# Aegon Maraton Total Return Investment Fund



C series

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

### 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

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

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 posted a negative return in July. Last month, the equity exposure contributed positively to the fund's return, while bond exposure contributed negatively. Within the bond exposure, the Hungarian and Ukrainian positions performed poorly. The Ukrainian exposure is very low for the size of the fund, but unfortunately it fell sharply in July. In addition, hedging of the forint exposure contributed to the negative return, as the forint weakened a lot against the euro and the dollar. We have further reduced our exposure to commodities and now have only 2.50% in the fund, and we have also sold the commodity-linked European oil sector, offsetting these by buying 3% in Chinese equities. We further increased bond exposure by buying Hungarian government bonds and the OTP green bond. Our strategic view is that the economies are approaching a recessionary phase, so we have further increased bond exposure and within bonds we are mainly positive on the Hungarian market.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd. Fund Manager:

Custodian: Raiffeisen Bank 7rt.

Main distributor: AEGON Hungary Fund Manager Ltd.

Benchmark composition: Hurdle rate, annual 3.3%

HU0000716055 ISIN code:

Start: 03/17/2016

Currency: C7K

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 17.149.401.024 HUF

Net Asset Value of C series:

1.070491 CZK Net Asset Value per unit:

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Raiffeisen Bank Zrt.

| Asset                                     | Weight   |
|---|----------|
| Government bonds                          | 34.85 %  |
| Collective securities                     | 24.69 %  |
| Corporate bonds                           | 22.70 %  |
| Hungarian equities                        | 5.77 %   |
| International equities                    | 1.89 %   |
| T-bills                                   | 1.19 %   |
| Current account                           | 12.27 %  |
| Receivables                               | 1.40 %   |
| Liabilities                               | -0.37 %  |
| Market value of open derivative positions | -4.37 %  |
| Total                                     | 100,00 % |
| Derivative products                       | 75.33 %  |
| Net corrected leverage                    | 101.90 % |

# SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

3 mths

6 mths



There is no such instrument in the portfolio

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| NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES |               |                 |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Interval                            | Yield of note | Benchmark yield |  |  |  |
| From start                          | 1.13 %        | 0.57 %          |  |  |  |
| 2021                                | 0.00 %        | -0.60 %         |  |  |  |
| 2020                                | 0.00 %        | 0.41 %          |  |  |  |
| 2019                                | 0.00 %        | 0.23 %          |  |  |  |
| 2018                                | 1.74 %        | 0.31 %          |  |  |  |
| 2017                                | 2.26 %        | 0.20 %          |  |  |  |

### NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 08/01/2021 - 07/31/2022



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---- Benchmark

| RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS                         |            |
|--|------------|
| Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields      | no data    |
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| WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)                                | 3.01 years |
| WAL (Weighted Average Life)                                    | 3.63 years |

| TOP 5 POSITIONS                       |                  |   |   |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Asset                                 | Туре             | Counterparty / issuer                           | Maturity  |  |  |
| Magyar Államkötvény 2034/A            | interest-bearing | Államadósság Kezelő Központ Zrt.                | 06/22/2034  |  |  |
| iShares MSCI World ETF USD            | investment note  | iShares MSCI World 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                  |   |  |  |
| OTP HB 5,5% 07/13/25                  | interest-bearing | Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereskedelr<br>Nyrt. | Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereskedelmi Bank <sub>07/13/2025</sub><br>Nyrt. |  |  |

#### Legal declaration

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