

Factsheet: DWS Global Hybrid Bond Fund



Bond Funds - Corporate Bonds

March 2024 | As at 28/03/2024

Fund Data

Investment Policy

The DWS Global Hybrid Bond Fund invests with a focus on subordinated debt issued by banks, insurance companies, industrial companies and utilities. The Fund manager's aims also include broad diversification across the different instruments within the capital structure. The portfolio is also broadly diversified regionally (countries and currencies) to the extent allowed by the market for subordinated debt.

Fund Management's Comment

Despite a virtual onslaught of non-financial issuance – up almost 40% compared to Q1 2023 - the Euro investment grade market continued its march tighter, supported by sustained inflows into the asset class. In the subordinated space we have seen interesting new issues, which showed a good performance. Also helping market sentiment was the better-than-expected economic environment (the Federal Reserve increased their growth outlook from 1.4% to 2.1% for 2024) and a downward trajectory in inflation outlook enabled central banks to become more dovish and chairman Powell now envision 3 rate cuts in 2024 and further three next year. In Europe, Ms Lagarde declared mission inflation reduction (almost) accomplished and that the ECB believes that the expected disinflationary path will continue. The corporate hybrid index (GNEC Index) won 1,28%, hedged in Euro. Financial subordinated paper (EBSU Index; ex AT 1) made a 1,46% return whereas AT1s (CoCo Index, in EUR) had 2.14%. The fund remained fully hedged in currencies and had a performance of 1,33% in the past month.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Interest Rate Sensitivity

Morningstar Category™

EUR Subordinated Bond

Ratings (As at: 29/02/2024)
Morningstar Overall Rating™: AAA

Lipper Leaders: 2233

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LD



Period	Fund
03/2014 - 03/2015	8.3
03/2015 - 03/2016	-4.4
03/2016 - 03/2017	9.7
03/2017 - 03/2018	5.2
03/2018 - 03/2019	0.4
03/2019 - 03/2020	-6.6
03/2020 - 03/2021	19.5
03/2021 - 03/2022	-3.9
03/2022 - 03/2023	-7.9
03/2023 - 03/2024	13.1

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 LD

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	1.5	13.1	0.1	11.7	310.4	1.8	0.0	2.2	2.9	1.5	-11.3	9.8

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

Volatility	7.51%	Maximum Drawdown	-16.63%	VAR (99%/10 days)	1.22%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.21	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

Portfolio breakdown	(in %)	Principal Holdings (Bonds)	(in % of fund volume)
AT1 CoCos	31.00	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 23/Und. CoCo	2.8
Tier 2 Banks	28.70	Caixabank 23/Und. CoCo	2.2
Corporate Hybrids IG	14.80	OMV 20/Und.	1.7
Corporate Hybrids HY	12.40	UNICREDIT 24/16.04.2034 MTN	1.6
Others	4.00	Bankinter 20/und. CoCo	1.5
Preferred Senior Banks	3.30	Bank of Ireland 22/01.03.2033	1.4
Tier 2 Insurance	2.40	UBS Group 15/und. CoCo	1.4
Senior Non-Financials	1.60	BP Capital Markets 20/Und.	1.3
Old Style Tier 1	1.00	Repsol International Finance 15/23.03.75	1.3
Non-Preferred Senior Banks	1.00	Bank of Ireland Group 20/Und. CoCo	1.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.40	Total	16.5
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.			

Breakdown by Rating	(in % of bond holdings)
A	5.0
BBB	47.1
BB	46.3
B	1.0
Not Rated	0.7

Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Bonds	99.9
Money market funds	2.5
Cash and other assets	-2.4

The structure refers to internal and external ratings (may include S&P) <https://go.dws.de/sp-disclaimer>.

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	90.1
Pound sterling	7.2
United States dollar	2.8

Currency structure of investments, excl. forward exchange transactions

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	100.0

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

Breakdown by Country (Bonds)	(in % of fund volume)
Spain	22.5
France	14.2
Italy	11.7
Great Britain	10.8
Germany	9.0
Ireland	7.2
Netherlands	6.0
Denmark	3.9
Sweden	3.8
Portugal	3.7
Other Countries	6.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Yield (in %)	5.5	Coupon (in %)	5.4		
Duration (in years)	3.4	Modified Duration	3.6	Weighted Average Life (in years)	7.5
Number of Bonds	140				

Cumulative performance (in %)	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
CHF TFCH	1.3	10.9	--	--	-2.9	1.3	--	--	--	--	-11.5	7.9
FC	1.5	13.4	0.8	13.1	39.4	1.9	0.3	2.5	3.2	1.7	-11.0	10.1
FD	1.5	13.3	0.8	13.0	32.6	1.9	0.3	2.5	3.2	1.7	-11.1	10.1
LD	1.5	13.1	0.1	11.7	310.4	1.8	0.0	2.2	2.9	1.5	-11.3	9.8
TFC	1.5	13.3	0.8	13.1	12.0	1.9	0.3	2.5	3.2	1.7	-11.0	10.1
TFD	1.5	13.4	0.8	13.1	12.0	1.9	0.3	2.5	3.2	1.7	-11.1	10.1
USD TFCH	1.6	15.3	--	--	4.9	2.2	--	--	--	--	-9.2	12.3

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Portfolio Manager	Michael Liller	Assets	207.8 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/04/2015	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	21/06/1993
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	30/09/2024
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
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	Running costs / TER	plus performance-related fee	Minimum Investment Amount
CHF TFCH	CHF	DE000DWS3EZ0	DWS 3EZ	Accumulation	0.00%	97.08	97.08	0.630%	0.66% (1)	--	--
FC	EUR	DE000DWS1U41	DWS 1U4	Accumulation	0.00%	51.53	51.53	0.600%	0.63% (1)	--	2,000,000
FD	EUR	DE000DWS1U58	DWS 1U5	Distribution	0.00%	37.47	37.47	0.600%	0.63% (1)	--	2,000,000
LD	EUR	DE0008490988	849 098	Distribution	3.00%	37.70	36.60	0.850%	0.88% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS2SD9	DWS 2SD	Accumulation	0.00%	112.02	112.02	0.600%	0.63% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SE7	DWS 2SE	Distribution	0.00%	90.56	90.56	0.600%	0.63% (1)	--	--
USD TFCH	USD	DE000DWS3E07	DWS 3E0	Accumulation	0.00%	104.89	104.89	0.630%	0.66% (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 30/09/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

Important notice: Distribution agents such as banks or other investment service providers may report costs or expense ratios to interested investors that may differ from and exceed the costs described here. This may be due to new regulatory requirements for the calculation and reporting of costs by these distribution agents, in particular as a result of the implementation of Directive 2014/65/EU (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive - "MiFID2 Directive") from January 3, 2018.

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Note

Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund features a high level of volatility. In other words, unit prices may fluctuate significantly 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 without 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.

Risks

- 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 contingent convertible bonds. Compared to traditional bonds, this type of bond may be more likely to result in partial or complete loss of value. An investment in this special type of bond may result in substantial losses for the portfolio due to certain trigger events. Bonds of this type can also be converted into equities of the issuing company, which may also suffer a loss in value.
- 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 significantly 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: Risk-tolerant

The sub-fund is designed for risk-tolerant investors who seek high-return forms of investment and therefore accept large fluctuations in value as well as very high risks. The strong price fluctuations and high creditworthiness risks result in temporary or permanent declines in the value of units. The investor's high income expectations and risk appetite are offset by 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.

Supplementary information on the target market and product costs resulting from the implementation of the MiFID2 Directive and made available to distribution agents by the capital management company can be obtained in electronic form from the Company's website at www.dws.com.

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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

Important Notice

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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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.