# Aegon Emerging Europe Bond Fund

EGON Alapkezelő

V series

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

## 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**

In March this year, the Fed increased key rates by 25bp, moreover, FOMC's communication was rather more hawkish than the market would have expected. Later in the month, the Fed intensified its hawkish rhetoric by hinting at the possibility of raising rates in 50bp steps, if needed. The "dot plot" of interest rate projections showed the median FOMC forecast indicating a steep tightening cycle (225- 250bp by 2023 year-end). In the EU, PMIs showed resilience to the geopolitical shock, while consumer confidence and the German Ifo plummeted. The US and the EU announced a plan that would reduce Europe's dependency on Russian gas, while a number of European governments announced fiscal measures aimed at mitigating the economic impact of surging energy costs. A meeting of China's top financial-policy committee concluded that the government should be ready to actively introduce policies that boost economic growth and benefit financial markets. Financial markets experienced several swings. Equity markets lost the gains posted early in the month. Government bond yields were on a rollercoaster, marking multiyear highs before dropping back to last week's values and then moving up again. Curve flattening has been the main theme. Credit-risk premiums tightened across market segments. In FX, EUR-USD steadied above 1.10, whereas the JPY weakened on dovish remarks from the Bol. We closed positions in Qatar, reduced exposures to Kazakhstan, Romania and Turkey, Russian positions were cut significantly during the month with an intention of complete withdrawal from the credit.

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: The fund has no benchmark

ISIN code: HU0000724232 Start: 05/26/2020

Currency: USD

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 15,193,607 EUR

Net Asset Value of V series: 2,417 USD

Net Asset Value per unit: 0.690520 USD

## **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt.

SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD	

3 mths 6 mths 1 yr 2 yr 3 yr 4 yr 5 y	yr

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND			
Asset			Weight
Government bonds			63.02 %
Corporate bonds			16.75 %
Current account			17.83 %
Receivables			2.07 %
Market value of open derivative positions			0.66 %
Liabilities			-0.32 %
Total			100,00 %
Derivative products			14.04 %
Net corrected leverage			103.51 %
Assets with over 10% weight			
There is no such instrument in the portfolio			
RISK PROFILE			
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Higer risk

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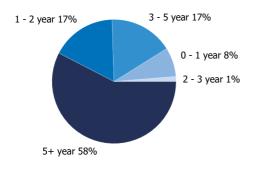


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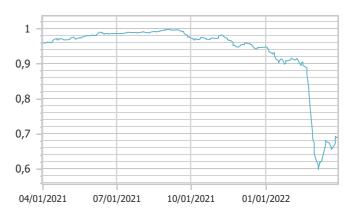
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
From start	-18.17 %			
2021	-5.59 %			

### Bonds by tenor:



# 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	26.60 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	5.24 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	6.73 years

# 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. | +36 1 477 4814 | alapkezelo@aegon.hu | www.aegonalapkezelo.hu