## Aegon Polish Equity Fund





MONTHLY report - 2022 APRIL (made on: 04/30/2022)

### 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

Although the war between Russia and Ukraine is still ongoing, the investment world is much more concerned about inflation and how central banks will respond to it. Inflation around the world is at multi-decade highs. In the Eurozone it is at levels that is similar the early 2000s, in the US it is at a 40-year high, while Hungary has also not seen such high inflation for more than 20 years. The question on everyone's mind is what central banks will do to curb inflation, and whether they can do anything at all.

In March, the US Federal Reserve raised the Fed Funds rate by 25 basis points, which seems ridiculous in the face of inflation of almost 9%. The Fed is not in an easy position. If it raises rates too high, it could very easily create a recession, but if it raises them by only 25-50 basis points, it could be too slow and inflation could rise further. Let's not forget that over the past decade, the US national debt has more than doubled and a sustained rise in interest rates would be disastrous for the US economy. Europe is not better off. Since the 2008-2009 crisis, the ECB's main task has been to support the bond markets of the South-European countries by continuously buying them. If the ECB also raises interest rates, it will hit the South-European countries very badly, and some of them could enter into bankruptcy. The MNB continued to raise interest rates in April in response to high inflation figures. In April, the MNB raised the base rate by 100 basis points to 5.40% and the one-week deposit rate to 6.45%. The EURHUF exchange rate was highly volatile in April due to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. During the month, the forint weakened from 367 to 377 against the euro. Currently, higher interest rates are unable to strengthen the Hungarian currency.

During the month of April, the Polish stock market sold off after it bounced back from its March lows, and approached its lowest point after the outbreak of war. Because of this, the portfolio closed with a negative return, underperforming its benchmark. As a result of the positions taken in the portfolio, the banking sector was slightly overweight, while the energy sector was also overweight due to positions in refinery stocks. The gaming, telecom, and information sectors are underweight, while utilities stocks are at weight. The mid-cap sector remained overweight in April. The fund is overweight against the benchmark index at 106%.

### **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: HU0000710850

Start: 11/18/2011

Currency: PLN

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 45,538,495 PLN

Net Asset Value of I series: 26,777,445 PLN

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.128206 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	95.07 %	
Hungarian equities	1.71 %	
Current account	2.47 %	
Receivables	0.91 %	
Liabilities	-0.15 %	
Total	100,00 %	
Derivative products	10.43 %	
Net corrected leverage	110.48 %	
Assets with over 10% weight		
PKO Bank		



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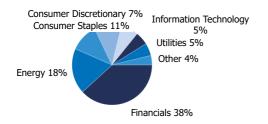




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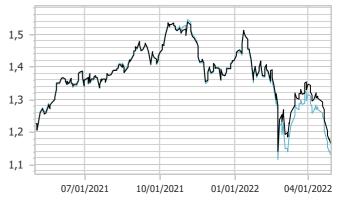
NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
From start	1.16 %	0.03 %		
2021	21.81 %	21.27 %		
2020	-8.26 %	-9.83 %		
2019	-3.36 %	-3.85 %		
2018	-10.44 %	-11.48 %		
2017	21.83 %	21.15 %		
2016	11.88 %	9.38 %		
2015	-10.34 %	-11.98 %		
2014	-0.78 %	-2.02 %		
2013	0.69 %	-1.47 %		
2012	24.40 %	16.71 %		

### Stocks by sectors



### NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 05/01/2021 - 04/30/2022



Aegon Polish Equity Fund I series

---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	23.12 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	21.45 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS					
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity		
PKO Bank	share	PKO Bank			
MIDWIG INDEX FUT Jun22 Buy	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	06/17/2022		
Polski Koncern Naftowy	share	PL Koncern Naftowy			
Bank Pekao SA	share	Bank Pekao SA			
KGHM Polska SA	share	KGHM Ploska SA			

### 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