# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund



A series

MONTHLY report - 2022 OCTOBER (made on: 10/31/2022)

#### 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 October, investors were still trying to figure out when the US Federal Reserve would stop raising interest rates. Regional Fed governors are divided on the subject, with some expecting around 4-4.5 percent, but others are not ruling out 5-5.5 percent. Macro data shows a mixed picture. Some segments of the economy are already showing strong signs of slowing, such as housing and used car prices, but the unemployment rate still shows signs of a robust economy. Europe remains trapped by energy prices. Although the benchmark Amsterdam gas price has fallen significantly since its August peak, it is still a lot higher than last year's averages. The question is whether Europe will have enough gas to meet both residential and industrial demand. If there is, Europe can get through the winter, but if there is not enough gas, it could push the European economy into a bigger-than-expected recession.

Inflation remains very high in Hungary. In October, year-on-year inflation rose by 21.1%. The further increase in inflation was mainly driven by a further rise in food prices. Seeing these inflation figures, and the continued weakening of the forint against the euro, the MNB changed its interest rate policy. The base rate remained at 13%, but the overnight deposit was set at 18% and the top of the interest rate band was raised to 25%. The forint weakened to a new high against the euro in the middle of the month, but showed signs of strengthening at the end of the month.

The fund posted a negative return in October, but outperformed its benchmark index. Over the past month, emerging markets have significantly underperformed developed markets and this has had an impact on the fund's performance. The outperformance against the benchmark index was due to a good top-down allocation, with the fund being overweight in Indonesia and Saudi Arabia and underweight in China. At the Chinese party congress in October, Xi was re-nominated for the third time as party leader, but not much change is expected on the economic and political fronts. Chinese equities failed to rise on this news and the yuan weakened. We have also reduced our exposure to Chinese equities during the month, with the intention of buying them back at lower prices. At the end of the month, the fund was at 95% against the benchmark index.

### **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

on: MARKETS) ESG

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Start: 05/11/2007

Currency: HUF

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 6,498,450,073 HUF

Net Asset Value of A series: 3,565,435,826 HUF

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.962848 HUF

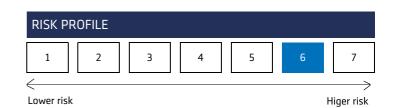
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## SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD

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

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
Collective securities	57.56 %
International equities	39.93 %
Current account	2.91 %
Liabilities	-0.95 %
Receivables	0.57 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	8.29 %
Net corrected leverage	108.29 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	



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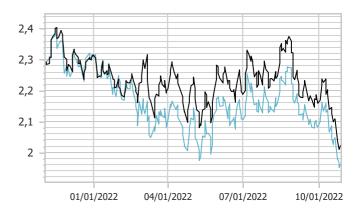
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NET YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES					
Interval	Yield of note	Benchmark yield			
From start	4.45 %	4.14 %			
2021	5.43 %	6.36 %			
2020	19.21 %	20.53 %			
2019	17.07 %	20.43 %			
2018	-6.84 %	-7.93 %			
2017	17.45 %	19.66 %			
2016	4.46 %	5.03 %			
2015	-0.31 %	0.23 %			
2014	24.30 %	24.12 %			
2013	-1.18 %	-0.69 %			
2012	7.61 %	9.54 %			

# NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 11/01/2021 - 10/31/2022



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---- Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	19.35 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	20.18 %
WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)	0.00 years
WAL (Weighted Average Life)	0.00 years

TOP 10 POSITIONS			
Asset	Туре	Counterparty / issuer	Maturity
Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI India UCITS ETF	
Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS	investment note	Invesco MSCI Saudi Arabia UCITS ETF	
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	
MSCI EmgMkt Dec22 Sell	derivatív	Erste Bef. Hun	12/16/2022
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	
Lyxor MSCI Indonesia UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Indonesia UCITS ETF	
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	share	Samsung Electronics	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactu	share	TSMC	

#### 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 nuit 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