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# Fund Data

# **Investment Policy**

This global equity fund invests in issuers that are related to the "blue economy" sector, as qualitatively assessed by DWS internal research. For the purpose of the sub-fund's asset allocation, the term blue economy refers to companies with economic activities that can take place both on land or in the oceans and have a direct or indirect link to maritime ecosystems. The investment universe is among others defined by environmental and social aspects and principles of good corporate governance. More details can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus. The fund is actively managed.

# Fund Management's Comment

For detailed comments on the fund and its corresponding markets please see the annual report.

#### Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class LC(EUR) Period Fund 120 03/2021 - 07/2021 4.1 115 07/2021 - 07/2022 -0.6 110 07/2022 - 07/2023 -4.9 105 07/2023 - 07/2024 15.2 100 07/2024 - 07/2025 -5 1 95 90 85 80 31/03/2021 29/04/2022 28/06/2024 31/07/2025

Fund

Calculation of performance is based on the time-weighted return and excludes front-end fees. Individual costs such as fees, commissions and other charges have not been included in this presentation and would have an adverse impact on returns if they were included. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Cumulative	performand	e (in %) -	share clas	ss LC(EUR)						
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg 5 y avg	2022	2023	2024	
EUR	5.9	-5.1	3.9	7.4	-0.1	1.3	-17.9	3.9	12.3	

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LC(EUR)									
Volatility 15.27% Maximum	Orawdown -17.81% VAR (99%/10 days) 10.43%								
Sharpe Ratio -0.10 Informatio	Ratio Correlation Coefficient								
Alpha Beta	Tracking Error								

Portfolio Analysis							
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities) (in % of fund volu					
Portfolio Breakdown according to MS	SCI	Prysmian SpA (Industrials)					
Industrials	65.9	Nexans SA (Industrials)	6.3				
Consumer Staples	17.0	Xylem Inc/NY (Industrials)	5.2				
Materials	6.9	Waste Connections Inc (Industrials)	5.0				
Utilities	5.2	, ,					
Information Technology	1.6	Konecranes Oyj (Industrials)	4.9				
Consumer Discretionary	1.0	Bureau Veritas SA (Industrials)	4.9				
		Arcadis NV (Industrials)	4.7				
		Intertek Group PLC (Industrials)	4.2				
		Fugro NV (Industrials)	4.0				
		Veolia Environnement SA (Utilities)	3.8				
		Total	49.1				
Gross weighting, not adjusted for dea	rivative positions.	Gross weighting, not adjusted for der	ivative positions.				
Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)				
USA	26.3	Equities	97.7				
France	14.8	Cash and other assets	2.3				
Netherlands	10.3						

# Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

Lipper Leaders:

# Morningstar Category™

Sector Equity Water

Blend

Ratings	(As at: 30/06/2025)
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Morningstar Overall Rating™:

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	France	14.8	Cash and other assets	2.3
	Netherlands	10.3		
	Great Britain	8.3		
	Norway	■ 6.3		
	Italy	■ 6.3		
	Canada	■ 5.0		
	Finland	4.9		
	Denmark	■ 3.8		
	Switzerland	■ 3.3		
25)	Virgin Islands (GB)	2.7		
Å	Other Countries	5.8		
3	Gross weighting, not adjusted for de	erivative positions.		
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Portfolio Analysis						
Breakdown by Currency	(in % c	of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)		
United States dollar		41.1	> 10 Bn.	45.9		
Euro		39.5	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	27.9		
Norwegian krone	_	8.7	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	21.2		
Pound sterling		5.3	< 1 Bn.	■ 2.6		
Danish krone		2.9				
Swiss franc		1.9				
Thai baht	1	0.6				
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative currency developments.	and positive figures refle	ct expected	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.			

Key Figures regarding	Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets											
Number of Shares 39 Dividend Yield (in %)							2.2	Ø Market Cap		17,689	.1 Mio. EUR	
Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2022	2023	2024	
FC(EUR)	6.0	-4.4	6.5		11.2	0.4	2.1		-17.2	4.7	13.2	
GBP D RD(GBP)	7.1	-2.0	9.4		8.3	4.8	3.1		-12.7	2.9	7.9	
IC(EUR)	6.0	-4.0	7.5		8.1	0.6	2.4			5.1	13.6	
JPY FDQ(JPY)	7.6	1.1	34.1		29.9	5.6	10.3			16.4	18.1	
LC(EUR)	5.9	-5.1	3.9		7.4	-0.1	1.3		-17.9	3.9	12.3	
LD(EUR)	5.9	-5.1	3.9		3.6	-0.1	1.3		-17.9	3.9	12.3	
NC(EUR)	5.8	-5.6	2.4		1.0	-0.4	0.8		-18.3	3.3	11.7	
PFC(EUR)	5.9	-5.3	1.4		-2.3	0.2	0.5			2.8	11.3	
TFC(EUR)	6.0	-4.4	6.4		11.2	0.4	2.1		-17.3	4.7	13.2	
USD LCH (P)(USD)	4.8	-2.1	15.3		8.1	4.6	4.9		-15.9	7.0	11.1	
USD TFCH (P)(USD)	4.9	-1.3	18.2		11.6	5.1	5.7		-15.3	7.9	12.0	
XC(EUR)	6.0	-3.9	7.9		13.4	0.7	2.6		-16.9	5.2	13.7	

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Paul Buchwitz	Assets	193.7 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	31/03/2021	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	31/03/2021
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 Cl	asse	es									
Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load up to	<sup>1</sup> Issue Price	Redemption Price	Management Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance- related fee p.a.	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
FC	EUR	LU2306921227	DWS K68	Accumulation	0.00%	111.23	111.23	0.750%	0.91% (1)		2,000,000
GBP D RD	GBP	LU2363960969	DWS K77	Distribution	0.00%	104.31	104.31	0.750%	0.91% (1)		
IC	EUR	LU2439527354	DWS K81	Accumulation	0.00%	108.07	108.07	0.500%	0.58% (1)		10,000,000
JPY FDQ	JPY	LU2453973641	DWS K82	Distribution	0.00%	12,418.00	12,418.00	0.750%	0.89% (1)		250,000,000
LC	EUR	LU2306921490	DWS K69	Accumulation	5.00%	113.08	107.43	1.500%	1.71% (1)		
LD	EUR	LU2353012292	DWS 3CY	Distribution	5.00%	106.63	101.30	1.500%	1.71% (1)		
NC	EUR	LU2357944896	DWS K76	Accumulation	3.00%	104.17	101.04	2.000%	2.20% (1)		
PFC	EUR	LU2385218230	DWS K80	Accumulation	0.00%	97.67	97.67	1.600%	2.61% (1)		
TFC	EUR	LU2306921573	DWS K70	Accumulation	0.00%	111.18	111.18	0.750%	0.91% (1)		
USD LCH (P)	USD	LU2368889080	DWS K78	Accumulation	5.00%	113.75	108.07	1.500%	1.74% (1)		
USD TFCH (P)	USD	LU2368889163	DWS K79	Accumulation	0.00%	111.64	111.64	0.750%	0.94% (1)		
XC	EUR	LU2306921656	DWS K71	Accumulation	0.00%	113.42	113.42	0.350%	0.45% (1)		1,000,000

<sup>(1)</sup> 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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the gross investment.

# Fund Management's Comment: DWS Concept ESG Blue Economy

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Data in relation to the fund or the leading unit class.

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# Performance Review

U.S. President Donald Trump is likely very pleased with how July unfolded and feels vindicated in his policies. Stock markets continued their upward trend, with several indices reaching new all-time highs. U.S. economic data exceeded expectations. The Republicans successfully passed their "Big Beautiful Bill" — the central tax and spending package of the new administration. The U.S. also reached tariff agreements with several key trading partners, including Japan, the EU, and South Korea. Only the monetary policy of the U.S. Federal Reserve might have disappointed the President. Despite significant pressure from him, the Fed left interest rates unchanged in July. The European Central Bank also kept rates steady in the Eurozone. With the start of the earnings season for the second calendar quarter, there was a flood of company-specific news.

The S&P 500 Index rose by 2.2%, while the growth-oriented NASDAQ Index gained 3.7% (both in U.S. dollars). In Europe, the MSCI Europe climbed 0.8%, and the DAX recorded a gain of 0.7% (both in euros). The euro depreciated by over 3% against the U.S. dollar, reversing all of the previous month's appreciation. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 rose by 1.4% (in yen), while the euro appreciated by another percent against the yen. Emerging market equities ended the month with a gain of 2.0% (in U.S. dollars). At the sector level, as in the previous month, more cyclical areas were favored by investors. These included IT, energy, consumer discretionary, and industrials. Utilities also ranked among the winners. Once again, defensive sectors such as consumer staples and healthcare were the biggest losers. Financials and raw materials also underperformed.

# Performance Attribution

Last month, the DWS Concept ESG Blue Economy increased by 5.89%, while the MSCI Europe Index increased by 0.77% and the global equity markets, as measured by the MSCI AC World, increased by 4.40% (all in Euro terms). Part of the difference can be explained by the different valuation timings at the beginning of the month. The relative performance of the fund was negatively influenced by allocation and positively impacted by selection effects in the reporting month. The overall selection within the sectors had a positive contribution in July, especially driven by the selection in industrials. This was especially driven by our exposure to electric cable manufacturers, as well as a manufacturer of port cranes.

Sector allocation in July had a negative contribution to fund performance. The underweight in Information Technology, as well as the overweight in consumer staples explain the largest part of the negative contribution. On the flip side, the overweight in industrials and underweight of health care was positive.

# **Current Positioning**

In July the Portfolio Management team made some adjustments to the portfolio. The cash position stayed at a normal level. During the period, we continued to hold a strong position in Industrials and sticked to our high exposure of design & engineering companies. We reduced our position in a company that produces harbor cranes, after a solid run and significant positive performance. In addition, we reduced our position in an US company that offers integrated solar tracker and software solutions used in utility scale solar generation projects.

### Outlook

In the long term, we remain optimistic about the Ocean Economy given the above-average growth forecasts by the OECD until 2030. For the ocean dependent sectors, we especially anticipate strong growth in offshore wind, and a favorable supply demand situation in aquaculture. In offshore wind the International Renewable Energy Agency expects the offshore wind capacity to grow from 34 GW in 2020 to 380GW by 2030 and more than 2000GW by 2050. In salmon aquaculture we see potential for demand to outgrow supply over the medium term, which could lead to increasing prices and margins for the producers. Another growth area is desalination, where the United Nations estimates a 40% gap in freshwater supplies by 2030, which could further accelerate the growth of the desalination market. In addition, we see a strong growth potential in solution providers for a sustainable blue economy. This includes the circular economy, for which the EU for example targets, that at least 65% of all packaging waste must be recycled by 2025 and increase the collection rate for beverage bottles to 90% by 2029. Furthermore, we see a strong growth potential in wastewater, where the IPBES estimated that over 80% of urban and industrial wastewater is currently not given adequate treatment.

In the short term, we expect continued volatility in the markets due to macroeconomic factors such as inflation, interest rates, tariffs and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.



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#### 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.

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DWS Investment GmbH, 2025

# 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

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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.