

Factsheet: DWS Strategic Defensive



Balanced Funds - Multi-Asset-funds

May 2025As at 30/05/2025

Fund Data

Investment Policy

The objective of the investment policy is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance taking in account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets. In order to achieve this, the fund invests predominantly in Exchange Traded Funds. The fund targets an annualized volatility between 2% and 5% over a rolling 5-year period. The fund is actively managed.

Fund Management's Comment

Although the US's tariff policy continued to cause uncertainty in May, the conclusion of the first trade agreement with the UK was seen as a positive signal. The equity markets were able to significantly expand their gains thanks to a better-than-expected Q1 reporting season, with US equities in particular posting noticeable gains. US government bond yields rose on the back of better US macro data. While global equities (MSCI World: +5.92% in USD) posted stronger gains again, US equities (S&P500: +6.29% in USD) rose the most. European equities (EURO STOXX 50: +5.06%), emerging markets (MSCI EM: +4.27% in USD), United Kingdom (FTSE100: +3.83% in GBP) and Japanese equities (MSCI Japan: +5.25% in JPY) also achieved higher gains. Chinese equities (MSCI China: +2.74% in USD) were weaker in a global comparison. Yields on 10-year US Treasuries (4.4%) and 10-year German government bonds (2.5%) both rose by 11 basis points. The Euro gained 0.17% against the US Dollar and remained at 1.13. The price of gold closed unchanged at USD 3289. Crude oil (Brent) recorded losses of 12.2% to USD 60.79 per barrel.

Morningstar Category™

EUR Cautious Allocation - Global

Ratings(As at: 30/04/2025)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

AA

Lipper Leaders:

4554

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LC(EUR)



Period	Fund
01/2018 - 05/2018	-0.6
05/2018 - 05/2019	0.8
05/2019 - 05/2020	1.7
05/2020 - 05/2021	8.1
05/2021 - 05/2022	-5.2
05/2022 - 05/2023	-1.6
05/2023 - 05/2024	6.5
05/2024 - 05/2025	5.9

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 performance (in %) - share class LC(EUR)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	1.7	5.9	11.0	13.8	15.9	0.8	3.5	2.6	5.4	-12.6	7.0	7.7

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

Volatility	5.81%	Beta	--	VAR (99%/10 days)	3.41%
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Portfolio Analysis

Portfolio Breakdown	(in % of fund volume)
Corporate Bonds	35.1
Government bonds	32.5
Equities	22.9
Cash equivalents	4.3
Other Securities	5.2

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset class (gross)	(in % of fund volume)	Largest Individual Holdings	(in % of fund volume)
	<div>Prev. monthCurrent</div>		
Cash (incl. funds)	(6.3)4.5	Xtrackers MSCI USA ESG UCITS ETF 1C	10.1
Bonds (incl. funds)	(67.7)68.0	Xtr II EUR Corporate Bond SRI PAB UCITS ETF 1	9.0
Equities (incl. funds)	(23.0)24.5	iShares II Corp Bond 0-3 yr ESG UCITS ETF	8.5
Alternative investments	(3.0)3.0	Xtrackers II Eurozone Gov. Bond 1-3 UCITS ETF	7.5
		Xtrackers II US Treasuries 1-3 UCITS ETF 1D	7.5
		Xtrackers II US Treasuries UCITS ETF 1D	6.5
		DWS Invest ESG Floating Rate Notes IC	6.0
		Xtrackers MSCI Europe ESG UCITS ETF 1C	5.5
		DWS Invest ESG Euro High Yield XC	5.1
		Xtrackers II Eurozone Government Bond UCITS E	5.0
		Total	70.7
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Breakdown by Currency (in % of fund volume)

Euro	80.1
United States dollar	15.5
Japanese yen	2.2
Pound sterling	1.2
Swiss franc	1.0

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

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Yield (in %)	2.0	Modified Duration	2.3
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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)	1.7	6.2	12.1	15.7	18.7	1.0	3.9	3.0	5.7	-12.3	7.3	8.0
FC10(EUR)	1.8	6.4	12.6	--	5.9	1.0	4.0	--	--	--	7.5	8.2
ID(EUR)	1.8	6.4	12.7	16.6	20.1	1.0	4.1	3.1	5.9	-12.2	7.5	8.2
LC(EUR)	1.7	5.9	11.0	13.8	15.9	0.8	3.5	2.6	5.4	-12.6	7.0	7.7
LD(EUR)	1.7	5.9	11.0	13.7	18.1	0.8	3.5	2.6	5.3	-12.6	7.0	7.7
TFC(EUR)(1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
XD(EUR)	1.8	6.5	12.9	16.9	20.6	1.0	4.1	3.2	5.9	-12.1	7.6	8.3

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

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Portfolio Manager	Peter Warken	Assets	181.7 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	29/01/2018	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	29/01/2018
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2025
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Income-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV		
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH, Zweign. Luxe		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load ¹ up to	Issue Price	Redemption Price	All-in-Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance-related fee p.a.	Minimum Investment Amount
FC	EUR	LU1740985061	A2J AEA	Accumulation	0.00%	118.73	118.73	0.400%	0.48% (2)	--	2,000,000
FC10	EUR	LU2417926925	DWS 3E2	Accumulation	0.00%	105.90	105.90	0.270%	0.34% (2)	--	10,000,000
ID	EUR	LU1740985145	A2J AEB	Distribution	0.00%	113.26	113.26	0.270%	0.32% (2)	--	10,000,000
LC	EUR	LU1740985228	A2J AEC	Accumulation	3.00%	119.45	115.87	0.750%	0.83% (2)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU1922432890	DWS 2Z5	Distribution	3.00%	117.44	113.92	0.750%	0.82% (2)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU2859424389	DWS 3MV	Accumulation	0.00%	102.89	102.89	0.400%	0.45% (3)	--	--
XD	EUR	LU1740985491	A2J AED	Distribution	0.00%	113.33	113.33	0.150%	0.27% (2)	--	2,000,000

(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 (TFC:02/09/2024). 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

¹ Based on the gross investment.

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Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- The fund invests substantially in other funds. When investments are made in other funds, it must be taken into consideration that multiple target funds may pursue the same or mutually opposing investment strategies. This may result in lower diversification effects.
- 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.

Important note on the investor profile:

Investor profile: Income-oriented

The sub-fund is designed for income-oriented investors who wish to achieve capital growth through dividend distributions and interest income from bonds and money market instruments. Expected earnings are offset by equity, interest rate and currency risks as well as creditworthiness risks and the possibility of loss of the invested capital, up to the total amount invested. The investor is willing and able to bear 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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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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The gross-performance calculated (BVI method) considers all costs on the Funds/Sub-Funds level (e.g. Management Fee). In addition, the net-performance considers a contingent Upfront Sales Charge.

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DWS Investment GmbH, 2025

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.