

DWS Covered Bond Fund

Bond Funds - EUR



May 2025As at 30/05/2025

Fund Data

Investment Policy

Fixed income fund with focus on European covered bonds such as German “Pfandbriefe”, Spanish “Cedulas” and French “Obligations Foncières”. The fund is only investing in euro-denominated securities with an active duration management. Active management of maturities and duration. The fund is actively managed.

Fund Management's Comment

In May, the focus remained on US tariffs and the future fiscal policy of the US. The economic data remains relatively solid, partly due to the fact that activities were brought forward in the first quarter of 2025. Inflation figures - particularly in Europe - were also lower than expected. As expected, the US Federal Reserve left key interest rates unchanged at its meeting in May. In contrast, the European Central Bank is expected to cut its key interest rates by a further 25bp in June. The markets reacted with volatility to the news about US tariff policy, with Bund yields between 2.44% and 2.70%. Over the course of the month, the risk premiums of most asset classes fell compared to German government bonds. The risk premiums of covered bonds over German government bonds narrowed slightly in May. The primary market recorded an increase in activity compared to April, with 26 new issues amounting to around EUR 20 bn. The ECB currently holds around EUR 229 bn in covered bonds as part of its expiring covered bond purchase program (CBPP3) as of May 23.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Morningstar Category™

Other Bond

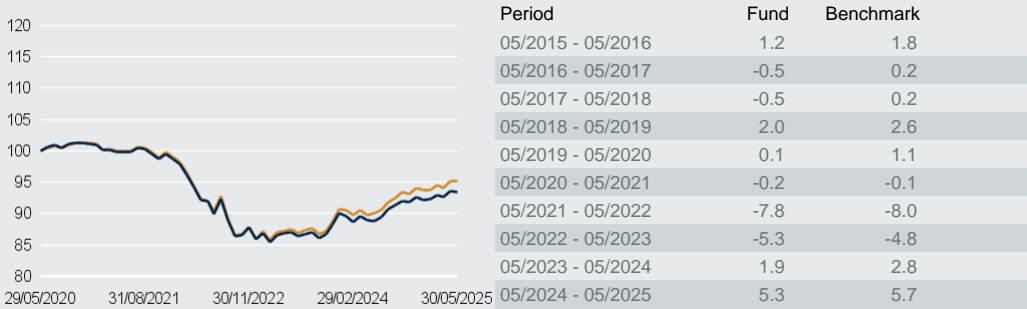
Ratings (As at: 30/04/2025)

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Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LD



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

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	-0.1	5.3	1.5	-6.6	228.8	1.4	0.5	-1.4	-2.4	-13.0	4.8	2.4
BM IN EUR	0.0	5.7	3.5	-4.9	297.2	1.6	1.1	-1.0	-2.1	-13.3	5.6	3.3

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

Volatility	4.76%	Maximum Drawdown	-7.42%	VAR (99%/10 days)	1.19%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.45	Information Ratio	-1.00	Correlation Coefficient	0.99
Alpha	-0.59%	Beta	0.98	Tracking Error	0.62%

Portfolio Analysis

Portfolio Breakdown	(in % of fund volume)
Covered Bonds	86.7
Cash equivalents	2.2
Other Securities	10.7

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Rating	(in % of bond holdings)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
AAA	86.0	Bonds	97.4
AA	14.0	Money market funds	2.2
		Cash and other assets	0.4
		Future Long	5.9
		Future Short	-0.2

The structure refers to internal and external ratings (may include S&P) <https://go.dws.de/sp-disclaimer>.

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Breakdown by Currency (in % of fund volume)

Euro	100.0
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Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positive figures reflect expected currency developments.

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

France	29.9
Germany	15.3
Netherlands	9.2
Canada	7.9
Spain	6.4
Italy	5.4
Australia	4.7
Austria	4.0
Norway	3.6
Great Britain	3.0
Other Countries	10.1

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Crédit Mutuel Home Loan 22/04.03.27 MTN	2.3
Société Générale SFH 17/02.06.25 MTN PF	1.5
NIBC Bank 19/15.10.29 MTN PF	1.5
DZ HYP 21/26.10.26 MTN PF	1.5
Westpac Banking 19/02.04.26 MTN	1.4
Bank of Nova Scotia 20/14.01.27 PF	1.3
Caisse Francaise Fin. Local 13/02.10.28 MTN ÖPF	1.3
Coöperatieve Rabobank 19/01.02.29 MTN	1.3
CW Bank of Australia 16/27.07.26 MTN PF	1.3
AXA Home Loan SFH 20/25.06.35	1.3
Total	14.7

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Yield (in %)	2.4	Coupon (in %)	1.1	
Duration (in years)	4.2	Modified Duration	4.1	Weighted Average Life (in years)
Number of Bonds	139	Average Rating	AAA	

Cumulative performance (in %)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
FD	-0.1	5.6	2.5	-5.2	12.0	1.5	0.8	-1.1	-2.1	-12.8	5.1	2.7
IC	-0.1	5.6	2.6	-5.0	11.1	1.5	0.9	-1.0	-2.1	-12.7	5.2	2.8
ID	-0.1	5.6	2.6	-4.9	8.7	1.5	0.9	-1.0	-2.1	-12.7	5.2	2.8
LC	-0.1	5.3	1.5	-6.6	6.7	1.4	0.5	-1.4	-2.4	-13.0	4.8	2.4
LD	-0.1	5.3	1.5	-6.6	228.8	1.4	0.5	-1.4	-2.4	-13.0	4.8	2.4
TFC	-0.1	5.6	2.5	-5.2	-2.8	1.5	0.8	-1.1	-2.1	-12.8	5.1	2.7
TFD	-0.1	5.6	2.5	-5.1	-2.7	1.5	0.8	-1.0	-2.0	-12.8	5.1	2.7

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Portfolio Manager	Moritz Rieper	Assets	118.1 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/07/2017	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	26/05/1988
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	30/09/2025
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Income-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 p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance-related fee p.a.	Minimum Investment Amount
FD	EUR	DE000DWS1UN6	20948098	Distribution	0.00%	52.15	52.15	0.400%	0.41% (1)	--	2,000,000
IC	EUR	DE000DWS1UP1	21532566	Accumulation	0.00%	56.25	56.25	0.350%	0.23% (1)	--	25,000,000
ID	EUR	DE000DWS1UQ9	23395378	Distribution	0.00%	53.14	53.14	0.350%	0.37% (1)	--	25,000,000
LC	EUR	DE000DWS1UL0	21213060	Accumulation	2.50%	55.39	54.03	0.700%	0.71% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	DE0008476532	330663	Distribution	2.50%	52.14	50.86	0.700%	0.71% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS2SN8	39735554	Accumulation	0.00%	97.18	97.18	0.400%	0.41% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SP3	39735555	Distribution	0.00%	94.83	94.83	0.400%	0.40% (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 30/09/2024. They are subject to change from year to year.

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Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- The fund invests in bonds, the value of which depends on whether the issuer is able to afford its payments. The deterioration of credit quality (ability and willingness to repay) may have an adverse affect on the value of the bond.
- The share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share at any time.

Investor profile: Income-oriented

The Fund is designed for income-oriented investors seeking higher returns through interest income and from possible capital gains. Return expectations are offset by only moderate equity, interest rate and currency risk, as well as minor default risks. Loss of capital is thus improbable in the medium to long term.

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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 (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.