

DWS Invest II European Top Dividend



Equity Funds - Europe

January 2021

As at 29/01/2021

Fund Data

Investment Policy

DWS Invest II European Top Dividend provides an equity investment with opportunity for current income. The management invests primarily in the shares of European blue chips that have both above-average dividend yields that are expected to increase and a reasonable payout ratio (percentage of annual profits distributed as dividends). However, investments are not made entirely on the basis of dividends – the companies also have to have solid fundamentals like quality balance sheets and business models. Only shares that pass this additional test have the chance to be included in the portfolio.

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™

Europe Equity Income

Ratings

(As at: 30/12/2020)

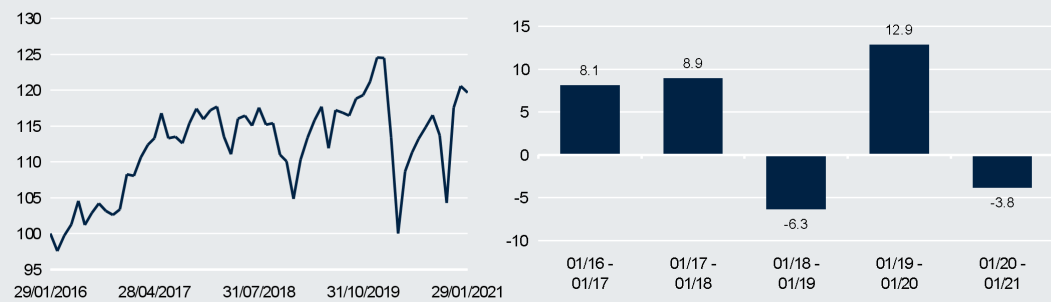
Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance - Share Class LC(EUR)

(in %)



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	2017	2018	2019	2020
EUR	-0.7	-3.8	1.7	19.7	68.1	-0.7	0.6	3.7	8.2	-10.5	18.8	-3.2

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

Volatility	16.00%	Maximum Drawdown	-19.69%	VAR (99%/10 days)	19.87%
Sharpe Ratio	0.07	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	
Materials	BHP Group PLC (Materials) 4.6
Financials	Royal Dutch Shell PLC (Energy) 3.4
Consumer Staples	Enel SpA (Utilities) 3.1
Health Care	Vonovia SE (Real Estate) 2.9
Energy	Deutsche Telekom AG (Communication Services) 2.9
Utilities	Polymetal International PLC (Materials) 2.4
Communication Services	Roche Holding AG (Health Care) 2.2
Consumer Discretionary	National Grid PLC (Utilities) 2.2
Industrials	Imperial Brands PLC (Consumer Staples) 2.1
Real Estate	Euronext NV (Financials) 2.1
Other Sectors	Total 27.9
	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Country (Equities) (in % of fund volume)

Great Britain	21.9
Germany	18.4
France	9.4
Switzerland	7.3
Netherlands	6.5
Norway	6.0
Finland	4.3
Italy	4.2
Russia	4.0
Sweden	4.0
Spain	3.0
Other Countries	5.8

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities	94.9
Cash and other assets	5.1

Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	 46.9	> 10 Bn.	 68.4
Pound sterling	 28.2	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	 16.5
Swiss franc	 7.9	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	 8.9
Norwegian krone	 6.7	< 1 Bn.	 1.0
Swedish krona	 4.9		
United States dollar	 1.8		
Danish krone	 1.7		
Czech koruna	 1.2		
Polish zloty	 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	73	Dividend Yield (in %)	4.0	Ø Market Cap	43,019.2 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	2017	2018	2019	2020
CHF LDH (P)(CHF)	-1.5	-2.7	-0.2	22.0	14.1	-1.5	-0.1	4.1	10.4	-11.0	15.5	-1.6
FC(EUR)	-0.7	-3.1	4.0	24.2	10.7	-0.7	1.3	4.4	9.0	-9.8	19.6	-2.4
FD(EUR)	-0.7	-3.1	4.0	24.3	10.8	-0.7	1.3	4.4	9.1	-9.9	19.6	-2.4
LC(EUR)	-0.7	-3.8	1.7	19.7	68.1	-0.7	0.6	3.7	8.2	-10.5	18.8	-3.2
LD(EUR)	-0.8	-3.8	1.7	19.7	68.1	-0.8	0.6	3.7	8.2	-10.5	18.7	-3.1
LDH (P)(EUR)	-1.5	-2.2	1.3	25.1	17.1	-1.5	0.4	4.6	11.0	-10.6	16.0	-1.1
NC(EUR)	-0.8	-4.5	-0.4	15.6	58.0	-0.8	-0.1	2.9	7.5	-11.2	17.9	-3.8
ND(EUR)	-0.8	-4.5	-0.4	15.6	57.9	-0.8	-0.1	2.9	7.5	-11.2	17.9	-3.8
TFC(EUR)	-0.7	-3.1	4.3	--	2.8	-0.7	1.4	--	--	--	19.7	-2.4
TFD(EUR)	-0.7	-3.1	4.1	--	2.5	-0.7	1.3	--	--	--	19.7	-2.4
XC(EUR)	-0.7	-2.7	5.5	27.2	85.5	-0.7	1.8	4.9	9.6	-9.4	20.2	-2.0
XD(EUR)	-0.7	-2.7	5.5	27.2	35.8	-0.7	1.8	4.9	9.6	-9.4	20.2	-2.0

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Portfolio Manager	Stephan Werner	Assets	288.6 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/10/2016	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	02/07/2012
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2021
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Custodian	State Street Bank GmbH, Lux.		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	Earnings	Front-end Load ¹ up to	Redemption Price	Interim Gains	Management Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance- related fee	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
CHF LDH (P)	CHF	LU1322113702	Distribution	5.00%	100.13		1.500%	1.64% (1)	--	--
FC	EUR	LU1241941308	Accumulation	0.00%	110.71		0.750%	0.87% (1)	--	2,000,000
FD	EUR	LU1242509609	Distribution	0.00%	96.60		0.750%	0.82% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	LU0781237614	Accumulation	5.00%	168.11		1.500%	1.61% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU0781237705	Distribution	5.00%	134.35		1.500%	1.61% (1)	--	--
LDH (P)	EUR	LU1322113884	Distribution	5.00%	102.80		1.500%	1.66% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU0781237887	Accumulation	3.00%	157.97		2.000%	2.31% (1)	--	--
ND	EUR	LU0781237960	Distribution	3.00%	128.61		2.000%	2.31% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1663960000	Accumulation	0.00%	102.75		0.750%	0.88% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	LU1663960182	Distribution	0.00%	95.97		0.750%	0.89% (1)	--	--
XC	EUR	LU0781238000	Accumulation	0.00%	185.48		0.300%	0.39% (1)	--	2,000,000
XD	EUR	LU0781238182	Distribution	0.00%	115.06		0.300%	0.39% (1)	--	2,000,000

(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 a substantial part of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective funds and payments received by them will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year which ended on 31/12/2020. They are subject to change from year to year.

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Note

¹ Based on the gross investment.

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 Invest II European Top Dividend Equity Funds - Europe



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

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Performance Review

European equity markets started weaker into the year 2021 with the MSCI Europe losing 0.8%. Strongest country were the Netherlands gaining 3.2%, followed by Sweden being up 3.0% and Finland appreciating 2.7%, while Spain and Italy were weak losing 3.9% and 3.7%. The EURO was slightly weaker losing 0.65% versus the USD, while the oil price (Brent) started strong into the year gaining almost 9%.

From a sector perspective Technology, Energy and Materials were clearly outperforming and gaining 2.3%, 2% and 1%. While sectors like Financials and Consumer Staples were the clear laggards losing both 2.8%.

During January DWS Invest II European Top Dividend lost 0.75%.

Performance Attribution

The sectors with the highest contribution have been Energy, Healthcare and Industrials, whereas Consumer Staples, Financials and Real Estate had a negative contribution.

From a single stock perspective key positive contributors have been BHP, Equinor and Covestro, while on the other side Vonovia, Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane and Polymetal had a negative contribution.

Current Positioning

We decreased our exposure to Financials, Consumer Staples and Utilities, while we increased our exposure to Healthcare. Our cash level at the end of the month was around 5%.

Outlook

Lately, financial market attention has been almost entirely dominated by the news on the COVID-19 and new vaccines. Recession and lower corporate earnings in 2020 have become unavoidable as longer-term quarantine measures led to a deterioration in economic activity, record debt levels and a weakening labor market. In contrast, both massive monetary and fiscal stimulus support the global economy. Additionally, in recent months the gradual re-opening of the economy combined with improving economic indicators has led to optimism in financial markets. However, this is threatened by a "second wave" of infections that currently causes repeated lockdown measures. The spread of the COVID-19 virus is monitored very closely and may lead to further fluctuations in the global stock markets. The global roll-out of vaccines is supporting sentiment.

In this volatile and uncertain market environment we once again emphasize our strict selection process and focus on clean balance sheets, high free cash flow and dividend sustainability. Further, as the measures taken by central banks also consolidated the historically low interest rate environment, we believe stocks will remain necessary and attractive in the long term due to the lack of investment alternatives. This should at least strategically add support to stock markets. Further, we still strongly believe that the importance of dividend payments for the total return increases, as the low interest environment will persist. We expect the contribution of dividends to the return of the investment to be above historic averages, as for many stocks the dividend income is already well above the yields of the corresponding corporate bonds.

(All performance data in EUR)

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

General information

When the custodian sets the price on the last trading day of the month there can be a difference of up to ten hours between the times at which the fund price and the benchmark are calculated. In the event of strong market movements during this period, this may result in the over- or understatement of the Fund's performance relative to the benchmark at the end of the month (this is referred to as the "pricing effect").

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General Risk Warnings

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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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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.

Current interest yield

The current interest yield differs from the nominal interest rate because securities are bought at a price that can be higher or lower than their nominal value. Since interest is always paid on the nominal value, the following calculation is used: $(\text{interest rate} \times 100) / \text{price} = \text{effective yield}$.

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.

Maturity (in years/in months)

The amount of time until the maturity of an obligation, such as a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

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.

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.