



Fund Data

Investment Policy

The Fund invests primarily in German blue chips, high-growth mid caps and small caps. The underlying benchmark is the HDAX.

Fund Management's Comment

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

Morningstar Style-Box™



Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Germany Equity

Ratings

(As at: 29/02/2024)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders:



Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LC



Period	Fund	Benchmark
03/2014 - 03/2015	30.2	25.3
03/2015 - 03/2016	-6.4	-14.0
03/2016 - 03/2017	20.4	22.6
03/2017 - 03/2018	5.9	1.2
03/2018 - 03/2019	-6.8	-2.8
03/2019 - 03/2020	-18.7	-15.1
03/2020 - 03/2021	62.3	50.0
03/2021 - 03/2022	-2.2	-2.9
03/2022 - 03/2023	0.5	6.0
03/2023 - 03/2024	6.7	16.3

Fund

Benchmark: HDAX (RI) (ab 1.1.02) (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.

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	3.6	6.7	4.9	38.4	1,018.1	6.1	1.6	6.7	5.3	23.3	-23.4	13.1
BM IN EUR	4.5	16.3	19.8	52.6	313.5	9.4	6.2	8.8	2.9	16.0	-14.4	19.0

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

Volatility	19.91%	Maximum Drawdown	-33.42%	VAR (99%/10 days)	7.64%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.03	Information Ratio	-0.72	Correlation Coefficient	0.97
Alpha	-5.06%	Beta	1.17	Tracking Error	5.91%

Portfolio Analysis

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

Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI		
Information Technology		25.6
Financials		22.1
Industrials		18.7
Consumer Discretionary		9.6
Communication Services		8.7
Health Care		8.0
Materials		4.8
Consumer Staples		1.5
Real Estate		0.6
Energy		0.1

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Currency (in % of fund volume)

Euro		98.9
United States dollar		1.1

Principal Holdings (Equities) (in % of fund volume)

SAP SE (Information Technology)	9.8
Allianz SE (Financials)	8.8
Infineon Technologies AG (Information Technology)	6.7
Deutsche Post AG (Industrials)	4.6
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft A	4.1
Deutsche Telekom AG (Communication Services)	3.8
MTU Aero Engines AG (Industrials)	3.5
Carl Zeiss Meditec AG (Health Care)	3.3
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (Consumer Discret	3.2
Hannover Rueckversicherung SE (Financials)	3.2
Total	51.0

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities	99.6
Cash and other assets	0.4
Future Long	15.6

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



Portfolio Analysis

Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
> 10 Bn.	71.3
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	14.5
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	11.6
< 1 Bn.	2.2

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

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets			
Number of Shares	53	Dividend Yield (in %)	2.4
		Ø Market Cap	55,596.8 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
FC	3.6	7.3	6.6	42.3	63.6	6.3	2.2	7.3	5.9	24.0	-23.0	13.7
FD	3.6	7.3	6.6	42.3	63.6	6.3	2.2	7.3	5.9	24.0	-23.0	13.7
GLC	3.6	7.1	5.8	40.4	25.9	6.1	1.9	7.0	5.5	23.6	-23.1	13.5
IC	3.7	7.6	7.6	44.4	67.7	6.3	2.5	7.6	6.2	24.3	-22.7	14.1
ID	3.7	7.6	7.6	44.4	75.5	6.3	2.5	7.6	6.2	24.4	-22.7	14.1
LC	3.6	6.7	4.9	38.4	1,018.1	6.1	1.6	6.7	5.3	23.3	-23.4	13.1
LD	3.6	6.7	4.9	38.4	18.6	6.1	1.6	6.7	5.3	23.3	-23.4	13.1
TFC	3.7	7.4	7.0	43.0	28.9	6.3	2.3	7.4	6.0	24.1	-22.9	13.9
TFD	3.6	7.4	7.0	42.6	28.8	6.3	2.3	7.4	5.8	24.1	-22.9	13.8

DWS Aktien Strategie Deutschland



Equity Funds - Germany

March 2024As at 28/03/2024

Fund Data

Portfolio Manager	Hansjoerg Pack	Assets	2,425.4 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	06/09/2018	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	01/02/1999
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 Investment Amount
FC	EUR	DE000DWS2D82	30964376	Accumulation	0.00%	546.85	546.85	0.900%	0.91% (1)	--	2,000,000
FD	EUR	DE000DWS2EB3	30964957	Distribution	0.00%	516.02	516.02	0.900%	0.91% (1)	--	2,000,000
GLC	EUR	DE000DWS2S44		Accumulation	5.00%	557.88	531.31	1.450%	1.46% (1)	--	--
IC	EUR	DE000DWS2D90	30964963	Accumulation	0.00%	560.13	560.13	0.600%	0.61% (1)	--	25,000,000
ID	EUR	DE000DWS2EC1	31063803	Distribution	0.00%	516.93	516.93	0.600%	0.61% (1)	--	25,000,000
LC	EUR	DE0009769869	992756	Accumulation	5.00%	548.66	522.53	1.450%	1.46% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	DE000DWS2EA5	42229719	Distribution	5.00%	537.70	512.09	1.450%	1.46% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS2SH0	39735550	Accumulation	0.00%	128.91	128.91	0.800%	0.81% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SJ6	39735551	Distribution	0.00%	122.38	122.38	0.800%	0.81% (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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Note

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The rankings and ratings relating to German market.
The collective investment scheme referred to in this document is a fund under foreign law and registered for the offer to non qualified investors in Switzerland. Information on the domicile is available in the general fund information.
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Fund Management's Comment: DWS Aktien Strategie Deutschland

Equity Funds - Germany



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

March 2024

As at 28/03/2024

Performance Review

It was not just another strong month for stocks with most major indices in the green, in fact, Q1 2024 turned out to be the best Q1 performance in five years for global equities, buoyed by hopes of a soft economic landing in the US, enthusiasm about AI and defense stocks, as well as anticipated central bank rate cuts. The MSCI World has gained over 8% in the first 3 months of the year, the most since 2019, with stocks outperforming bonds by the biggest margin in any quarter since 2020. In the US, signs of resilient domestic growth have boosted stocks despite unexpected increases in inflation in the past 2 months causing investors to dial back their rate cut expectations – market expectations are now more or less aligned with the FED, namely 3 25bps cuts in 2024. Overall, what began as tech-driven rally on Wall Street gradually broadened out across the quarter, with equities in Europe and Japan beginning to outpace the US. The UK's FTSE 100, Germany's Dax, France's CAC 40, and Spain's Ibex 35 all outperformed the S&P 500 in March, as sectors beyond technology started to rise. Also in Germany, the market rally was broad based. Small- and mid-caps for the first time in many months started to join the market's move upward. Only the TecDax was held back, only advancing by 1.9%. What is more, the dominant trade in the past months – the relentless rise of the Mag 7 – has started to fizzle out. The IFO index rose to 87.8, an increase compared to the previous month (February: 85.5) while the German Purchasing Managers' Index improved to 47.4 from 46.3 last month. The improvement took place on a broad basis. The core inflation rate for Germany rose by 2.3% compared to the previous year.

Performance Attribution

DWS Aktien Strategie Deutschland was up 3.6%, underperforming its benchmark index the HDAX which was by 1.4%. The main positive contributors were Allianz and SAP in absolute terms. SAP shares have reached an index level beyond our regulatory cap which means we are underweight for technical reasons and the stellar performance of the shares is beginning to hurt our active performance. Positive attribution to our performance came from our overweight positions in Jungheinrich, Siemens, Sixt, MTU and Allianz while our overweight position in Infineon and the underweight in Daimler Truck, as well as Airbus and Rheinmetall (the latter being an underweight for ESG reasons) hurt our performance. In terms of the sector allocation there was almost no meaningful impact on the performance attribution except for the small negative resulting from the overweight in the Technology Sector. The fund positioning remained unchanged as we believe the weakness in the semiconductor space will be temporary. We continued to add in selected small- and midcaps and slightly reduced Siemens back to a neutral position again.

Current Positioning

Due to small outflows the fund's investment level increased slightly to around 115%. After a short consolidation in February the DAX was headed for new all-time-highs and has now clearly broken to the upside. Some technical indicators are starting to look overbought. The market is now trading close to our price target of 18,700 points. Nevertheless, on our bottom up estimates we can still get to higher index levels. We still believe the small and midcap sector has some room to play catch-up versus the large cap sector. This segment of the market has been underperforming the broader market for quite some time. Historically, such underperformance has often brought about interesting investment opportunities in the space. Recent management meetings provided a mixed picture for the weeks ahead. Confidence in the ability to meet investors and market's expectations was mixed with cautious statements referring to high uncertainty around the global macro picture. We remain of the view that European equities look more attractive than US equities given the huge valuation discount offered in Europe while anticipating similar revenue and earnings trends. Furthermore, bond rates should have seen their peak yield levels for this rate cycle and continue to support the equity market.

Outlook

In our 2024 market outlook, we had argued that equity investors will not be scared by a temporary economic weakness and instead focus “on the light at the end of the tunnel” as disinflation will allow the FED to cut from June onwards. In combination with a renewed acceleration of earnings growth in 2024 we had forecasted what we believed was a constructive equity market scenario with high single-digit equity returns across regions for the calendar year 2024. Three months later, it turns out, that our thesis was correct, however, that our predicted index targets were way too conservative. Furthermore, the US economy is no longer at risk of running into recession according to our house view and AI innovation continues at reckless speed. We have therefore lifted our index targets and were predicting approx. 5% total return for most markets until March 2025 (S&P 5.300 / DAX 18.700), mainly driven by a higher assumed PE-multiple. Our next 12-months EPS estimates are unchanged since last CIO day, though. Profits should grow most in EM equities but for European and German earnings we are also forecasting 5% growth. There are only few industries with cyclical depressed earnings. Instead, most cyclical sectors like industrials, discretionary consumptions continue to report record high profit-margins, warranting no upgrade in earnings expectations in our view.

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.
- 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).

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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.

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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").

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.