# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund

AEGON Alapkezelő

UI series

MONTHLY report - 2022 JULY (made on: 07/31/2022)

#### INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE FUND

The aim of the fund is to benefit on the economical growth of emerging countries. The fund accomplishes this goal basically via individual equity investments, however it may also hold collective investment instruments, if it is necessary for the efficient management of the portfolio. These can primarily be ETFs listed on the stock exchange, and open-end public investment funds. In the course of selecting the equities the Fund dedicates special attention to the compliance of individual companies with ESG (environmental, social, governance) criteria, so in addition to analyzing the financial factors, Portfolio managers also take into consideration environmental, social and governance factors during the investment decision making process. The Fund Manager seeks to build a portfolio in which the positive ESG characteristics of companies prevail, i.e. companies with high ESG scores are overrepresented in the portfolio as compared to companies with low ESG scores. The environmental criterion covers the elements where a business interacts with the environment. Environmental criteria include elements in the course of which the company comes into contact with the environment. These include for example the energy utilization, waste management, pollutant emission and/or the preservation of natural resources. Social criteria include all relations maintained by the company with its external partners, customers and internal employees. Corporate governance criteria are legal factors impacting reliable operation of a company. The Fund's main strategy is to provide broad emerging equity market exposure and to achieve performance above the emerging market index through active equity market allocation. An active strategy enables the Fund to achieve a return in excess of the benchmark. The Fund's risk exposure due to its geographical distribution is close to the benchmark. Due to the strategy of the Fund, it may also invest in assets denominated in foreign currency. The Fund may hedge some or all of its foreign currency risk using

#### MARKET SUMMARY

In July, the focus for investors remained on inflation and whether central banks can and will do anything about it. Although the US and European central banks have raised interest rates, these levels are still a long way from being able to make a meaningful impact on inflation. This situation is likely to persist for the rest of the year until investors are convinced that inflation has indeed peaked.

The US Federal Reserve raised interest rates again in July by 75 basis points, so the Fed fund's rate is now 2.50%, which is very low compared to inflation of 9%. Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the Fed is to maintain its creditworthiness. If the markets perceive that the Fed does not want to keep interest rates above a certain level, even though inflation is not yet under control, it may cause very serious structural problems.

Europe faces even bigger problems, which the Russian-Ukrainian war escalates even further. Inflation here is also very high, but the biggest problem is the energy supply. Russian gas is not coming in as much as in the past and this is having a negative impact on economic performance. If this continues into the winter period, some forecasts suggest that European economic performance could fall by 20-30%.

Hungary is no exception to the effects of inflation and the central bank is aggressively raising interest rates to curb consumption. The base rate is already 10.75% and another 100 basis point hike is priced in by the market for August. Unfortunately, Hungarian inflation is being impacted by a steadily weakening forint, but perhaps the region's highest interest rate environment will stop the Hungarian currency from weakening further.

The fund achieved a positive return in July and outperformed its benchmark index. Emerging markets underperformed developed markets last month, so this year's outperformance turned into a slight underperformance. The main reason for this was the correction in Chinese equities in July, which had an effect on the emerging markets. The Fund's outperformance was helped by the overweight in Saudi Arabia and Brazil. These countries also fell until mid-July as the commodity sector fell, but by the end of the month these exposures had gained back their losses. We reduced the overweight in the commodity exporting countries last month, while we increased the exposure to the Chinese tech sector further. We remain optimistic on China, we believe that China is in a completely different economic cycle than the rest of the world. There are no inflationary pressures, therefore the central bank does not need to tighten monetary conditions, and we think there will be more monetary and fiscal stimulus. The GDP delta between America and China will widen a lot, which could be positive for Chinese equities. The fund is slightly overweight against the benchmark index at 102%.

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: 100% MSCI EM (EMERGING

MARKETS) ESG

ISIN code: HU0000729561

Start: 07/18/2022

Currency: USD

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 12,433,602,836 HUF

Net Asset Value of UI series: 2,486 USD

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.014771 USD

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

SUGGESTED		

3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr
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ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
Collective securities	57.69 %
International equities	37.69 %
Current account	3.62 %
Receivables	2.17 %
Liabilities	-1.16 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	4.75 %
Net corrected leverage	104.68 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	
RISK PROFILE	

Higer risk

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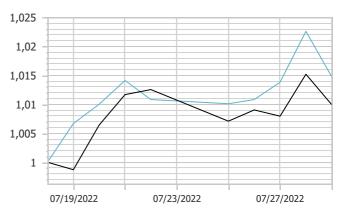
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES				
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield		
From start	1.48 %	0.99 %		

# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 07/18/2022 - 07/31/2022



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	0.55 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	0.43 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 5 POSITIONS			
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer M	aturity
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	
Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS	investment note	Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS ETF	
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	

## 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