

## DWS Invest Asian Small/Mid Cap



Equity Funds - Asia

January 2021

As at 29/01/2021

## Fund Data

## Investment Policy

Invests in Asian companies (ex-Japan) with small and medium market capitalizations.

## 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™

Asia ex-Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity

## Ratings

(As at: 30/12/2020)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

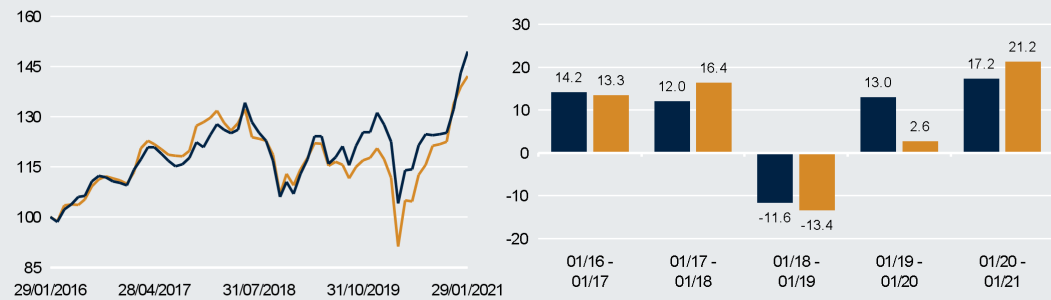
Lipper Leaders:



## Performance

Performance - Share Class LC(EUR)

(in %)



Fund

Benchmark\*

\*Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap TR Net ab 12.4.12

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	4.5	17.2	17.0	49.5	176.2	4.5	5.4	8.4	13.8	-14.1	22.6	9.1
BM IN EUR	2.3	21.2	7.8	42.1	151.7	2.3	2.5	7.3	18.0	-15.6	10.1	15.2

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

Volatility	18.10%	Maximum Drawdown	-22.49%	VAR (99%/10 days)	23.18%
Sharpe Ratio	0.32	Information Ratio	0.37	Correlation Coefficient	0.93
Alpha	3.14%	Beta	0.84	Tracking Error	7.49%

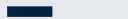
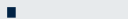
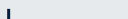
## Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)
<b>Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI</b>			
Information Technology	50.7	Vanguard International Semiconductor Corp (Infor	5.6
Materials	11.6	Pentamaster International Ltd (Information Technol	5.4
Real Estate	6.9	Yageo Corp (Information Technology)	5.3
Industrials	6.5	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Info	4.7
Consumer Discretionary	6.4	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Information Technol	4.6
Health Care	6.1	Hansol Chemical Co Ltd (Materials)	4.4
Financials	2.8	Dr Lal PathLabs Ltd (Health Care)	3.8
Consumer Staples	1.4	DB HiTek Co Ltd (Information Technology)	3.7
Energy	1.1	Duksan Neolux Co Ltd (Materials)	3.1
Communication Services	0.8	Bizlink Holding Inc (Industrials)	3.0
Other Sectors	0.7	Total	43.6
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.		Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	

Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Taiwan	27.5	Equities	90.8
Korea	20.8	REITs	4.3
India	13.0	Cash and other assets	4.9
Cayman Islands	9.4		
Malaysia	7.1		
Philippines	4.4		
Singapore	4.3		
Indonesia	3.6		
China	2.7		
Hongkong SAR	1.9		
Bermuda	0.4		

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

## Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
Taiwan dollar - new -	 33.2	> 10 Bn.	 19.4
South Korean won	 21.7	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	 12.6
Indian rupee	 13.2	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	 37.0
Hong Kong dollar	 12.2	< 1 Bn.	 21.8
United States dollar	 5.7	Others	 4.3
Philippines pesos	 4.5		
Indonesian rupiah	 3.7		
Singapore dollar	 2.2		
Malaysian ringgit	 1.8		
Euro	 1.2		
Other Currencies	 0.7		

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	58	Dividend Yield (in %)	1.7	Ø Market Cap	50,614.4 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
FC(EUR)	4.6	18.2	20.1	56.2	212.0	4.6	6.3	9.3	14.8	-13.4	23.6	10.0
GBP C RD(GBP)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LC(EUR)	4.5	17.2	17.0	49.5	176.2	4.5	5.4	8.4	13.8	-14.1	22.6	9.1
LD(EUR)	4.5	17.2	17.0	49.5	186.4	4.5	5.4	8.4	13.8	-14.1	22.6	9.1
LS(EUR)	4.5	17.2	17.0	49.5	185.0	4.5	5.4	8.4	13.8	-14.1	22.6	9.1
NC(EUR)	4.4	16.3	14.3	43.8	147.7	4.4	4.6	7.5	13.0	-14.8	21.6	8.2
TFC(EUR)	4.6	18.3	20.1	--	26.9	4.6	6.3	--	--	-13.4	23.6	10.1
TFD(EUR)	4.6	18.3	20.1	--	27.0	4.6	6.3	--	--	-13.4	23.6	10.1
USD FC(USD)	3.3	29.8	16.9	74.4	178.2	3.3	5.4	11.8	30.4	-17.3	20.9	20.7
USD LC(USD)	3.2	28.7	13.9	67.1	151.6	3.2	4.4	10.8	29.3	-18.1	19.9	19.7
USD TFC(USD)	3.3	29.9	17.1	--	30.3	3.3	5.4	--	--	-17.3	20.9	20.8

## Fund Data

Portfolio Manager	Linus Kwan	Assets	28.2 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/04/2016	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH & DWS Investments Hong Kong	Launch Date	16/01/2006
Portfolio Management Location	Multi manager	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2021
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
Legal Structure	SICAV	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Custodian	State Street Bank GmbH, Lux.		

## Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	Swiss Sec. No.	Earnings	Front-end Load <sup>1</sup> up to	Redemption Price	Management Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance-related fee	Minimum Investment Amount
FC	EUR	LU0236154950	2417364	Accumulation	0.00%	312.04	0.750%	0.91% (1)	--	2,000,000
GBP C RD	GBP	LU0982753047	29738240	Accumulation	0.00%	0.00	0.750%	0.26% (1)	--	--
LC	EUR	LU0236153390	2417317	Accumulation	5.00%	276.15	1.500%	1.77% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU0236153556	2417350	Distribution	5.00%	261.52	1.500%	1.77% (1)	--	--
LS	EUR	LU0254485450	2593879	Accumulation	5.00%	284.95	1.500%	1.77% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU0236154448	2417358	Accumulation	3.00%	247.67	2.000%	2.55% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1663839519	39498678	Accumulation	0.00%	126.92	0.750%	0.90% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	LU1663839600	39498682	Distribution	0.00%	122.81	0.750%	0.90% (1)	--	--
USD FC	USD	LU0273175025	2833771	Accumulation	0.00%	278.21	0.750%	0.90% (1)	--	2,000,000
USD LC	USD	LU0273161744	2833769	Accumulation	5.00%	251.59	1.500%	1.76% (1)	--	--
USD TFC	USD	LU1663839782	39498684	Accumulation	0.00%	130.29	0.750%	0.91% (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 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

<sup>1</sup> Based on the gross investment.

Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund features a high level of volatility. In other words, unit prices may fluctuate significantly in either direction within short periods of time.

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## 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 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 time.

Investor profile: Risk-tolerant

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 substantial, 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 invested.

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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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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

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 (depository 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.