# Aegon Polish Equity Fund





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

#### 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

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. On February 24th, 2022, the Russian army launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The emergence of an open war between Russia and Ukraine had previously seemed completely irrational to us, as no global superpower had launched a war of territorial aggression since World War II. 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.

For Polish companies, the exposure to Russia and Ukraine is low. The largest direct exposure is to clothing retailer LPP, which generated approximately 30% of its profits in CIS countries, compared to 10% for Amrest. For companies involved in oil refining, the stability of Russian oil imports is a risk. The direct exposure of Polish banks is negligible. However, taking into account the risks mentioned above, we believe that in the short term, these price levels are considered extremely low, especially for consumer goods and banks. The fund ended the month with a loss, underperforming its benchmark. We are slightly overweight Polish banks, which accounted for a large part of the underperformance. In February, we were still slightly overweight the retail sector, but underweight the Russian market. During the month, we downgraded the oil sector to neutral. The gaming, telecom, and information sectors are underweight, with the utilities sector also slightly underweight. In November, the mid-cap sector remained overweight against the large-cap exposure. The fund is overweight against the benchmark index at 104%.

### **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: HU0000710835

Start: 01/22/2019

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 50,812,814 PLN
Net Asset Value of PLN series: 11,323,340 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.871541 PLN

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie Spolka

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	93.33 %
Hungarian equities	1.42 %
Current account	4.79 %
Receivables	1.78 %
Liabilities	-1.32 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	9.94 %
Net corrected leverage	108.76 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
PKO Bank	
Bank Pekao SA	
RISK PROFILE  1 2 3 4 5	6 7
Lower risk	Higer risk

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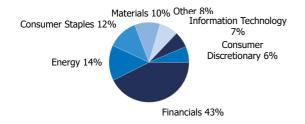


## PLN series

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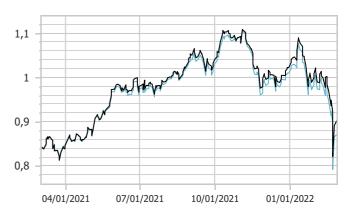
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	-4.34 %	-3.48 %			
2021	20.14 %	21.27 %			
2020	-9.19 %	-9.83 %			

#### Stocks by sectors



## 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	18.73 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	18.12 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS							
Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity					
share	PKO Bank						
share	Bank Pekao SA						
derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	03/18/2022					
share	KGHM Ploska SA						
share	POWSZECHNY ZAKŁAD UBEZPIECZEI	Ń					
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#### Legal declaration