

Factsheet: DWS Invest ESG European Small/Mid Cap
Equity Funds - Europe



April 2025As at 30/04/2025

Fund Data

Investment Policy

The fund invests in European mid- and small-cap stocks. The critical selection criteria are the fundamental business- and ESG aspects of the company. We look for opportunities that fall into one of two concepts, either "Mispriced Inflection", or "Quality-Growth-at-a-reasonable price". The investment universe is among others defined by environmental and social aspects and principles of good corporate governance. The fund is actively managed.

Fund Management's Comment

In April, the European equity market lost 1.2% month-on-month and trended significantly weaker. Concerns about US tariff policy dominated, leading to a decline in the US equity market and a loss of over 13% in the European market at the beginning of the month. By the end of the month, however, both global and European markets had recovered, supported by the 90-day pause in US tariffs and a positive start to the Q1 reporting season. Cyclical fell less sharply than defensive stocks, with a drop of just 0.4%. Despite this environment, the Fund still posted a positive performance and was slightly ahead of the benchmark. The position in Jet2 developed positively. The British tour operator benefited from an improved outlook. In contrast, the Luxembourg stainless steel manufacturer Aperam suffered from recession worries. The contribution of the German Internet service provider IONOS was also positive. European countries could make greater use of Europe-based clout service providers in the future.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Europe Mid-Cap Equity

Ratings (As at: 31/03/2025)
Morningstar Overall Rating™:
Lipper Leaders:

Performance

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



Period	Fund (net)	Fund (gross)
10/2018 - 04/2019	-5.1	-0.2
04/2019 - 04/2020	-1.0	-1.0
04/2020 - 04/2021	56.7	56.7
04/2021 - 04/2022	-9.7	-9.7
04/2022 - 04/2023	-3.5	-3.5
04/2023 - 04/2024	6.7	6.7
04/2024 - 04/2025	-0.6	-0.6

Fund (gross)

Explanations and modeling techniques; assumption: an investor wishes to purchase units for EUR 1,000.00 With a maximum sales charge of 5.00% of the gross investment amount, the investor has to pay EUR 1,052.63. That corresponds to 5.26% of the net investment amount. The gross performance (BVI method) includes all costs incurred at the fund level, the net performance also includes the sales charge; additional costs may be incurred at the investor level (e.g. custody costs). Since the sales charge is only levied in the first year, the net/gross amount shown is different only in this year. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. (Source: DWS Investment GmbH)

Cumulative performance (in %) - share class LC(EUR)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	1.0	-0.6	2.3	44.8	43.1	2.6	0.8	7.7	14.9	-20.2	12.4	-0.4

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

Volatility	17.26%	Maximum Drawdown	-20.36%	VAR (99%/10 days)	11.03%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.11	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

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

Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI		
Financials		27.4
Industrials		17.7
Communication Services		11.3
Consumer Discretionary		9.8
Consumer Staples		7.5
Health Care		6.5
Materials		5.3
Real Estate		5.2
Utilities		4.7
Information Technology		1.9
Other Sectors		0.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Great Britain		20.6
Germany		16.7
Italy		11.9
Netherlands		11.7
France		10.4
Switzerland		3.4
Spain		3.4
Belgium		2.8
Austria		2.8
Norway		2.7
Greece		2.5
Other Countries		8.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Zalando SE (Consumer Discretionary)	2.9
BAWAG Group AG (Financials)	2.8
Admiral Group PLC (Financials)	2.7
BPER Banca (Financials)	2.7
Bankinter SA (Financials)	2.6
Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA (Co	2.5
Beazley PLC (Financials)	2.5
Iveco Group NV (Industrials)	2.5
Banca Mediolanum SpA (Financials)	2.3
Persimmon PLC (Consumer Discretionary)	2.3
Total	25.8

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities	97.3
REITs	0.8
Cash and other assets	2.0

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Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	
Euro	<div></div>	72.1
Pound sterling	<div></div>	18.7
Norwegian krone	<div></div>	3.6
Swiss franc	<div></div>	3.5
Swedish krona	<div></div>	1.6
Danish krone	<div></div>	0.5

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

Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)	
> 10 Bn.	<div></div>	21.5
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	<div></div>	41.0
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	<div></div>	34.2
< 1 Bn.	<div></div>	0.5
Others	<div></div>	0.8

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 %)	2.8	Ø Market Cap	7,422.3 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	2021	2022	2023	2024
FC(EUR)	1.1	0.1	4.7	50.4	50.5	2.8	1.5	8.5	15.8	-19.6	13.3	0.4
LC(EUR)	1.0	-0.6	2.3	44.8	43.1	2.6	0.8	7.7	14.9	-20.2	12.4	-0.4
LD(EUR)	1.0	-0.6	2.3	44.8	43.1	2.6	0.8	7.7	14.9	-20.2	12.4	-0.4
TFC(EUR)	1.1	0.1	4.7	50.3	64.8	2.8	1.5	8.5	15.7	-19.6	13.3	0.4

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Portfolio Manager	European Small & Mid Cap Team	Assets	245.0 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	31/12/2025
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV		
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH, Zweign. Luxe		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load ¹ up to	Issue Price	Redemption Price	Management Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance-related fee p.a.	Minimum Investment Amount
FC	EUR	LU1863262025	DWS 2XM	Accumulation	0.00%	150.52	150.52	0.750%	0.84% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	LU1863262298	DWS 2XK	Accumulation	5.00%	150.67	143.14	1.500%	1.58% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU1863262371	DWS 2XL	Distribution	5.00%	143.20	136.04	1.500%	1.59% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1932939488	DWS 20C	Accumulation	0.00%	164.78	164.78	0.750%	0.85% (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 31/12/2024. 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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Transparency in accordance with Article 8 of the Disclosure Regulation (EU) No 2019/2088. Link: <https://funds.dws.com/de-at/aktienfonds/LU1863262298>

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- 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.

Important note on the investor profile:

Investor profile: Growth-oriented

The sub-fund is designed for growth-oriented investors who wish to achieve capital appreciation primarily through equity gains and exchange rate movements. Expected earnings are offset by high equity, interest rate and currency risks as well as creditworthiness risks and the possibility of heavy losses of the invested capital, up to the total amount invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss, and does not prioritize capital preservation.

The Company provides additional information relating to the profile of the typical investor or target customer group for this financial product to distribution agents and distribution partners. If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by the Company's distribution agents or distribution partners, or if they act as brokers in the purchase of units, they may also provide the investor additional information that also relates to the profile of the typical investor.

Supplementary information on the target market and product costs resulting from the implementation of the MiFID2 Directive and made available to distribution agents by the capital management company can be obtained in electronic form from the Company's website at www.dws.com.

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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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Please read the fund prospectus and KID before making a final investment decision.

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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.