

DWS ESG Stiftungsfonds

Balanced Funds - Conservative



Only for offer to Qualified Investors (art. 10 para 3 CISA)

May 2025

As at 30/05/2025

Fund Data

Investment Policy

Considering the idea of sustainability the fund DWS ESG Stiftungsfonds invests in global equities and fixed income markets. Up to 30% can be invested in equities. At least 51% of the Fund's assets have to be invested in European bonds. It aims for capital preservation over the medium-term and an appropriate annual distribution in Euro. 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

May continued to be characterized by US tariff policy. Unlike in April, the headlines in May were much more positive; the US government not only concluded the first trade agreement with the UK, but also lowered and paused tariffs on most Chinese goods until mid-August. The Q1 reporting season was also better than expected, especially in the US. US equities (S&P 500: +6.3% in USD) rose significantly. However, European equities (EURO STOXX 50: +5.4%) made significant gains. US macro data continued to perform better than generally expected despite the tariff uncertainty. Firmer equity markets and better US macro data led to rising interest rates. Yields on 10-year US government bonds rose by 24bp to 4.40%, while 10-year German government bonds rose by only 6 basis points to 2.50%. Corporate bonds gained slightly in value despite the rise in interest rates. The Euro rose slightly against the US Dollar to 1.135. The price of gold closed unchanged at USD 3289. Crude oil (Brent) recorded losses of 12.2% to USD 60.8 per barrel. DWS ESG Stiftungsfonds gained 1.21% in this environment.

Morningstar Category™

EUR Cautious Allocation

Ratings

(As at: 30/04/2025)

Morningstar Overall Rating™: AAA

Lipper Leaders: 4 4 5 3

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LD



| Period | Fund |
|-------------------|------|
| 05/2015 - 05/2016 | -5.5 |
| 05/2016 - 05/2017 | 5.5 |
| 05/2017 - 05/2018 | -0.6 |
| 05/2018 - 05/2019 | 1.8 |
| 05/2019 - 05/2020 | -2.4 |
| 05/2020 - 05/2021 | 13.7 |
| 05/2021 - 05/2022 | -5.9 |
| 05/2022 - 05/2023 | -5.6 |
| 05/2023 - 05/2024 | 7.7 |
| 05/2024 - 05/2025 | 6.8 |

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

| | 1 m | 1 y | 3 y | 5 y | s. Inception | YTD | 3 y avg | 5 y avg | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------------|-----|---------|---------|------|-------|------|------|
| EUR | 1.2 | 6.8 | 8.7 | 16.3 | 83.4 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 6.7 | -12.6 | 4.4 | 8.8 |

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

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|------|----|-------------------|-------|
| Volatility | 5.46% | Beta | -- | VAR (99%/10 days) | 2.34% |
|------------|-------|------|----|-------------------|-------|

Portfolio Analysis

| Asset class (gross) | (in % of fund volume) | Asset class (net) | (in % of fund volume) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Prev. month Current | | Prev. month Current |
| Cash (incl. funds) | (4.3) 1.3 | Cash (incl. funds) | (4.0) 0.7 |
| Bonds (incl. funds) | (75.8) 77.9 | Bonds (incl. funds) | (74.5) 76.7 |
| Equities (incl. funds) | (19.0) 19.8 | Balanced fund | (0.7) 0.8 |
| Alternative investments | (1.0) 1.0 | Equities (incl. funds) | (9.7) 13.2 |
| | | Alternative investments | (1.0) 1.0 |

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

| Breakdown by Currency | (in % of fund volume) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Euro | 84.6 |
| Pound sterling | 5.8 |
| United States dollar | 5.3 |
| Japanese yen | 1.2 |
| Swiss franc | 1.0 |
| Danish krone | 0.6 |
| Canadian dollar | 0.4 |
| South African rand | 0.2 |
| Norwegian krone | 0.2 |
| Australian dollar | 0.2 |

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

Net weighting, adjusted for derivative positions.

| Largest Individual Holdings | (in % of fund volume) |
|--|-----------------------|
| Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau 20/30.09.30 | 2.4 |
| Ireland 21/18.10.31 | 2.4 |
| Ireland Govt. 24/18.10.2034 | 1.8 |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland 23/15.02.2034 S.10Y | 1.8 |
| Spain 21/30.04.31 | 1.6 |
| Spain 24/30.04.2034 | 1.4 |
| Netherlands 24/15.07.2034 | 1.4 |
| Prosus 21/13.07.29 Reg S | 1.4 |
| Banco Santander 25/17.02.2035 MTN | 1.3 |
| Intl Bk Recon & Develop. 23/12.07.2028 | 1.2 |
| Total | 16.7 |

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| Portfolio Analysis | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| Breakdown by Country (Bonds) | | (in % of fund volume) | |
| Germany | <div></div> | 13.9 | |
| USA | <div></div> | 10.2 | |
| Spain | <div></div> | 8.3 | |
| Ireland | <div></div> | 6.9 | |
| Great Britain | <div></div> | 6.8 | |
| France | <div></div> | 6.3 | |
| Netherlands | <div></div> | 4.9 | |
| Sweden | <div></div> | 2.8 | |
| Supranational | <div></div> | 2.8 | |
| Luxembourg | <div></div> | 2.3 | |
| Other Countries | <div></div> | 13.8 | |
| Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. | | | |

| Breakdown by Sector (Equities) | | (in % of fund volume) | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI | | | |
| Information Technology | <div></div> | 3.4 | |
| Health Care | <div></div> | 2.9 | |
| Industrials | <div></div> | 2.8 | |
| Financials | <div></div> | 2.7 | |
| Consumer Discretionary | <div></div> | 1.8 | |
| Materials | <div></div> | 1.7 | |
| Communication Services | <div></div> | 1.1 | |
| Consumer Staples | <div></div> | 0.7 | |
| Real Estate | <div></div> | 0.4 | |
| Utilities | <div></div> | 0.4 | |
| Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. | | | |

| Breakdown by Rating | | (in % of bond holdings) | |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| AAA | <div></div> | 17.9 | |
| AA | <div></div> | 13.2 | |
| A | <div></div> | 11.2 | |
| BBB | <div></div> | 51.0 | |
| BB | <div></div> | 3.9 | |
| B | <div></div> | 0.4 | |
| CCC | <div></div> | 0.2 | |
| Others | <div></div> | 1.1 | |
| Not Rated | <div></div> | 0.9 | |
| The structure refers to internal and external ratings (may include S&P) https://go.dws.de/sp-disclaimer . | | | |

| Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Yield (in %) | 3.0 | | |
| Duration (in years) | 3.9 | Modified Duration | 4.0 |
| Number of Bonds | 170 | Average Rating | A |

| Cumulative performance (in %) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----------------|-----|---------|---------|------|-------|------|------|
| | 1 m | 1 y | 3 y | 5 y | s. Inception | YTD | 3 y avg | 5 y avg | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| LC | 1.2 | 6.8 | 8.7 | 16.3 | 11.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 6.7 | -12.6 | 4.4 | 8.8 |
| LD | 1.2 | 6.8 | 8.7 | 16.3 | 83.4 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 6.7 | -12.6 | 4.4 | 8.8 |
| TFC | 1.2 | 7.3 | 10.3 | 19.3 | 14.7 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 7.2 | -12.2 | 4.9 | 9.3 |

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| Portfolio Manager | Markus Diebel | Assets | 1,086.2 Mio. EUR |
| Portfolio Manager since | 11/03/2015 | Fund Currency | EUR |
| Portfolio Management Company | DWS Investment GmbH | Launch Date | 15/04/2002 |
| Portfolio Management Location | Germany | Fiscal Year End | 31/12/2025 |
| 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 |
|-------------|------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LC | EUR | DE000DWS22Q5 | 48795330 | Accumulation | 3.00% | 114.65 | 111.31 | 1.100% | 1.12% (1) | -- | -- |
| LD | EUR | DE0005318406 | 1410681 | Distribution | 3.00% | 50.03 | 48.57 | 1.100% | 1.12% (1) | -- | -- |
| TFC | EUR | DE000DWS22P7 | 48796076 | Accumulation | 0.00% | 114.66 | 114.66 | 0.600% | 0.63% (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

The rankings and ratings relating to German market.

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- The fund uses derivatives on underlyings so as to participate in their increases in value or to bet on their losses in value. The increased opportunities associated with this are accompanied by increased risk of loss. Furthermore, derivative transactions may be used to hedge the fund's assets. The use of derivative transactions for hedging purposes may reduce the fund's upside opportunities.
- The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases.
- If the guarantor becomes insolvent, this may void the guarantee.
- 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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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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First digit = Total Return; second digit = Consistent Return; third digit = Preservation; fourth digit = Expense

General information

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.

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.