# Aegon Alfa Absolute Return Investment Fund

Alapkezelő

**EUR** series

MONTHLY report - 2022 MARCH (made on: 03/31/2022)

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The Fund is an absolute return investment fund that aims to create an investment portfolio through active portfolio management that achieves a return for its clients in excess of the benchmark, taking into account a predetermined risk profile. It intends to accomplish this goal primarily by investing in the bond and equity market of the emerging European region. The Fund's asset allocation is aligned with the given capital market conditions. It intends to accomplish this goal primarily by investing in the bond and equity market of the emerging European region. The Fund's asset allocation is aligned with the given capital market conditions.

The Fund applies special investment strategies used by hedge funds to establish its strategy. The fund is willing to buy or sell all available investment instruments domestic and foreign bonds (treasury bonds, discounted treasury bills, bonds issued by the National Bank of Hungary, as well as low-risk bank and corporate bonds expected to bring higher yields than the state securities) Equities and other securities, indices and currencies - provided it sees the opportunity to make substantial gains — up to the maximum limit allowed by the law, which allows double leverage for the Fund. To the extent set out in the investment strategy, the Fund may also invest in so-called non-investment grade securities, which represent additional risk compared to assets that are classed as investment-grade in terms of creditworthiness. In its investment decision-making mechanism, the Fund considers and weighs fundamental, pricing, technical and behavioural/psychological factors. To ensure liquidity the Fund aims to hold government securities issued by the State Debt Management Centre (ÁKK) on behalf of the State of Hungary.

### MARKET SUMMARY

The protracted conflict between Russia and Ukraine is likely to mean that the consequences of war will haunt the world's economies for a long time to come. If we analyze just the economic effects, we see that many things have happened that were previously unthinkable to happen to a nuclear superpower. The Russian central bank's reserves held in foreign banks has been frozen and seven Russian banks have been cut off from the SWIFT system. It is too early to analyze the long-term effects of these decisions, but it is likely to fundamentally reshape the financial world.

The war could also affect the US Federal Reserve's interest rate policy. The Fed has recently communicated that it will focus on inflation and raise interest rates. Never before has the US Federal Reserve raised interest rates when nuclear power initiated a war. The problem is that the war has exacerbated inflationary trends, so the Fed has to respond in some way. At its March policy meeting, it raised its benchmark rate by 25 basis points, which seems ridiculous in the face of inflation of nearly 7%. Of course, US investment banks are also not willing to miss the predictions, and Goldman Sachs expects not 4 but 5 more US rate hikes next year, in addition to the 6 for this year.

The MNB continued to raise interest rates in March in response to the high inflation figures. In March, the MNB raised the base rate by 100 basis points to 4.40% and the one-week deposit rate from 4.60 to 6.15. The EURHUF exchange rate was highly volatile in March due to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. It reached a new all-time high of 400 forints against the euro at the beginning of the month, but as the National Bank raised interest rates the forint strengthened and returned to 370 by the end of the month.

The fund posted a negative return in March. During the month, we increased the fund's risk exposure in the sell-off by buying OTP and Erste, taking the equity weighting to over 25%, which we gradually reduced back to 15% as the market rallied. By the end of the month we reduced the net equity exposure to 0% by selling SP500 and DAX futures. On the bond side, we have slowly started to reduce our Russian exposure, while we kept the Ukrainian exposure unchanged. In addition, we are buying Hungarian government bonds on an ongoing basis. We believe that at these interest rate levels this is a very attractive investment. We have been actively trading in the foreign exchange market due to the sharp movements in the EURHUF exchange rate. When the EURHUF approached the 400 level we opened forint long positions which we closed at the 385 level. We closed the fund's previous forint positions at the levels where they were opened. Due to changing geopolitical risks we also hold gold in the fund. We sold our earlier positions when gold went above \$2000, but we have taken back the position at current levels, so now we have 10% gold exposure in the fund.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: Hurdle rate, annual 0.2%

ISIN code: HU0000715982 Start: 03/17/2016

Currency: EUR

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 37,463,514,827 HUF

Net Asset Value of EUR series: 7,846,463 EUR

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.055144 EUR

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., Budapest Hitel-és Fejlesztési Bank Zrt., CIB Bank Zrt., CONCORDE Értékpapír Zrt., Equilor Befektetési Zrt, Erste Befektetési Zrt., ERSTE Group Bank AG Austria, MKB Bank Nyrt., OTP Bank Nyrt., 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   |
|---|----------|
| Government bonds                          | 50.02 %  |
| Hungarian equities                        | 13.29 %  |
| Corporate bonds                           | 9.43 %   |
| Collective securities                     | 8.79 %   |
| T-bills                                   | 3.33 %   |
| International equities                    | 3.22 %   |
| Liabilities                               | -15.42 % |
| Current account                           | 14.02 %  |
| Receivables                               | 13.41 %  |
| Market value of open derivative positions | -0.09 %  |
| Total                                     | 100,00 % |
| Derivative products                       | 48.46 %  |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 126.01 % |
| Assets with over 10% weight               |          |



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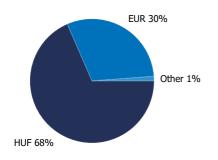


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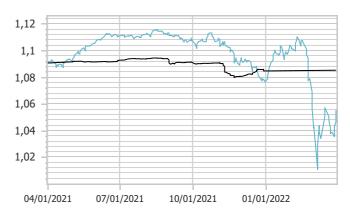
| NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES |               |                 |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Interval                            | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |  |  |
| From start                          | 0.89 %        | 0.29 %          |  |  |
| 2021                                | 2.23 %        | -0.60 %         |  |  |
| 2020                                | -0.01 %       | 0.41 %          |  |  |
| 2019                                | 6.92 %        | 0.23 %          |  |  |
| 2018                                | -4.08 %       | 0.31 %          |  |  |
| 2017                                | 2.70 %        | 0.20 %          |  |  |

#### **Currency exposure:**



## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 04/01/2021 - 03/31/2022



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Benchmark

| RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS                         |            |
|--|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields      | 7.52 %     |
| Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields | 0.87 %     |
| WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)                                | 3.41 years |
| WAL (Weighted Average Life)                                    | 3.85 years |

| TOP 3 POSITIONS            |                  |                                  |            |  |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Asset                      | Туре             | Counterparty / issuer            | Maturity   |  |
| Magyar Államkötvény 2031/A | interest-bearing | Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt. | 10/22/2031 |  |
| Magyar Államkötvény 2026/D | interest-bearing | Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt. | 12/22/2026 |  |
| Magyar Államkötvény 2030/A | interest-bearing | Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt. | 08/21/2030 |  |

### 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