSTE BANK AG                               | ERSTE BANK AG   |  |  |
| PKO Bank                  | share     | PKO Bank                                    | PKO Bank  |  |  |

#### Legal declaration

The recent document qualifies as Portfolio Report according to the Kbftv. requirements. It contains the following elements based on the last net asset value of the reporting month: presentation of the assets of the fund regarding asset type of portfolio investment and regarding other categories detailed in its investment policy; list of assets (issuers) representing more than 10% of the portfolio; net asset value of the fund, including the cumulated and the calculated value per unit share. Investors are kindly advised, that past performance of the fund does not guarantee future performance. The returns presented are to be considered without applicable taxes, distribution fees and commissions, fees related to account keeping and other costs in relation with holding an investment fund unit. Information presented in the Portfolio Report are for information purposes only, not intended to serve as investment advice, or any other offer. Investors are kindly advised to carefully read the Key Investors Document and Prospectus of the fund, in order to understand the risks of investing into the fund, and to be able to make an informed investor decision. The referred documents are available at the distribution locations and on the official website of Aegon Alapkezelő Zrt. | 1085 Budapest, Kálvin tér 12-13. | 477 4814 | alapkezeló@aegon.hu | www.aegonalapkezelo.hu