# Aegon Maraton Total Return Investment Fund





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

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital return for the investors within the appropriate risk limits. The aim of the Fund is to achive the highest possible return for a given risk level by buying undervalued stocks and fixed income assets and selling overvalued instruments. The Fund is allowed to buy shares, bonds and other instruments, to open short positions on the spot market, to take long and short forward and future positions. Morever, the Fund can trade on the option market. The

Fund is separeted into three classes according to their investment objective: Instruments of the first class consist of long postions of long term, fundamentaly undervalued, and short positions of overvalued equities. The method of stock picking is identical with the applied methods of Aegon equity related funds and mainly concentrate to the CEE regional markets, although the Fund is allowed to invest in other emerging and developed market instruments. The second class of the Fund's instruments implement the top-down equity strategy of Aegon Asset Management Co., mainly with long and short postions on the futures markets. These postions are based on the scores of the so-called "quadrant model", which is the internal asset allocation model of the Asset Management Company. Instruments of the third class involve the fixed income part of the Fund. The aim of the third class is to reach or exceed the performance of the RMAX Index. The target weight of the first and second classes altogether is 45%.

#### **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

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. On the sector side, commodities and the Taiwan exposure were the main positive contributors to the fund's return, while on the equity side, positions in Vitesco and Dunahouse helped. What reduced the fund's return were OTP, in which we reduced our weight in December, and the renewable energy sector. The fund's currency exposure is largely hedged against the euro and dollar, as we increased these positions in December. We sold the entire semiconductor position during the month and reduced the commodity exposure. By the end of the month, the equity weight in the fund was 15-20%.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Raiffeisen Bank 7rt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: 100% RMAX Index HU0000714928

Start: 07/09/2015

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 21,272,969,167 HUF

Net Asset Value of institutional

10,393,972,342 HUF series:

1.242101 HUF Net Asset Value per unit:

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Equilor Befektetési Zrt, Raiffeisen Bank 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	Weight
Collective securities	21.44 %
Corporate bonds	16.54 %
Government bonds	9.24 %
T-bills	7.74 %
Hungarian equities	5.59 %
International equities	4.16 %
Current account	35.14 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.32 %
Liabilities	-0.20 %
Receivables	0.04 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	65.59 %
Net corrected leverage	101.27 %
Assets with over 10% weight	



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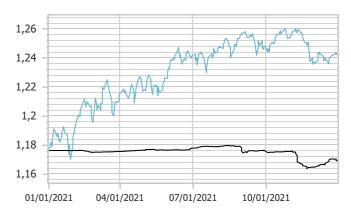
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	3.40 %	0.35 %			
2021	5.60 %	-0.60 %			
2020	-0.06 %	0.41 %			
2019	9.15 %	0.23 %			
2018	-3.85 %	0.31 %			
2017	4.78 %	0.20 %			
2016	6.95 %	1.22 %			

### NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

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



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	4.47 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	0.87 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	1.32 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	1.61 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS							
Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity					
investment note	Adventum MAGIS Zártkörű Alapok						
interest-bearing	Kazah állam	11/09/2028					
investment note	Invesco Bloomberg Commodity UCITS	ETF					
interest-bearing	MVM Energetika ZRt.	11/18/2027					
derivatív	ING Bank Hun	02/07/2022					
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#### Legal declaration