Equity Funds - Asia



April 2025

As at 30/04/2025

# Fund Data

# **Investment Policy**

Equities of companies in the Asia-Pacific region, including Japan, which we believe have a solid financial base, long-term earnings strength, strong market position and good growth prospects. The investment universe is among others defined by environmental and social aspects and principles of good corporate governance. The fund is actively managed.

#### Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class LC Period Fund 145 04/2015 - 04/2016 -18.7 140 04/2016 - 04/2017 24.7 135 130 04/2017 - 04/2018 125 04/2018 - 04/2019 1.8 120 04/2019 - 04/2020 -1 1 115 04/2020 - 04/2021 27.3 110 04/2021 - 04/2022 -6.3 105 04/2022 - 04/2023 -11.6 100 04/2023 - 04/2024 17.1 95 30/04/2025 04/2024 - 04/2025 3.9 30/04/2020 30/07/2021 31/01/2024 Fund

# Fund Management's Comment

You can find the Fund management's detailed and on the individual pages of the factsheets.

## Past performance is no indication of current or future performance, and the performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units

Cumulative performance (in %) - share class LC												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y s.	Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	-3.4	3.9	7.6	28.3	480.2	-5.8	2.5	5.1	4.4	-16.7	7.5	19.6

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LC									
Volatility	13.37%	Maximum Drawdown	-16.74%	VAR (99%/10 days)	15.85%				
Sharpe Ratio	-0.01	Information Ratio		Correlation Coefficient					
Alpha		Beta		Tracking Error					

Portfolio Analysis				
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund v	olume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to M	SCI	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturir	na Co Ltd (Info	7.1
Consumer Discretionary	27.5	Tencent Holdings Ltd (Communicati	,	6.1
Financials Information Technology	23.6	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Consum	ner Discretiona	4.5
Communication Services	12.2	Byd Co Ltd (Consumer Discretionar	y)	3.5
Industrials	5.9	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Inform	nation Technol	3.4
Health Care	3.6	Trip.com Group Ltd (Consumer Disc	retionary)	2.8
Real Estate	3.1	Fast Retailing Co Ltd (Consumer Di	scretionary)	2.5
Materials	1.6	Recruit Holdings Co Ltd (Industrials)	)	2.5
Consumer Staples	1.3	HOYA CORP (Health Care)		2.5
		Bharti Airtel Ltd (Communication Se	rvices)	2.5

Breakdown by Country (Equities) (in % of fund vo	olume)	Asset Allocation (in % of fund vo	olume)
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.		Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	
		Total	37.4
		Bharti Airtel Ltd (Communication Services)	2.5
Consumer Staples	1.3	HOYA CORP (Health Care)	2.5
Materials	1.6	Recruit Holdings Co Ltd (Industrials)	2.5
Real Estate	3.1	Fast Retailing Co Ltd (Consumer Discretionary)	2.5
Health Care	3.6	Trip.com Group Ltd (Consumer Discretionary)	2.8
ndustrials	5.9	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Information Technol	3.4
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Consumer Staples	1.3	HOYA CORP (Health Care)	
		Bharti Airtel Ltd (Communicatio	n Services)
		Total	
Gross weighting, not adjusted for dea	ivative positions.	Gross weighting, not adjusted for	or derivative position
Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund
Japan	34.6	Equities	
China	18.6	Cash and other assets	
India	13.5		
Taiwan	8.7		
Korea	5.9		
Hongkong SAR	■ 4.6		
Singapore	■ 4.0		
Great Britain	3.3		
USA	1.2		
Cayman Islands	1.1		
Indonesia	0.7		
Other Countries	1.0		
Gross weighting, not adjusted for der	ivative positions.		

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# Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization Large Mid Small Value Growth Blend

Investment Style

# Morningstar Category™

Asia-Pacific Equity

Ratings (As at: 31/03/2025) Morningstar Overall Rating™: ÅÅÅ

Lipper Leaders:

4443

97.2

2.8

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Portfolio Analysis				
Breakdown by Currency	(in % o	f fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
Japanese yen		35.1	> 10 Bn.	96.2
Hong Kong dollar		28.6	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	0.5
Indian rupee	_	9.3	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	0.5
Taiwan dollar - new -		8.9		
United States dollar	_	7.8		
South Korean won	_	6.0		
Singapore dollar	1	1.2		
Pound sterling	1	1.1		
Indonesian rupiah	1	0.8		
Australian dollar	1	0.5		
Other Currencies	1	0.7		
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positive figures reflect expected currency developments.			Gross weighting, not adjusted for deri Euro.	vative positions. The calculation is based on

Key Figures rega	arding the Fund's	Assets										
Number of Share	es		55	Dividend Y	'ield (in %)			2.0	Ø Market Cap		152,8	70.9 Mio. EUR
Cumulative perfo	ormance (in %)											
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
IC(1)												
LC	-3.4	3.9	7.6	28.3	480.2	-5.8	2.5	5.1	4.4	-16.7	7.5	19.6
TFC	-3.3	4.5	9.4	31.9	38.0	-5.7	3.0	5.7	4.9	-16.3	8.1	20.3

<sup>(1)</sup> The presentation of performance occurs after a period of at least one year following launch of the Fund / unit class.

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Daniela Gombert & Lilian Haag	Assets	1,825.2 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	21/11/2023	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	29/04/1996
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	30/09/2025
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	Fund	Fund Domicile	Germany
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share C	Classes									
Share Class	Cur. ISIN Code St	wiss Sec. No.	Earnings	Front-end Load	Issue Price	Redemption Price	All-in-Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance- related fee p.a.	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
IC	EUR DE000DWS3NF3 13	39645828	Accumulation	0.00%	94.63	94.63	0.600%	0.60% (3)		10,000,000
LC	EUR DE0009769760	457117	Accumulation	4.00%	230.17	221.31	1.450%	1.45% (2)		
TFC	EUR DE000DWS2UF0 41	1255235	Accumulation	0.00%	137.97	137.97	0.900%	0.90% (2)		

(2) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. If the Fund invests portions of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective target funds will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year, which ended on 30/09/2024. They are subject to change from year to year.

(3) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. The total expenses listed here represent an estimate since the Fund was launched on (IC:02/12/2024). Actual expenses will be calculated and published once the first financial year has ended. The annual report for each financial year will contain the expense details with their precise calculation.

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The rankings and ratings relating to German market.

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# Fund Management's Comment: DWS ESG Top Asien

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Data in relation to the fund or the leading unit class.

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# Performance Review

The month of April started with a shock to the global trade order, when President Trump announced global tariffs on "Liberation Day". These announcements consist of a 10% import tariff on all imports to the USA and even higher tariffs for certain countries. Subsequently, global stock markets experienced the sharpest drop since the corona crisis. There was a flight out of US assets and a large bond market sell-off accompanied by a massive depreciation of the US Dollar against other important currencies. This stopped with the announcement to delay the tariff implementation by 90 days – with the exception of China where tariffs went up to 145%. President Trump's verbal attack on the head of the US central bank did not help equity markets either. Over the month of April, the volatility index spiked close to historically high levels. Towards the end of the month, global stock markets calmed down and recovered most of their losses due to hopes for a relaxation of potential tariffs and decent quarterly earnings updates. In April, the S&P 500 lost 5.4% and the tech-heavy NASDAQ 4.0% (in EUR). The MSCI Europe fell 0.7%, while the Dax gained 1.5%. The broad MSCI Asia Pacific lost 2.2% (in EUR). China was the largest drag being down 8.9% in April (in EUR), driven by profit-taking within the discretionary consumer stocks. This was followed by Hong Kong, Singapore and Vietnam being down each around 4-5% (in EUR). Particularly Vietnam had to digest the announced 46% import tariff on goods imported to the USA. On the contrary, Australia was one of the best stock markets in the region during the month of April given its defensive characteristics. Additionally, Japan closed the month in positive territory primarily driven by the communication sector. India lost 0.3% during April mostly due to weakness in the IT service sector. Many countries in Southeast Asia could also limit their losses with Thailand even ending the month up 1.6% (in EUR).

# Performance Attribution

The DWS ESG Top Asien was down more than 3% in April, which was more than the MSCI Asia Pacific Index. From a country perspective, the positioning in Japan, India and Taiwan had a positive effect on the performance. Especially consumer discretionary stocks in Japan contributed positively. In India, financials and industrials helped the performance. In contrast, the positioning in China, Hong Kong and Australia had a negative effect on the performance. While the consumer discretionary sector was a drag in China, it was the financials sector in Hong Kong. The small exposure to the Australian market was disadvantageous in April. Korea and Singapore had an almost neutral effect in April. The positive performance of financials companies in South Korea was offset by the negative performance of technology and consumer discretionary stocks within the country. From a sector perspective, energy, materials and healthcare contributed positively. Consumer staples, communication services and financials were the largest drag on the performance. Looking at the single stock's performance, the most positive effects in the month of April came from KB Financial, Bharti Airtel, Nitori, ICICI Bank and Fast Retailing. On the other hand, the most negative effects came from Yum China, BYD, Meituan, Trip.com and Tencent.

# **Current Positioning**

The fund is overweight in China, Japan and Hongkong, and underweight in Australia and Taiwan. From a sector perspective, the fund is overweight in consumer discretionary and communication services. It is underweight in industrials, consumer staples and materials. The positioning of the fund remains generally long-term. The focus on stocks of companies with sustainable, growth-oriented business models, solid balance sheets, strong management and attractive valuations still drive the portfolio composition and is highly relevant especially in times of turbulence on the stock markets.

# Outlook

Geopolitical risks remain a factor of uncertainty for the Asian equity markets, particularly the ongoing tensions between China and the USA. Especially the potential implementation of import tariffs on a broad set of products from Asian countries poses a risk. The current negotiations about the outcome of tariffs for each country contributes to the uncertainty. In China, the housing market is still struggling, and combined with consumer sentiment weakness, this could also impact global economic developments negatively. In India, the recent macroeconomic numbers show some signs of weakness and slower growth. In Japan, future interest rate hikes are pushed out given the global tariff uncertainty. The combination of geopolitical tensions, a protective US leadership and strong USD will most certainty pose further challenges to the Asian markets and could bring more volatility. However, in the medium to long term, emerging markets are expected to remain a key driver of global economic growth.





## Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- The fund uses derivatives on underlyings so as to participate in their increases in value or to bet on their losses in value. The increased opportunities associated with this are accompanied by increased risk of loss. Furthermore, derivative transactions may be used to hedge the fund's assets. The use of derivative transactions for hedging purposes may reduce the fund's upside opportunities.

  • The fund invests its assets in selected regions or sectors. This increases the risk that the fund may be negatively influenced by the economic and political
- conditions in the respective regions or sectors.
- The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases.
- The fund invests in emerging markets. Investing in assets from the emerging markets generally entails a greater risk (potentially including considerable legal,
- economic and political risks) than investing in assets from the markets of established countries.

   The fund invests in the People's Republic of China. Investments in the People's Republic of China are associated with risks resulting from the special legal, political and economic environment. The future political direction of the Chinese government is uncertain, there is the risk of negative performance due to government interventions and restrictions.
- Due to its composition/the techniques used by the Fund management, the investment fund has elevated volatility, i.e. the share price may be subject to significant fluctuations up or down within short periods of time. The share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share at any time.

Investor profile: Growth-oriented

The Fund is intended for the growth-oriented investor seeking returns higher than those from capital market interest rates, with capital growth generated primarily through opportunities in the equity and currency markets. Security and liquidity are subordinate to potential high returns. This entails higher equity, interest rate and currency risks, as well as default risks, all of which can result in a loss of capital.

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Prospective investors should have previous experience with the financial instruments that are in use in the specified investment policy. Investors should fully understand the risks associated with investments in fund units and only make investment decisions after consulting with their legal, tax, financial or other advisors in regards to (i) the suitability of an investment in units in view of their personal tax and financial position and/or other circumstances; (ii) the information contained in this prospectus; (iii) the investment policy of the collective investment scheme; and (iv) the risks associated with the investment under the planned investment policy presented by the collective investment scheme.

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Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future returns.

# Glossary



#### Alpha

A measure of the difference between the risk-adjusted return on an investment and a benchmark. The alpha measures the part of the performance that cannot be explained by market movements or market risk, but rather is derived from the selection of securities within the market. Alpha is a way of measuring the active contribution to performance made by the portfolio manager. It is also a good yardstick to use when comparing several funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

## Average dividend yield

Measures the average dividend amount, based on the current share price. This figure is calculated based on the shares (including ADRs/GDRs - > Depositary receipts) and REITs contained in a fund.

# Average market capitalization

Measures the average market capitalization of the shares, REITs and ADRs/GDRs (depositary receipts) contained in a fund. The market capitalization represents the total market value of a company as determined by multiplying the number of shares issued by the current share price.

#### Beta factor

A measure of sensitivity - given as the average percentage change in the price of a fund when the market (benchmark) rises or falls by 1%. A value over (under) 1 means that on average the fund exhibits more (less) volatility than the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

## Correlation coefficient

Describes the degree to which two values (fund versus benchmark) move in the same direction. The value of the correlation coefficient is between -1 and +1. A correlation of +1 means that the fund generally moves in the same direction as the benchmark, while -1 indicates that the fund generally moves in the opposite direction. A correlation of 0 means that there is no relation between the price movements of the fund and the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

#### Coupon

The coupon is the portfolio's average weighted coupon.

# Duration (in years/in months)

A measure of the sensitivity of an investment to changes in interest rates. Duration, which was developed by Frederick Macaulay, is the average period for which invested capital is committed. Because of the interest payable over time on the invested capital, duration is shorter than -> maturity. This version of duration is used in DWS Top Reporting and refers to invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

# Information ratio

The information ratio measures the difference between the annualized average return of the fund and that of the benchmark, divided by the Tracking error. The higher this value is, the more the investor compensated for the risk in the fund. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

# Maximum drawdown

The maximum drawdown is the largest percentage drop in value in a given period of time. It measures the amount the fund falls from its highest point to its lowest point in the selected timeframe. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

# Modified duration (in years/in months)

Serves as a measure of interest-rate sensitivity. Modified duration indicates the percentage change in price of a bond (in a portfolio) when the market interest rate changes by 1%. In order to calculate the percentage change in the bond price, the modified duration of the bond is multiplied by the percentage change in the interest rate. This figure helps investors assess the risks and opportunities of a bond at a glance.

# Sharpe ratio

A measure of risk developed by William F. Sharpe, defined as the excess return on an investment over that of a risk-free investment in relation to the risk of the investment. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the higher the return the investor receives for the risk the investment carries (expressed in volatility). The Sharpe ratio can be used to compare multiple funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

# Tracking error

The tracking error is the standard deviation of the yield differential between a fund and its benchmark. This makes it a measure of how well the fund manager tracks the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

# VaR (Value at Risk)

A measure of risk that indicates the maximum fund losses with a given probability for a given period of time (holding period). VaR is calculated on the basis of the daily prices of the individual securities contained in the portfolio for a year.

# Weighted Average Life

The weighted average life of the times of the principal repayments of a liability, i.e. a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

# Viald

The yield is the annual return on a capital investment, measured as the actual interest earned (effective yield) on the capital invested. It is based on the fund's income (e.g., interest, dividends, realized capital gains) and change in the price of the assets held in the fund. The yield of a fund is

# Glossary



derived from the invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings") and is presented as a "gross" figure, i.e., before the deduction of total expenses/fee.

# Volatility

Volatility expresses the degree to which the yield on an investment (the price performance of a fund, for example) varies from a mean value in a specific period of time. This makes it a measure of fund risk. The greater the variation from the mean, the higher the volatility. Knowing the volatility allows investors to assess how uncertain the return potential of an investment is. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.