## Aegon Polish Equity Fund





MONTHLY report - 2022 JANUARY (made on: 01/31/2022)

## INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The Fund aims to share in the returns of the Polish stock market, and to profit from Polish economic growth through stock prices and dividend income. In accordance with the risk characteristics of equity investments, the Fund qualifies as a high-risk investment. According to the Fund Manager's intentions, the bulk of the Fund's portfolio is made up of the shares of foreign companies issued through public offerings. The primary investment targets are the securities, traded on the stock exchange or about to be listed on the stock exchange, of companies that operate in Poland or that derive a significant portion of their revenues from Poland, or whose shares are listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange. The Fund may also invest in equities of other Central and Eastern European companies (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Romania and Turkey). When developing the portfolio, the shares determine the nature of the Fund, and thus the proportion of shares that can be held in the Fund at any given time may reach the prevailing legal maximum. The Fund holds more than 30% of its assets in currencies other than the local currency (HUF).

## MARKET SUMMARY

In January, investors almost completely forgot about what has been weighing on their investment decisions over the past two years. It seems that the Omicron variant of the Covid virus, although spreading much faster, has a much weaker impact on humans than previous variants. The strain on the health infrastructure is not as great and the mortality rate is significantly lower. This was good news, because it meant that investors could finally focus on the things that would affect the long-term course of the economy. It was a cold shower for the markets that after the rate decision meeting in January, Fed Chairman Jay Powell stated in the strongest possible terms that now the Fed's leaders could see that their inflation expectations of last year had not been met, that inflation was significantly higher than they had expected and that they would therefore do everything possible to bring inflation down to the Fed's preferred level in 2022. The chairman outlined a plan that caused panic in the markets. According to these plans, the tapering would be drastically accelerated and interest rates would be raised as early as March. This was not well received by the markets and investors suffered the worst January sell-off ever. The ECB is facing similar problems to the US Federal Reserve. Inflation is already significant factor in Europe, but the ECB is reluctant to raise interest rates. What has been a particular problem over the past month is that energy prices have soared. This is affecting the performance of the economy, but the biggest problem is that the inflation figures remain very high.

The Hungarian National Bank continued to raise interest rates in January in response to the high inflation figures. The base rate was increased by 50 basis points to 2.90% while the one-week deposit rate was raised by 30 basis points to 4.30%. The EURHUF exchange rate finally reacted to the continuous rate hikes, falling from 370 to 352.

The fund posted a negative return in January and slightly underperformed the benchmark index. The Polish banks remain overweight, which was a good decision as this sector outperformed. In addition, we are also overweight the retail and oil sectors. In contrast, the video game, telecoms and information sectors are underweight, while the utilities sector is neutral. In November, the mid-cap sector remained overweight against the large-cap exposure. The fund remains overweight against the benchmark index at 107%.

Lower risk

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: 100% MSCI Poland IMI Loc Net

ISIN code: HU0000710850

Start: 11/18/2011

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 57,038,702 PLN

Net Asset Value of institutional series: 34,731,763 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.383152 PLN

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie Spolka

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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	94.79 %
Hungarian equities	1.20 %
Current account	4.09 %
Liabilities	-1.02 %
Receivables	0.95 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	9.91 %
Net corrected leverage	109.94 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
PKO Bank	
Bank Pekao SA	
RISK PROFILE	
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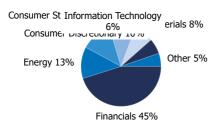


## institutional series

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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	3.23 %	1.77 %	
2021	21.81 %	21.27 %	
2020	-8.26 %	-9.83 %	
2019	-3.36 %	-3.85 %	
2018	-10.44 %	-11.48 %	
2017	21.83 %	21.15 %	
2016	11.88 %	9.38 %	
2015	-10.34 %	-11.98 %	
2014	-0.78 %	-2.02 %	
2013	0.69 %	-1.47 %	
2012	24.40 %	16.71 %	

### Stocks by sectors



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 02/01/2021 - 01/31/2022



Aegon Polish Equity Fund institutional series

---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	17.82 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	17.41 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS				
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity	
PKO Bank	share	PKO Bank		
Bank Pekao SA	share	Bank Pekao SA		
MIDWIG INDEX FUT Mar22 Buy	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	03/18/2022	
POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEŃ	share	POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEŃ	POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEŃ	
KGHM Polska SA	share	KGHM Ploska SA	KGHM Ploska SA	

### 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. | 436 1 477 4814 | alapkezel@aegon.hu | www.aegonalapkezelo.hu