# Aegon Maraton Total Return Investment Fund

Alapkezelő

**EUR** series

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

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital return for the investors within the appropriate risk limits. The aim of the Fund is to achive the highest possible return for a given risk level by buying undervalued stocks and fixed income assets and selling overvalued instruments. The Fund is allowed to buy shares, bonds and other instruments, to open short positions on the spot market, to take long and short forward and future positions. Morever, the Fund can trade on the option market. The portfolio of the

Fund is separeted into three classes according to their investment objective: Instruments of the first class consist of long postions of long term, fundamentaly undervalued, and short positions of overvalued equities. The method of stock picking is identical with the applied methods of Aegon equity related funds and mainly concentrate to the CEE regional markets, although the Fund is allowed to invest in other emerging and developed market instruments. The second class of the Fund's instruments implement the top-down equity strategy of Aegon Asset Management Co., mainly with long and short postions on the futures markets. These postions are based on the scores of the so-called "quadrant model", which is the internal asset allocation model of the Asset Management Company. Instruments of the third class involve the fixed income part of the Fund. The aim of the third class is to reach or exceed the performance of the RMAX Index. The target weight of the first and second classes altogether is 45%.

### **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 slight negative return in March. In March, the equity and commodity exposure had a positive impact on the fund's performance, but, as yields rose, the bond exposure had a negative impact. In the sell-off at the beginning of the month, we bought OTP and Erste shares, some of which we took profits on as the markets started to rise. Within the equity exposure, we increased our exposure to the growth sector in the second half of the month, including buying the types of stocks that could be linked to the scarce resources. We also took profits on part of the commodity exposure in the middle of the month, but it still heavily weighted in the portfolio. By the end of the month, the equity weight was 25% and the commodity exposure was 6% in the fund.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fund Manager: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Custodian: Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: Hurdle rate, annual 0.4%

ISIN code: HU0000714894

Start: 10/06/2015

Currency: EUR

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 18,757,877,406 HUF

Net Asset Value of EUR series: 4,009,562 EUR

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.017026 EUR

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt., CIB Bank Zrt., CONCORDE Értékpapír Zrt., Equilor Befektetési Zrt, Erste Befektetési Zrt., MKB Bank Nyrt., OTP Bank Nyrt., Raiffeisen Bank Zrt., SPB Befektetési Zrt., Unicredit Bank Hungary Zrt.

SUGGES	STED MINI	MUM IN	VESTMEN	NT PERIO	)	
3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr

Asset	Weight
Collective securities	22.70 %
Government bonds	16.75 %
Corporate bonds	14.48 %
Hungarian equities	8.38 %
T-bills	8.31 %
International equities	6.03 %
Current account	25.94 %
Liabilities	-13.60 %
Receivables	13.09 %
Market value of open derivative positions	-2.08 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	69.92 %
Net corrected leverage	104.87 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
There is no such instrument in the portfolio	



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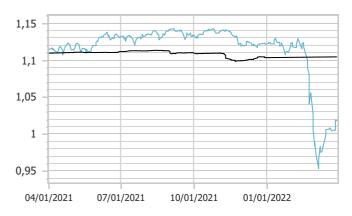
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES			
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield	
From start	0.26 %	0.28 %	
2021	3.54 %	-0.60 %	
2020	-0.38 %	0.41 %	
2019	7.53 %	0.23 %	
2018	-5.46 %	0.31 %	
2017	3.71 %	0.20 %	
2016	4.79 %	1.22 %	

# 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	11.41 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	0.87 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	1.75 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	2.16 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS					
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity		
Invesco Bloomberg Commodity UCITS ETF	investment note	Invesco Bloomberg Commodity UCITS ETF			
USD/HUF 22.09.01 Forward Sell	derivatív	OTP Bank	09/01/2022		
Adventum MAGIS Zártkörű Alapok Alapja	investment note	Adventum MAGIS Zártkörű Alapok			
Magyar Államkötvény 2034/A	interest-bearing	Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt.	06/22/2034		
MVMHU 2027/11/18 0,875% EUR	interest-bearing	MVM Energetika ZRt.	11/18/2027		

## Legal declaration

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