# VIG Emerging Market ESG Equity Investment Fund



B series EUR

MONTHLY report - 2023 JANUARY (made on: 01/31/2023)

#### 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

At its first policy meeting in 2023 the US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points, as expected, and at the subsequent press conference, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell promised a more cautious stance than before and a stand-alone decision making process at every FOMC meeting in the future. Powell said he expected the interest rate path to peak higher than expected now, while acknowledging and giving credibility to the fact that inflation in many sectors is falling, a disinflationary process has begun. He expects wages to fall, but does not think this will lead to a meaningful recession. A return to the 2 percent inflation target will require a rebalancing of the labor market, i.e. some rise in unemployment. Powell also said that over-tightening is not the goal and that the tools are there to deal with it. One of his most interesting statements was that he talked about a tightening of financial conditions when these indicators have been at a loose level for several months. This was interpreted by many as Powell not being interested in the latter, not being bothered by the fact that equity prices have rallied. All in all, the previous harsh rhetoric was replaced by a balanced communication from the central bank, leaning towards the possibility of soft-landing.

In Hungary, inflation remains very high. According to the official KSH bulletin, inflation was 24.5% in January. Although the MNB did not raise the base rate in January, it did so implicitly. It raised the banks' required reserves, thus taking money out of the economy, but more importantly, the 18% interest rate on the weekly MNB tender is now available to financial institutions too. This has had a very positive effect on the forint exchange rate, which is now consistently below the 390 level against the euro. Although Hungary has been downgraded by two credit rating agencies, it has not been able to weaken the forint.

The fund achieved a positive return in January and outperformed its benchmark index. The main reason for the outperformance was the overweight in Chinese equities, but the Mexican market also performed very well. We did not change our positions in these markets. We slightly reduced the underweight in South Korea and the overweight in Malaysia. We remain positive on China. Although negative data came out, it was handled with a positive attitude. Macroeconomic indicators showed a decline, but it was less than analysts expected. On Mexico, our view remains that it could be one of the winners from deglobalisation in the Americas. In addition, we believe that a weakening dollar could have a positive impact on emerging market performance throughout the year.

## 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: HU0000705934

Start: 10/29/2007

Currency: EUR

Net Asset Value of the whole Fund: 6,837,407,718 HUF

Net Asset Value of B series: 1,517,215 EUR

Net Asset Value per unit: 1.343342 EUR

#### **DISTRIBUTORS**

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9	SUGGESTED MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD											
117	3 mths	6 mths		1 yr		2 yr		3 yr		4 yr		5 yr

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Asset	Weight
Collective securities	49.68 %
International equities	46.72 %
Current account	3.74 %
Liabilities	-0.35 %
Receivables	0.21 %
Market value of open derivative positions	0.00 %
Total	100,00 %
Derivative products	7.23 %
Net corrected leverage	107.83 %
Assets with over 10% weight	
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	0.82 %	1.54 %				
2022	-20.33 %	-17.18 %				
2021	4.32 %	5.24 %				
2020	7.83 %	9.11 %				
2019	13.91 %	17.14 %				
2018	-10.12 %	-11.18 %				
2017	17.78 %	20.00 %				
2016	5.17 %	5.74 %				
2015	0.27 %	0.80 %				
2014	17.18 %	17.03 %				
2013	-3.06 %	-2.57 %				

## NET PERFORMANCE OF THE SERIES

net asset value per share, 10/29/2007 - 01/31/2023



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Benchmark

RISK INDICATORS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
Annualized standard deviation of the fund's weekly yields	19.16 %
Annualized standard deviation of the benchmark's weekly yields	17.94 %
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	
Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	
MSCI China Future Mar23 Buy	derivatív	Raiffeisen Hun	03/17/2023
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	investment note	iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	
Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ET	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	
Xtrackers MSCI Malaysia UCITS ETF	investment note	Xtrackers MSCI Malaysia UCITS ETF	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactu	share	TSMC	
Tencent Holdings Ltd	share	Tencent Holdings Ltd	
Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	investment note	Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	share	Samsung Electronics	

#### 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