# DWS (CH) Small and Mid Caps Switzerland

Equity Funds - Europe - Regions/Countries



March 2024

As at 28/03/2024

# Fund Data

# **Investment Policy**

The goal of the sub-fund is primarily to achieve long-term growth in Swiss Francs through investment in a portfolio of stocks from Swiss issuers that are listed in a representative Swiss equities index of small and medium enterprises or the small and midcap subindex of a Swiss equities index ("the benchmark"). The investment strategy is based on a transparent and comprehensible investment process, focuses on stock selection.

# Fund Management's Comment

For detailed comments on the fund and its corresponding markets please see the annual report.

#### Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class LD Period Fund Benchmark 160 03/2014 - 03/2015 142 10.2 03/2015 - 03/2016 5.4 5.7 145 03/2016 - 03/2017 19.0 19.4 130 03/2017 - 03/2018 11.0 14.9 03/2018 - 03/2019 -6.9 -3.8 115 03/2019 - 03/2020 -10.4 -5.9 03/2020 - 03/2021 40.8 44.4 100 03/2021 - 03/2022 3.6 0.8 03/2022 - 03/2023 -5 1 -7 0 85 28/03/2024 03/2023 - 03/2024 0.1 1.3 29/03/2019 29/05/2020 31/08/2021 30/11/2022

Fund

Benchmark: SPI EXTRA Total Return (RI)

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

Currency structure of investments, excl. forward exchange

transactions

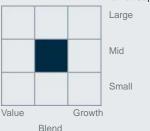
Cumulative performance (in %) - share class LD												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
CHF	3.3	0.1	-1.5	24.3	198.3	5.2	-0.5	4.4	0.7	30.0	-26.5	7.6
EUR	0.8	2.1	11.6	42.2	268.2	0.0	3.7	7.3	1.0	36.0	-22.5	14.0
BM IN CHF	3.7	1.3	-5.0	29.1	219.4	4.6	-1.7	5.2	8.1	22.2	-24.0	6.5

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LD										
Volatility	15.92%	Maximum Drawdown	-32.71%	VAR (99%/10 days)	7.97%					
Sharpe Ratio	-0.11	Information Ratio	0.50	Correlation Coefficient	0.99					
Alpha	1.53%	Beta	1.05	Tracking Error	2.81%					

Portfolio Analysis							
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume				
Portfolio Breakdown according to MS Industrials Financials Health Care Consumer Staples Information Technology Materials Consumer Discretionary Utilities	,	Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprungli AG (Consume Schindler Holding AG (Industrials) Julius Baer Group Ltd (Financials) Valiant Holding AG (Financials) Straumann Holding AG (Health Care) SGS (Industrials) Swissquote Group Holding SA (Financials) Softwareone Holding AG (Information Technology)					
Gross weighting, not adjusted for deri	ivative positions.	SIG Group AG (Materials)  Baloise Holding AG (Financials)  Total  Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative position					
Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume				
Swiss franc	88.1	Equities Cash and other assets	88.1 11.9				

# Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

# Morningstar Category™

Switzerland Small/Mid-Cap Equity

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

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Portfolio Analysis												
Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets												
Number of Shares			39	Dividend \	rield (in %)			2.5	Ø Market Cap		7,2	49.1 Mio. CHF
Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y av	g 2020	2021	2022	2023
ED	3.4	1.2	-0.2	25.7	294.2	5.5	-0.1	4.7	0.4	29.9	-26.3	8.8
KD	3.4	1.2	-0.1	25.8	48.0	5.5	0.0	4.7	0.4	30.0	-26.3	8.8
LD	3.3	0.1	-1.5	24.3	198.3	5.2	-0.5	4.4	0.7	30.0	-26.5	7.6
Fund Data												

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Portfolio Manager	Tim Wolff	Assets	20.5 Mio. CHF
Portfolio Manager since	01/03/2023	Fund Currency	CHF
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	15/06/2006
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2024
Management Company	Solutions & Funds SA, Zurich Branch	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
Legal Structure	Investment fund under Swiss law	Fund Domicile	Switzerland
Custodian	CACEIS Investor Services Bank S.A., Esch-sur-Alzet		

Share Classes											
Share Class	Cur. ISI	N 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
ED	CHF CH00	25038479	2503847	Distribution	0.00%	389.27	389.27	0.500% *		0.00%	100,000
KD	CHF CH03	43877889	34387788	Distribution	0.00%	146.00	146.00	0.500%			1,000,000
LD	CHF CH01	22951905	12295190	Distribution	5.00%	294.45	294.45	1.600%			

\*plus performance-related fee

(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 31/12/2017. 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 features a nigh level of volatility. In other words, unit prices may fluctuate significantly in either direction within short periods of time. Previous month's rankings and ratings relating to German market.

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### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- 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 equities of smaller companies. Equities of smaller companies are generally subject to higher price fluctuations than blue-chips. The reasons for this include their lower liquidity due to their lower market capitalization and smaller trading volume. As a result, equities or units of smaller companies may be more difficult to buy or sell than those of larger companies.
- Due to its composition/the techniques used by the Fund management, the investment fund has significantly 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

The Fund is intended for the risk-tolerant investor who, in seeking investments that offer targeted opportunities to maximize returns, can tolerate the unavoidable, and occasionally substaintial, fluctuations in the values of speculative investments. The high risks from volatility, as well as high credit risks, make it probable that the fund will lose value from time to time, and expectations of high returns and tolerance of risk are offset by the possibility of incurring significant losses of capital

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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

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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.

# 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").

## Yield

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.