# Aegon Emerging Europe Bond Fund





MONTHLY report - 2022 FEBRUARY (made on: 02/28/2022)

### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing in bonds of emerging European countries and state-owned companies. The Fund does not apply credit rating restrictions: it may purchase securities of any country or company with any long-term credit rating. The Fund aims for the highest possible capital growth alongside reasonable risk-taking. The Fund primarily purchases foreign currency emerging market bonds, in addition to which it holds Hungarian local currency short-term and long-term bonds for diversification and liquidity management purposes. The bond portfolio may also include short-term, long-term, fixed or floating-rate, structured and convertible bonds issued by mortgage credit institutions, other credit institutions, local governments or other business entities. The core of the Fund's investments is Central Eastern Europe (Hungary, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine), South East Europe (Serbia, Turkey), the Baltics (Latvia, Lithuania) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Georgia, Armenia) and bonds of majority state-owned companies, in addition to which the Fund holds short-term and long-term Hungarian government securities for diversification and liquidity management purposes. The target weight for bond exposures in the Fund in the 16 countries listed (target countries) is 95%. We do not set a limit on debt classification in the Fund may only conclude derivative transactions for hedging purposes, or in the interest of establishing an efficient portfolio. The Fund may also hold non-leveraged bond-type collective investment forms. The Fund may also take on significant foreign currency exposure, which is normally covered 100% by the Fund Manager in the target currency (USD), but depending on market conditions, the Fund may also hold open foreign currency positions.

### **MARKET SUMMARY**

At the beginning of February, investors were mostly concerned about how much and at what pace the US Federal Reserve would raise interest rates in 2022, but unfortunately this has been overshadowed by events in Ukraine. The odds of a rate hike have dropped significantly since the outbreak of the war, but even now we can be sure that the Fed will start the rate hike cycle. However, the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine has completely changed the investment world. Commodity prices have risen significantly in recent weeks, and not only the price of gold or oil, but also the price of wheat is close to all-time highs. So while the economy continues to slow down, inflation is at a 40-year high. Slowing economic activity in a rising inflationary environment is unfavorable for risk assets. Almost nothing other than commodity-linked sectors are performing well in a stagflationary environment, and this poses a serious challenge for economic agents. The Hungarian National Bank continued to raise interest rates in February in response to the high inflation numbers. The EURHUF exchange rate was stable until the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian war, but by the end of the month the forint had fallen to a new all-time low against the euro and the dollar.

The fund kept Ukrainian soveriegn bonds on overweight in February and kept Russian sovereign bonds on neutral. The fund's duration was aligned to the long term average level. The fund invests into the EM European hard currency bonds, of which 35% consist of Ukrainian and Russian government bonds. After the war errupted, these bonds quickly started pricing in a default event and lost the bulk of their value. Unfortuntely not only these bonds were impacted but the whole region got under severe selling pressure. The losses for the region are way surpass the one seen during the '07-'08 financial crises.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: The fund has no benchmark

ISIN code: HU0000718416

Start: 01/05/2017

Currency: USD

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 15,468,218 EUR

Net Asset Value of USD series: 90,638 USD

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.906384 USD

# DISTRIBUTORS

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Erste Befektetési Zrt., OTP Bank Nyrt., Raiffeisen Bank 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	81.81 %
Corporate bonds	19.59 %
Current account	4.38 %
Liabilities	-1.07 %
Receivables	0.00 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-4.71 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	6.36 %
Net corrected leverage	101.59 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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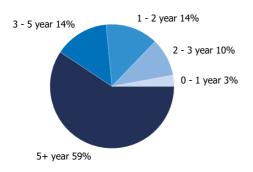


# **USD** series

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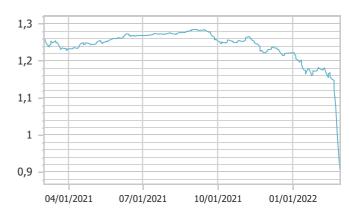
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	-1.89 %				
2021	-5.11 %				
2020	8.12 %				
2019	14.48 %				
2018	-2.34 %				

### Bonds by tenor:



# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 03/01/2021 - 02/28/2022



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	5.76 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	7.40 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	9.66 years

### Legal declaration