31/03/2020

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Equity Funds - Europe



5.4

March 2025

-1.4

As at 31/03/2025

# 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 fund is actively managed.

# Fund Management's Comment

In March, the European equity market lost 4.2% month-on-month and trended significantly weaker. As in previous months, politics shaped the market, but with more negative effects. Growing concerns about tariffs weighed on the US market, which did not spare Europe either. US equities performed significantly worse than their European counterparts. Stronger macro data from the Eurozone provided little support. Cyclical and technology sectors were under pressure, while defensive sectors benefited from the political uncertainty. In this environment, the Fund posted a negative performance, but was slightly ahead of the benchmark.

The position in Spie, the French technology service provider for buildings, facilities and infrastructure, developed positively, benefiting from positive business figures and the German infrastructure fiscal package. In contrast, the shares of the French firm Eutelsat, a global satellite communications service provider, suffered from a news-driven and volatile market. Another positive contribution came from the Italian financial company Banca Mediolanum, which benefited from a significant increase in inflows.

# Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization

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Investment Style

# Morningstar Category™

Europe Mid-Cap Equity

Ratings (As at: 28/02/2025)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders: 3423

Performance				
Performance (in %) - Share Class LD				
205	Period	Fund	Benchmark	
266	03/2015 - 03/2016	-2.5	-6.0	
184	03/2016 - 03/2017	14.2	15.5	
163	03/2017 - 03/2018	10.1	6.2	
	03/2018 - 03/2019	-5.6	1.9	
142	03/2019 - 03/2020	-8.0	-17.4	
121	03/2020 - 03/2021	71.8	51.0	
	03/2021 - 03/2022	-5.9	0.1	
100	03/2022 - 03/2023	-8.0	-5.8	
70	03/2023 - 03/2024	10.7	10.6	

Fund Benchmark (since 22/04/2002)

29/12/2023

30/09/2022

\*Benchmark: 70% STOXX Europe Mid 200, 30% STOXX Europe Small 200 ab 30.6.00 (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.

31/03/2025 03/2024 - 03/2025

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	-3.2	-1.4	0.5	62.4	2,731.4	0.5	0.2	10.2	14.3	-21.1	13.2	1.5
BM IN EUR	-2.9	5.4	9.9	66.0	2,183.4	4.2	3.2	10.7	20.2	-21.0	14.6	4.8

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class LD								
Volatility	17.18%	Maximum Drawdown	-22.50%	VAR (99%/10 days)	6.99%			
Sharpe Ratio	-0.14	Information Ratio	-0.68	Correlation Coefficient	0.97			
Alpha	-2.95%	Beta	0.99	Tracking Error	4.41%			

Portfolio Analysis			
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities) (in % of fund v	olume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to MSC	CI	Zalando SE (Consumer Discretionary)	2.8
Financials	25.0	BAWAG Group AG (Financials)	2.7
Industrials	22.4	BPER Banca (Financials)	2.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.3	Banca Mediolanum SpA (Financials)	2.6
Consumer Staples Communication Services	8.4 7.5	Bankinter SA (Financials)	2.5
Health Care	6.8	Admiral Group PLC (Financials)	2.3
Materials	5.7	APERAM SA (Materials)	2.3
Real Estate	4.5	Beazley PLC (Financials)	2.2
Utilities	3.7	SPIE SA (Industrials)	2.2
Information Technology	1.7	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA (Co	2.2
Other Sectors	1.1	Total	24.4
Gross weighting, not adjusted for deriv	rative positions.	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	

Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)					
Great Britain	19.4					
Germany	15.8					
France	12.5					
Italy	11.1					
Netherlands	9.9					
Sweden	3.3					
Spain	3.3					
Austria	2.7					
Switzerland	■ 2.7					
Belgium	■ 2.7					
Luxembourg	2.3					
Other Countries	10.2					
Gross weighting not adjusted for derivative positions						

	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
	Equities	95.1
	REITs	0.8
	Cash and other assets	4.1
Ì	Future Long	3.6

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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Portfolio Analysis					
Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)		
Euro	72.3	> 10 Bn.	20.9		
Pound sterling	18.0	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	39.3		
Swedish krona	■ 3.3	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	34.5		
Norwegian krone	3.1	< 1 Bn.	ı 0.5		
Swiss franc	2.8	Others	0.8		
Danish krone	0.5				
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative currency developments.	re and positive figures reflect expected	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.			

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets												
Number of Share	es		76	Dividend \	'ield (in %)			2.7	Ø Market Cap		6,9	01.5 Mio. EUR
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)												
LD	-3.2	-1.4	0.5	62.4	2,731.4	0.5	0.2	10.2	14.3	-21.1	13.2	1.5
TFC	-3.2	-0.8	2.3	67.4	51.5	0.6	0.8	10.9	15.0	-20.7	13.8	2.1

<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	Philipp Schweneke	Assets	1,571.4 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/02/2017	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	11/07/1985
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	30/09/2025
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	Fund		
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share (	Classes									
Share Class	Cur. ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	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 Invest- ment Amount
LC	EUR DE000DWS3LN1	DWS 3LN	Accumulation	5.00%	462.80	440.76	1.400%	1.40% (3)		
LD	EUR DE0008474156	847 415	Distribution	5.00%	457.45	435.66	1.400%	1.40% (2)		
TFC	EUR DE000DWS2NN9	DWS 2NN	Accumulation	0.00%	487.92	487.92	0.800%	0.80% (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 30/09/2024. 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 (LC:30/04/2024). 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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# Note

Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund is subject to heightened volatility. Consequently, unit prices may fluctuate sharply in either direction within short periods of time.

Figures subject to audit. The current sales prospectus which is legally binding for the purchase of fund units is available from your financial consultant or DWS Investment GmbH. The sales prospectus contains detailed information about risk. Evaluations made in this report may change at any time whithout prior announcement. These statements are based on our assessment of the current legal and tax information.

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#### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- The fund invests its assets in selected regions or sectors. This increases the risk that the fund may be negatively influenced by the economic and political conditions in the respective regions or sectors.
- 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.

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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.