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March 2025

As at 31/03/2025

## Fund Data

## **Investment Policy**

Bond fund with a focus on High Yield corporate and financial bonds. The fund concentrates on Euro issues. Currency risks against the Euro are largely hedged. 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

March was marked by significant political developments, particularly Germany's fiscal spending and Trump's tariffs. Early in the month, Germany's prospective government proposed easing borrowing limits to secure nearly one trillion euros for defence and infrastructure, causing 10-year Bunds to go up 50bp to 2.9%. This volatility coincided with Trump imposing tariffs on China and steel/aluminium imports, followed by threats of tariffs on European luxury goods and general automotive imports. In response, several countries threatened counter-tariffs, leading to increased recession fears and risk-off sentiment, lowering Bunds to 2.7% and sending risk assets down. The EUR High Yield market generated a negative return of 1.0%.

The fund slightly outperformed its benchmark, benefitting from selection effects in Basic Industry and Real Estate, and the underweight in autos while investments in Banking, Insurance, and Media dampened performance.

We continue to be positioned defensively but increase our risk positioning as interesting buying opportunities emerge. We remain focused on careful security selection which we believe will be the main driver for outperformance going forward.

#### Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class FC(EUR) Period Fund Benchmark 140 02/2020 - 03/2020 -16.0 -15 2 135 03/2020 - 03/2021 20.9 20.5 130 03/2021 - 03/2022 -3.1 125 03/2022 - 03/2023 -4.6 -4.3 120 11.0 03/2023 - 03/2024 9.3 115 03/2024 - 03/2025 6.5 7.3 110 105 100 95 31/03/2020 30/06/2021 30/09/2022 29/12/2023 31/03/2025 Fund Benchmark'

\*Benchmark: ICE BofA BB-B Euro High Yield Constrained Index (RI)
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 performance (in %) - share class FC(EUR)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y s	5 y s. Inception		3 y avg 5 y avg		2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	-1.1	6.5	11.1	30.1	9.3	0.4	3.6	5.4	2.2	-10.4	10.1	7.5
BM IN EUR	-0.9	7.3	14.0	32.8	12.7	0.5	4.5	5.8	2.8	-11.3	12.2	8.5

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class FC(EUR)									
Volatility	6.84%	Maximum Drawdown	-10.91%	VAR (99%/10 days)	1.26%				
Sharpe Ratio	0.14	Information Ratio	-1.15	Correlation Coefficient	1.00				
Alpha	-0.60%	Beta	0.94	Tracking Error	0.76%				

Portfolio Analysis	
Portfolio Breakdown	(in % of fund volume)
Corporate Bonds Financial bonds Cash equivalents Emerging markets corporates Asset back - / Mortgage back securities Emerging markets sovereigns	81.5 9.9 6.3 1 1.3 1 1.3

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Rating	(in % of bond holdings)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Α	0.5	Bonds	94.3
BBB	<b>11.0</b>	Money market funds	6.3
BB	63.1	Cash and other assets	-0.6
В	22.2	Future Long	1.5
CCC	2.2		
Others	0.6		
Not Rated	0.4		
The structure refers to internal and include S&P) https://go.dws.de/sp-			

## Morningstar Category™

EUR High Yield Bond

Ratings (As at: 28/02/2025) Morningstar Overall Rating $^{TM}$ : ÅÅÅ

Lipper Leaders:



Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volur	ne) Largest Issuer	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	9	9.6 Edp S.A.	2.5
Swiss franc	T.	0.3 Electricité de France S.A.	2.2
Pound sterling	I I	0.1 Telefonica Europe B.V.	2.0
· ·		SoftBank Group Corp.	1.7
		Bayer AG	1.6
		Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II	B.V. 1.
		Forvia SE	1.4
		Banco de Sabadell S.A.	1.3
		Valéo S.E.	1.3
		CPI PROPERTY GROUP S.A.	1.1
		Total	16.7
currency developments.  Breakdown by Country (Bonds)	(in % of fund volun	ne)	
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France		5.9	
Germany Great Britain		.6 ).3	
Luxembourg		).5	
Italy		3.9	
USA		3.0	
Spain		7.7	
Netherlands		5.4	
Sweden		1.4	
Portugal	<b>=</b>	2.8	
Other Countries	16	5.3	
Gross weighting, not adjusted for deriv	ative positions.		
Key Figures regarding the Fund's Ass	ets		
Yield (in %)	5.4 Coupon (in %)	5.2	
Duration (in years)	2.6 Modified Duration	2.9 Weighted Aver	rage Life (in years) 3.
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Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets					
Yield (in %)	5.4	Coupon (in %)	5.2		
Duration (in years)	2.6	Modified Duration	2.9	Weighted Average Life (in years)	3.7
Number of Bonds	384	Average Rating	BB		

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	6.5	11.1	30.1	9.3	0.4	3.6	5.4	2.2	-10.4	10.1	7.5
FC50(EUR)(1)												
FD(EUR)	-1.0	6.6	11.1	30.2	9.3	0.4	3.6	5.4	2.2	-10.4	10.1	7.5
IC(EUR)	-1.0	6.8	12.0		7.5	0.5	3.8			-10.2	10.4	7.7
IC50(EUR)	-1.0	6.9	12.2		7.8	0.5	3.9			-10.1	10.4	7.8
LC(EUR)	-1.1	6.1	9.6	27.2	6.7	0.3	3.1	4.9	1.7	-10.8	9.6	7.0
LD(EUR)	-1.1	6.1	9.6	27.1	6.7	0.3	3.1	4.9	1.7	-10.8	9.6	7.0
NC(EUR)(1)												
TFC(EUR)	-1.0	6.6	11.1	30.1	9.2	0.5	3.6	5.4	2.1	-10.4	10.1	7.5
TFD(EUR)	-1.0	6.6	11.1	30.2	9.3	0.4	3.6	5.4	2.2	-10.4	10.1	7.5

<sup>(1)</sup> The presentation of performance occurs after a period of at least one year following launch of the Fund / unit class.

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Astrid Heck	Assets	341.8 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	30/10/2023	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	14/02/2020
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	Class	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	LU2111935495	DWS 26N	Accumulation	0.00%	109.25	109.25	0.650%	0.75% (2)		2,000,000
FC50	EUR	LU2842051463	DWS 3MT	Accumulation	0.00%	104.17	104.17	0.350%	0.45% (3)		50,000,000
FD	EUR	LU2111935578	DWS 26P	Distribution	0.00%	92.45	92.45	0.650%	0.75% (2)		2,000,000
IC	EUR	LU2399999486	DWS 3EM	Accumulation	0.00%	107.52	107.52	0.450%	0.49% (2)		10,000,000
IC50	EUR	LU2399999569	DWS 3EN	Accumulation	0.00%	107.81	107.81	0.350%	0.42% (2)		50,000,000
LC	EUR	LU2111935651	DWS 26Q	Accumulation	3.00%	110.01	106.71	1.100%	1.21% (2)		
LD	EUR	LU2111935735	DWS 26R	Distribution	3.00%	95.20	92.34	1.100%	1.21% (2)		
NC	EUR	LU2828001797	DWS 3MG	Accumulation	1.50%	105.50	103.92	1.400%	1.66% (3)		
TFC	EUR	LU2111935909	DWS 26S	Accumulation	0.00%	109.24	109.24	0.650%	0.76% (2)		
TFD	EUR	LU2111936030	DWS 26T	Distribution	0.00%	92.44	92.44	0.650%	0.75% (2)		

(2) 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.

(3) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. The total expenses listed here represent an estimate since the Fund was launched on (FC50:31/07/2024, NC:15/07/2024). Actual expenses will be calculated and published once the first financial year has ended. The annual report for each financial year will contain the expense details with their precise calculation.

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Transparency in accordance with Article 8 of the Disclosure Regulation (EU) No 2019/2088. Link: https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU2111935495

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



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### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

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- The fund invests in financial instruments that are basically sufficiently liquid but which may be illiquid under certain circumstances. This means that regular trade may be temporarily disrupted or impossible.
- 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.
- 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.

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# 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.