DWS Invest ESG European Small/Mid Cap

Equity Funds - Europe

February 2024 | As at 29/02/2024

Fund Data

Investment Policy

DWS Invest ESG European Small/Mid Cap invests in European Small / Mid cap stocks. The critical selection criteria are the fundamental business quality and the good ESG quality of the company. Companies that have sustained above-average growth in terms of sales and profitability are preferred. The investment universe is among others defined by environmental and social aspects and principles of good corporate governance.

Fund Management's Comment

In February, the European equity market trended stronger on balance, gaining 1.8%. Positive drivers were the continued prevailing economic optimism, the improved Q4 reporting season in the US and further positive economic surprises in the Eurozone. Although the majority of companies in Europe have reported negative surprises to date and the reporting season has also been significantly worse than in the US, this negative momentum has been more than offset by the strength of technology stocks. However, cyclical sectors such as industrial goods also made gains in February, meaning that the equity market rally is becoming increasingly broad-based.

Amidst this environment, the Fund posted a positive performance and outperformed the benchmark index. The Finnish crane manufacturer Konecranes performed well, benefiting from good quarterly figures and a very constructive outlook for 2024. The shares of the Spanish healthcare company Grifols suffered from a weak outlook for future free cash flow generation. On the other hand, Swedish seal manufacturer Trelleborg made a positive contribution, benefiting from economic optimism.

Morningstar Style-Box™

Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Europe Mid-Cap Equity

Ratings

(As at: 31/01/2024)

Morningstar Overall Rating™: é é é é

Lipper Leaders: ③③②③

Performance

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

Period	Fund
10/2018 - 02/2019	-7.1
02/2019 - 02/2020	13.0
02/2020 - 02/2021	34.6
02/2021 - 02/2022	0.0
02/2022 - 02/2023	-2.5
02/2023 - 02/2024	1.1

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 LD(EUR)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	2.0	1.1	-1.4	50.0	39.3	-0.5	-0.5	8.5	19.0	14.9	-20.2	12.4

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

Volatility	17.67%	Maximum Drawdown	-31.13%	VAR (99%/10 days)	9.12%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.09	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

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

Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI

Industrials	25.5
Consumer Discretionary	19.1
Financials	17.3
Materials	10.7
Consumer Staples	10.6
Communication Services	5.6
Information Technology	3.7
Health Care	3.4
Utilities	1.8
Real Estate	0.4

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Konecranes Oyj (Industrials)	3.5
Pandora A/S (Consumer Discretionary)	2.9
SPIE SA (Industrials)	2.8
Elis SA (Industrials)	2.7
Storebrand ASA (Financials)	2.7
Inchcape Plc (Consumer Discretionary)	2.6
Trelleborg AB (Industrials)	2.6
B&M European Value Retail SA (Consumer Discre	2.6
Grifols SA (Health Care)	2.6
APERAM SA (Materials)	2.6
Total	27.6

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Germany	16.6
France	12.2
Great Britain	9.1
Denmark	7.4
Spain	5.6
Italy	5.5
Luxembourg	5.4
Netherlands	5.4
Finland	5.2
Ireland	5.1
Norway	5.1
Other Countries	15.6

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities	98.2
Cash and other assets	1.8
Future Long	1.7

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Breakdown by Currency (in % of fund volume)

Euro	68.4
Pound sterling	11.8
Danish krone	7.5
Norwegian krone	5.1
Swedish krona	4.3
Swiss franc	2.9

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

Market Capitalization (in % of fund volume)

> 10 Bn.	15.8
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	33.3
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	48.1
< 1 Bn.	0.9

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

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Number of Shares	65	Dividend Yield (in %)	2.5	Ø Market Cap	6,230.8 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(EUR)	2.0	1.9	0.9	55.9	45.2	-0.4	0.3	9.3	19.9	15.8	-19.6	13.3
IC(EUR)	2.1	2.1	--	--	4.4	-0.4	--	--	--	--	--	13.5
ID(EUR)	2.1	2.1	--	--	-11.9	-0.4	--	--	--	--	-19.5	13.5
LC(EUR)	2.0	1.1	-1.4	50.0	39.3	-0.5	-0.5	8.5	19.0	14.9	-20.2	12.4
LD(EUR)	2.0	1.1	-1.4	50.0	39.3	-0.5	-0.5	8.5	19.0	14.9	-20.2	12.4
NC(EUR)	1.9	0.6	--	--	-11.8	-0.6	--	--	--	--	-20.6	11.9
TFC(EUR)	2.0	1.9	0.9	55.8	59.0	-0.4	0.3	9.3	19.9	15.7	-19.6	13.3
TFD(EUR)	2.0	1.9	0.9	55.8	59.0	-0.4	0.3	9.3	19.9	15.8	-19.6	13.3
USD LCH(USD)	2.1	3.2	--	--	-8.2	-0.3	--	--	--	--	-17.7	15.0
XC(EUR)	2.1	2.3	2.1	59.1	48.5	-0.3	0.7	9.7	20.3	16.2	-19.3	13.8

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Portfolio Manager	European Small & Mid Cap Team	Assets	388.8 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/10/2018	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	01/10/2018
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 Invest-ment Amount
FC	EUR	LU1863262025	43448576	Accumulation	0.00%	145.24	0.750%	0.90% (1)	--	2,000,000
IC	EUR	LU2471129010	118468564	Accumulation	0.00%	104.38	0.600%	0.74% (1)	--	10,000,000
ID	EUR	LU2357626097	112258377	Distribution	0.00%	86.57	0.600%	0.71% (1)	--	10,000,000
LC	EUR	LU1863262298	43448580	Accumulation	5.00%	139.33	1.500%	1.64% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU1863262371	43448581	Distribution	5.00%	135.13	1.500%	1.64% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU2357626170	112258378	Accumulation	3.00%	88.22	2.000%	2.14% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1932939488	46533279	Accumulation	0.00%	158.97	0.750%	0.89% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	LU1932939645	46533291	Distribution	0.00%	152.56	0.750%	0.96% (1)	--	--
USD LCH	USD	LU2357626253	112258379	Accumulation	5.00%	91.84	1.500%	1.65% (1)	--	--
XC	EUR	LU1863262454	43448582	Accumulation	0.00%	148.53	0.350%	0.46% (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 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.

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 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.

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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.

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

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.