

DWS Invest II ESG US Top Dividend

Equity Funds - USA



March 2024As at 28/03/2024

Fund Data

Investment Policy

The objective of the investment policy is to achieve sustained capital appreciation. In order to achieve this, the fund mainly invests in equities of United States issuers from which an above-average dividend yield is expected. A major criterion when selecting the equities is the level of the dividend yield. However, the dividend yields do not necessarily have to be above the market average. 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.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Morningstar Category™

US Large-Cap Value Equity

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

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LC(EUR)



Period	Fund
03/2014 - 03/2015	37.0
03/2015 - 03/2016	-2.1
03/2016 - 03/2017	16.1
03/2017 - 03/2018	-9.6
03/2018 - 03/2019	17.4
03/2019 - 03/2020	-11.0
03/2020 - 03/2021	25.6
03/2021 - 03/2022	18.2
03/2022 - 03/2023	-4.9
03/2023 - 03/2024	17.6

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(EUR)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	4.3	17.6	32.2	47.8	198.4	10.5	9.7	8.1	-11.1	32.5	-1.2	3.8

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LC(EUR)

Volatility	10.31%	Maximum Drawdown	-8.65%	VAR (99%/10 days)	4.56%
Sharpe Ratio	0.68	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 MSCI		Broadcom Inc (Information Technology)	5.7
Health Care	16.2	Procter & Gamble Co/The (Consumer Staples)	3.6
Information Technology	15.8	AbbVie Inc (Health Care)	2.9
Financials	14.9	PepsiCo Inc/NC (Consumer Staples)	2.8
Consumer Staples	14.3	Home Depot Inc/The (Consumer Discretionary)	2.7
Industrials	13.2	Merck & Co Inc (Health Care)	2.7
Consumer Discretionary	8.6	Baker Hughes Co (Energy)	2.6
Materials	5.1	QUALCOMM Inc (Information Technology)	1.9
Communication Services	3.7	Abbott Laboratories (Health Care)	1.8
Energy	2.6	Motorola Solutions Inc (Information Technology)	1.8
Utilities	1.5	Total	28.5
Other Sectors	0.7	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	
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Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
USA	87.9	Equities	96.2
Canada	7.2	REITs	0.5
Ireland	1.6	Cash and other assets	3.3

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
United States dollar	92.8
Canadian dollar	7.5
Euro	-0.3

Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
> 10 Bn.	94.8
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	1.1
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	0.3
Others	0.5

Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positive figures reflect expected currency developments.

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Number of Shares	96	Dividend Yield (in %)	2.5	Ø Market Cap	189,803.7 Mio. EUR
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Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
FC(EUR)	4.4	18.5	35.2	53.5	226.8	10.7	10.6	8.9	-10.5	33.5	-0.4	4.5
FD(EUR)	4.4	18.5	35.2	53.5	168.1	10.7	10.6	8.9	-10.4	33.5	-0.4	4.5
LC(EUR)	4.3	17.6	32.2	47.8	198.4	10.5	9.7	8.1	-11.1	32.5	-1.2	3.8
LCH (P)(EUR)	3.7	14.6	15.7	29.3	68.5	7.6	5.0	5.3	-4.4	21.2	-8.8	5.1
LD(EUR)	4.3	17.6	32.2	47.8	198.4	10.5	9.7	8.1	-11.1	32.5	-1.2	3.8
NC(EUR)	4.2	16.8	29.4	42.7	174.7	10.3	9.0	7.4	-11.7	31.6	-1.9	3.0
NCH (P)(EUR)	3.6	13.7	13.2	24.9	56.4	7.4	4.2	4.5	-5.1	20.4	-9.4	4.3
TFC(EUR)	4.4	18.5	35.2	53.6	68.7	10.7	10.6	9.0	-10.4	33.5	-0.5	4.6
TFD(EUR)	4.4	18.5	35.2	53.6	68.9	10.7	10.6	9.0	-10.4	33.5	-0.4	4.5
USD LC(USD)	3.8	16.6	21.6	42.2	96.9	7.8	6.7	7.3	-2.4	22.1	-6.8	7.5

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Portfolio Manager	Katharina Seiler	Assets	434.1 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	02/07/2012	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	02/07/2012
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2024
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH, Zweign. Luxe		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	Swiss Sec. No.	Earnings	Front-end Load ¹ up to	Redemption Price	Management Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance-related fee	Minimum Investment Amount
FC	EUR	LU0781239156	18939556	Accumulation	0.00%	326.81	0.750%	0.85% (1)	--	2,000,000
FD	EUR	LU0781239230	23981300	Distribution	0.00%	217.32	0.750%	0.85% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	LU0781238778	18939607	Accumulation	5.00%	298.40	1.500%	1.60% (1)	--	--
LCH (P)	EUR	LU0781239586	23207619	Accumulation	5.00%	168.51	1.500%	1.63% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU0781238851	18939682	Distribution	5.00%	233.14	1.500%	1.60% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU0781238935	18939694	Accumulation	3.00%	274.69	2.000%	2.30% (1)	--	--
NCH (P)	EUR	LU0781239743	23209587	Accumulation	3.00%	156.38	2.000%	2.33% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1663960422	39989048	Accumulation	0.00%	168.65	0.750%	0.85% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	LU1663960695	39989299	Distribution	0.00%	147.82	0.750%	0.85% (1)	--	--
USD LC	USD	LU0781240089	23205534	Accumulation	5.00%	196.93	1.500%	1.60% (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 31/12/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

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Note

¹ Based on the gross investment.

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The rankings and ratings relating to German market.

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Data in relation to the fund or the leading unit class.	March 2024	As at 28/03/2024
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Performance Review

The US stock market continued its positive trajectory in March, marking the fifth consecutive month of gains. The SPX was up 3,1% (in USD), reaching a new all-time high. The enthusiasm of the markets was driven by solid economic growth ahead of expectations combined with the anticipation of a potential interest rate cut. Macro data in March was mixed: the consumer price index (CPI) and producer price index (PPI) were on the higher end and US durable goods order slightly better than expected.

Cyclical sectors such as energy and materials outperformed the most, driven by higher commodity prices, notably oil and gold. The utilities sector was also strong. The consumer discretionary sector was almost flat and represented the weakest sector within the index, driven by weak results from leading apparel brands and intensifying competition in electric vehicles. Technology and healthcare rose but underperformed the broader market.

Performance Attribution

The fund was up this month and, despite its traditionally defensive positioning, outperformed a rising broader U.S. market. Allocation was overall positive due to an underweight in Technology, which underperformed the broader market, and overweights in Materials and Financials, which outperformed the broader market, only partially offset by negative allocation from an underweight in Energy, which outperformed, and cash drag. Selection was overall positive with positive effects from Technology, Materials, Financials, Consumer Discretionary, Energy, and Healthcare. Although we refer to relative returns and weightings, the broad market should not be considered as the benchmark for the fund.

On the single stock level, among the top contributors were Baker Hughes, Agnico Eagle, Pepsi and Qualcomm. Among the detractors were McDonalds, Union Pacific, BCE, Mondelez, and Abbott.

Current Positioning

The fund focuses on high dividend-yield and dividend-growth companies with moderate pay-out ratios, strong balance sheets and cash flow, stable or expanding business model, and strong management.

Outlook

Geo-political tensions continue in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, friction between China and the US, and conflict in the Middle East. Economic conditions remain solid in the U.S., with moderate GDP growth and a healthy employment market. The Federal Reserve bank continues to face the challenge of having to strike a delicate balance between fighting still above-average inflation by keeping interest rates elevated and reducing its balance sheet, whilst trying to avoid the detrimental effects of higher financing costs and tighter liquidity on the economy and resulting potential recession risks. Companies are navigating through an uncertain demand outlook, with cost pressure from higher financing expenses, global supply-chain rebalancing, and geo-political uncertainty.

In this volatile and uncertain market environment, fund management maintains its fundamentally defensive investment strategy. Dividend stocks remain a good option for investors in search of steady income and long-term capital appreciation, and we continue to believe in the appeal of a conservative dividend strategy with an attractive risk/return profile.

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- 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 seeks to generate income from dividends, i.e. from expected distributions per equity. If a company distributes a smaller dividend than expected or no dividend at all, this can have a negative impact on the value of equities or derivatives.
- 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.

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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First digit = Total Return; second digit = Consistent Return; third digit = Preservation; fourth digit = Expense

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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.

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

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.