Equity Funds - Europe



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March 2024

As at 28/03/2024

#### **Fund Data**

#### **Investment Policy**

Shares in European companies that we believe have value-based leadership, solid financial basis, a strong market position and good prospects.

## Fund Management's Comment

29/03/2019

30/09/2021

incurred on the issue and redemption of units

30/12/2022

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 LD Period Fund Benchmark 160 03/2014 - 03/2015 19.9 22.0 03/2015 - 03/2016 -11.6 -13.7 140 03/2016 - 03/2017 13.6 16.9 03/2017 - 03/2018 -0.3 -0.4 120 03/2018 - 03/2019 1 4 5.5 03/2019 - 03/2020 -13.7 -13.5 03/2020 - 03/2021 40.3 35.3 100 03/2021 - 03/2022 8.5 9.3 03/2022 - 03/2023 17 3.8 80

28/03/2024 03/2023 - 03/2024

Fund Benchmark: MSCI Europe TR Net (ab 1.7.13) Past performance is no indication of current or future performance, and the performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs

Cumulative performance (in %) - share class LD												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	3.7	14.2	26.0	52.5	605.2	7.3	8.0	8.8	0.7	22.9	-12.3	14.9
BM IN EUR	3.9	14.8	30.3	52.5	658.7	7.6	9.2	8.8	-3.1	25.0	-9.7	15.8

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LD									
Volatility	14.89%	Maximum Drawdown	-20.83%	VAR (99%/10 days)	5.59%				
Sharpe Ratio	0.37	Information Ratio	-0.29	Correlation Coefficient	0.97				
Alpha	-1.64%	Beta	1.07	Tracking Error	3.70%				

Portfolio Analysis			
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to M	SCI	Novo-Nordisk (Health Care)	7.1
Financials	21.3	ASML Holding NV (Information 7	
Industrials	14.7	HSBC Holdings PLC (Financials	0,,
Health Care	13.4	Allianz SE (Financials)	3.3
Consumer Discretionary Information Technology	11.2	AXA SA (Financials)	3.1
Materials	8.2	LVMH Moet Hennessy Vuitton S	
Consumer Staples	6.0	AstraZeneca PLC (Health Care)	`
Communication Services	5.4	TotalEnergies SE (Energy)	2.8
Energy	5.3	Compass Group PLC (Consume	
Utilities	2.2	Shell PLC (Energy)	2.5
		Total	35.0
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Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Germany	21.3	Equities	97.6
France	19.5	Cash and other assets	2.4
Great Britain	17.9		
Netherlands	11.3		
Denmark	8.3		

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## Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

### Morningstar Category™

Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity

Ratings (As at: 29/02/2024) Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders:



Switzerland

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Spain

Sweden

Ireland

Italy

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Portfolio Analysis			
Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	60.4	> 10 Bn.	91.2
Pound sterling	22.3	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	■ 6.4
Danish krone	8.3		
Swiss franc	■ 5.4		
Swedish krona	■ 3.5		
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positi currency developments.	ive figures reflect expected	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative Euro.	e positions. The calculation is based on
Nov Figures regarding the Fund's Assets			

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets													
Number of Shares	Number of Shares 63			Dividend Yield (in %) 3.0				3.0	.0 Ø Market Cap			126,771.3 Mio. EUR	
Cumulative performance (in %)													
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023	
IC	3.8	15.1	29.0	58.8	69.4	7.5	8.9	9.7	1.5	23.9	-11.6	15.9	
LD	3.7	14.2	26.0	52.5	605.2	7.3	8.0	8.8	0.7	22.9	-12.3	14.9	

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Mark Schumann	Assets	1,364.1 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/04/2007	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	11/10/1995
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	Issue Price	Redemption Price	All-in-Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance- related fee	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
IC	EUR DE000DWS2L82	35497543	Accumulation	0.00%	229.51	229.51	0.600%	0.60% (1)		25,000,000
LD	EUR DE0009769729	33485	Distribution	4.00%	209.62	201.55	1.400%	1.40% (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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The rankings and ratings relating to German market.

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## Fund Management's Comment: DWS Top Europe

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

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#### Performance Review

The European equity market saw significant gains again in March. The MSCI Europe appreciated by 3.94%.

In terms of sectors, financials outperformed on the back of further improvements in fundamentals and relatively attractive valuations, and benefited alongside basic materials, utilities and energy from the significant recovery in the market. The energy sector was primarily supported by the rise in oil prices, partly due to the geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

In contrast, names from more defensive sectors such as consumer staples and communications were weaker. Consumer discretionary, industrials and technology did not broadly keep pace with the sharp rise in the market.

DWS Top Europe also enjoyed significant gains in March and increased by 3.75%.

#### Performance Attribution

The performance of DWS Top Europe in March was close to that of the MSCI Europe.

Overall, stock selection had a slightly negative impact due to a few single names, with German chemicals distributor Brenntag and the two Swedish banks Swedbank and Svenska Handelsbanken in particular detracting slightly from performance after previously strong performance. The latter saw profit taking, particularly after dividend payments. In contrast, sector allocation added to relative fund performance versus its benchmark. In particular, an overweight in the financial sector and an underweight in consumer staples had a positive effect.

At single stock level, performance was supported primarily by positions in Dutch ING and Spanish bank Santander, as well as by Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk.

#### **Current Positioning**

DWS Top Europe remained almost fully invested as of the end of March.

The financial and communications sectors have the largest overweights. In these sectors, the fund management focuses on structurally well-positioned companies likely to achieve above-average earnings growth foremost due to their positioning or their end markets.

Defensive consumer staples are among the largest underweights. This is due primarily to the very high valuation premium and the weaker earnings development of the sector in comparison to other defensive industries.

#### Outlook

After a successful start to the year in the European equity markets in January and February, the positive trend continued in March. The MSCI Europe continued its positive momentum of recent months.

The main drivers of the very positive performance of the European equity markets were a combination of factors. Lower inflation rates and hopes of possible interest rate cuts this year were the main factors lifting the European equity markets.

The further slight improvement of the German ifo index and the continued rise in the euro area services PMI also helped. The rise in the ISM index and the improvement in the US service sector, as well as the higher-than-expected number of new jobs created in the US, also had a positive impact. In addition, the euphoria surrounding AI and some positive corporate earnings reports in this context had a supportive effect and also boosted the European equity markets.

The still weak German manufacturing PMI and sustained diminished expectations of imminent interest rate cuts by the ECB, as well as the ongoing unrest in Ukraine and the Middle East, had only a short-term negative impact on equity markets.

In the coming weeks, the equity markets will be caught between the ongoing geopolitical tensions on the one hand, and growing optimism regarding interest rate cuts and a further economic recovery or soft landing combined with the results of reporting season on the other.





#### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

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   The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases.

   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.

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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

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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.