Equity Funds - Asia



March 2024

As at 28/03/2024

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.

Fund Management's Comment

You can find the Fund management's detailed commentary in DWS Flagship Fund Reporting and on the individual pages of the factsheets.

Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class LC Period Fund 140 03/2014 - 03/2015 41.3 03/2015 - 03/2016 -15.1 130 03/2016 - 03/2017 23.3 120 03/2017 - 03/2018 7.8 03/2018 - 03/2019 1.3 110 03/2019 - 03/2020 -7.6 03/2020 - 03/2021 41.9 03/2021 - 03/2022 -4.7 03/2022 - 03/2023 -11 0 90 28/03/2024 03/2023 - 03/2024 13.6 29/03/2019 30/06/2020 30/09/2021 30/12/2022

Fund

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	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	3.9	13.6	-3.6	26.4	461.8	9.1	-1.2	4.8	13.1	4.4	-16.7	7.5

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LC										
Volatility	13.20%	Maximum Drawdown	-23.61%	VAR (99%/10 days)	5.37%					
Sharpe Ratio	-0.28	Information Ratio		Correlation Coefficient						
Alpha		Beta		Tracking Error						

Portfolio Analysis			
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to MS Information Technology Financials Consumer Discretionary Communication Services Industrials Materials Health Care Real Estate Consumer Staples	27.1 22.1 17.8 11.3 5.7 4.6 4.6 3.2	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturin Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Inform Tencent Holdings Ltd (Communication HDFC Bank Ltd (Financials) Tokyo Electron Ltd (Information Tech Recruit Holdings Co Ltd (Industrials) Nintendo Co Ltd (Communication Semitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc (Toyota Motor Corp (Consumer Discrete)	ation Technol 8.2 on Services) 4.0 3.3 anology) 3.0 ervices) 2.9 (Financials) 2.7
Gross weighting, not adjusted for der	ivative positions.	HOYA CORP (Health Care) Total Gross weighting, not adjusted for de	2.6 41.5 rivative positions.
Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Japan Taiwan Korea India	40.8 11.7 10.6 10.2	Equities Cash and other assets	98.0 2.0

6.6

5.2

4.4 2.9

2.2

2.0

1.4

Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Asia-Pacific Equity

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Ratings} & \text{(As at: 29/02/2024)} \\ \textbf{Morningstar Overall Rating}^{\text{TM}} : & \mathring{A}\mathring{A}\mathring{A} \end{array}$

Lipper Leaders:



China

Cayman Islands

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Great Britain

Australia Hongkong SAR

Indonesia

USA

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Breakdown by Currency	(in %	of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume				
Japanese yen		41.2	> 10 Bn.	96.				
Hong Kong dollar		13.0	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	I 1.				
Taiwan dollar - new -		11.5						
South Korean won	_	10.8						
United States dollar	_	10.3						
Indian rupee	-	5.4						
Australian dollar		3.0						
Pound sterling		2.5						
Indonesian rupiah		2.0						
Euro	1	0.3						
Incl. forward exchange transactions, nega currency developments.	tive and positive figures refl	ect expected	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on					

Key Figures regard	ding the Fund's	Assets										
Number of Shares			55	Dividend \	rield (in %)			2.4	Ø Market Cap		157,37	73.7 Mio. EUR
Cumulative perform	Cumulative performance (in %)											
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
LC	3.9	13.6	-3.6	26.4	461.8	9.1	-1.2	4.8	13.1	4.4	-16.7	7.5
TFC	3.9	14.2	-2.0	29.9	32.8	9.2	-0.7	5.4	13.7	4.9	-16.3	8.1

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Daniela Gombert & Lilian Haag	Assets	1,938.9 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	30/09/2024
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	Fund	Fund Domicile	Germany
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share (Classes									
Share Class	Cur. ISIN Code	Swiss Sec. No.	Earnings	Front-end Load	I Issue Price	Redemption Price	All-in-Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance- related fee	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
LC	EUR DE0009769760	457117	Accumulation	4.00%	222.87	214.29	1.450%	1.45% (1)		
TFC	EUR DE000DWS2UF0	41255235	Accumulation	0.00%	132.79	132.79	0.900%	0.90% (1)		

(1) 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 30/09/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

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Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund is subject to heightened volatility. Consequently, unit prices may fluctuate sharply in either direction within short periods of time.

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

In March, Asian equity markets continued their recovery after Chinese New Year. Looking at the regional markets in EUR terms, Taiwan and South Korea posted another month of strong performance, driven by the technology sector and the continued momentum for artificial intelligence. Japan continued to perform steadily with the Yen remaining weak despite the end of the negative interest rate policy. The Australian equity market recovered after a weaker start to 2024. Indian equities also had a positive performance in March albeit underperforming the broader Asian region. China's tactical recovery was short-lived, and the stock market closed only with marginal gains. Fundamental issues like the risk of deflation and ongoing difficulties in the property market remained. In Southeast Asia, particularly Indonesia and the Philippines underperformed the broader Asian market.

Performance Attribution

The fund performed better than the broader Asia Pacific region in March, which was driven by the allocation and selection. Both the overweight in South Korea and Taiwan as well as the single stock selection within the countries contributed positively to the relative performance. Main positive contributors were technology stocks, particularly semiconductor companies with exposure to artificial intelligence. Additionally, the single stocks election within Japan was also advantageous in March. In contrast, the selection of single stocks within India and Hong Kong had a small negative contribution in the past month. From a single stock perspective, most positive contributors were Samsung Electronics, Mitsubishi Estate and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing. On the other hand, Infosys, AIA Group and Hoya contributed negatively to the relative performance.

Current Positioning

The fund is overweight in Japan and Korea, while it is primarily underweight in Australia, China, India, Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia. From a sector perspective, the fund is overweight in information technology, communication services as well as financials and underweight in industrials and consumer staples.

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 drives the portfolio composition and is highly relevant especially in times of turbulence on the stock markets.

Outlook

The US Federal Reserve seems to be near the end of the interest rate hike cycle. The markets are now focusing on potential Fed rate cuts, which could support a recovery in global manufacturing activities. The potential weakening of the USD and an improvement in global growth could lead to a re-rating of Emerging Markets equities. Whereas other global central banks have tightened monetary policy, China has shifted into the opposite direction to stimulate growth. However, the local government debt, slowing property sales and an anemic recovery of consumer spending are some of the problems that China needs to tackle. After Japan ended its negative interest rate policy in March, the markets remain focused on the trajectory of future interest rate hikes of the BOJ.





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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Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box™ illustrates the Fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks contained in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, neutral or growth). For bond funds the vertical axis shows the average credit quality of the bonds in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by the maturity of a bond (short, medium or long).

Please note that the information from Morningstar and Lipper Leaders relates to the previous month.

Morningstar Overall Rating™

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General Risk Warnings

Any investment in units of a collective investment scheme entails or is associated with equity market, bond market, exchange rate, interest rate, credit, volatility and political risks. Each of these risks may appear in connection with other risks. A brief description of some of these risk factors is provided below.

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.

Please note that investments in collective investment schemes entail both opportunities on the upside and risks on the downside. Units of collective investment schemes are securities and as such their value fluctuates with the rise and fall in the value of the underlying assets. The value of the units may accordingly rise above or fall below the purchase price. No guarantee therefore is given that the objectives of the investment policy will be achieved.

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future returns.

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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.