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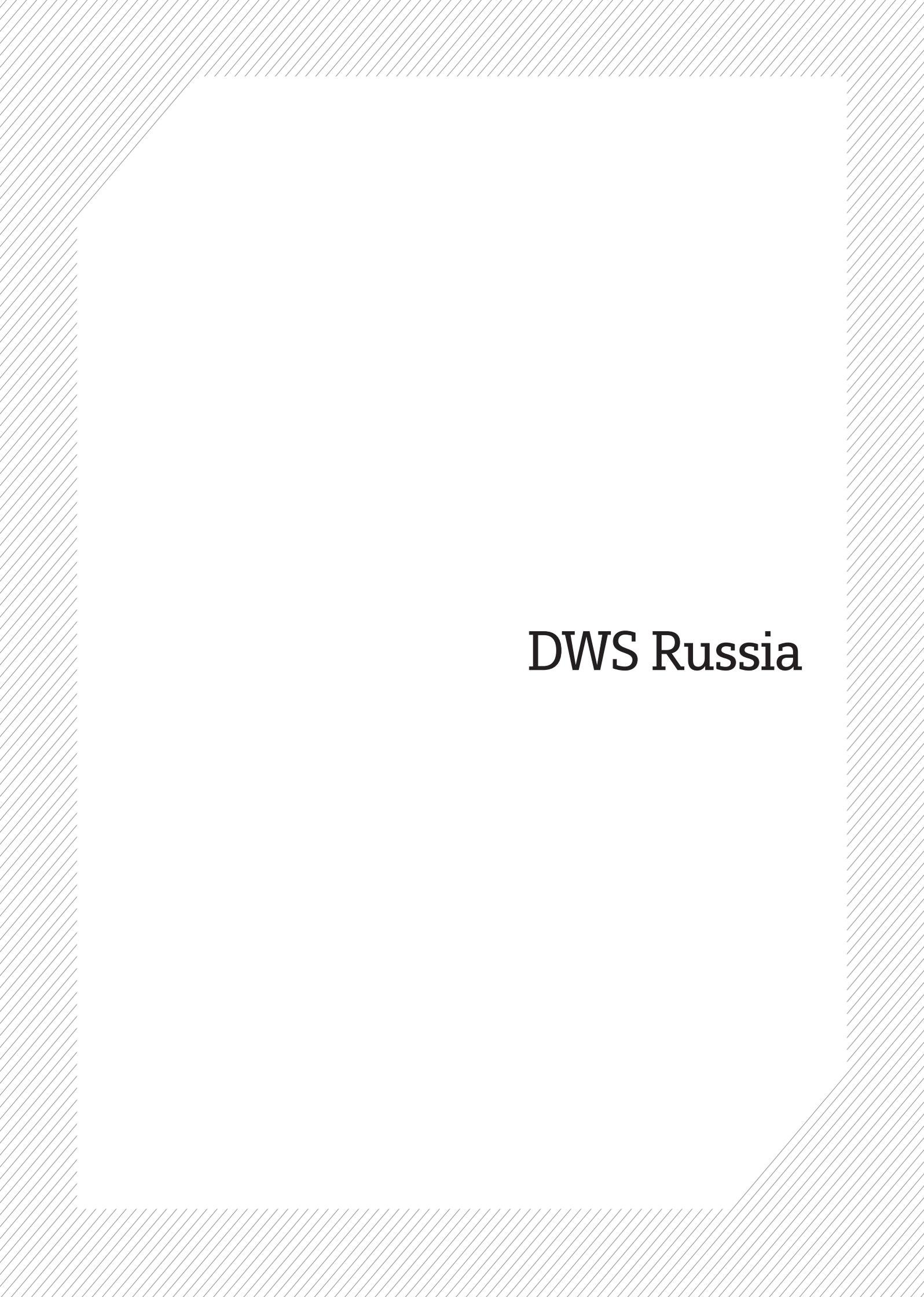
# DWS Russia

Annual Report 2022

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# General information

**The fund described in this report is subject to the laws of Luxembourg.**

## Performance

The investment return, or performance, of a mutual fund investment is measured by the change in value of the fund's units. The net asset values per unit (= redemption prices) with the addition of intervening distributions are used as the basis for calculating the value. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

The corresponding benchmark – if available – is also presented in the report. All financial data in this publication is **as of December 31, 2022** (unless otherwise stated).

## Sales prospectuses

Fund units are purchased on the basis of the current sales prospectus and management regulations as well as the key investor information document, in combination with the latest audited annual report and any semiannual report that is more recent than the latest annual report.

## Issue and redemption prices

The current issue and redemption prices and all other information for unitholders may be requested at any time at the registered office of the Management Company and from the paying agents. In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published in every country of distribution through appropriate media (such as the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.).

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**Annual report  
and  
annual financial statements**

# Annual report

## DWS Russia

### Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The fund DWS Russia sought to achieve sustained capital appreciation compared to the benchmark (MSCI Russia 10/40 (RI))\* . To achieve this, it invested especially in equities of issuers that are registered in Russia or that are registered outside of Russia but conduct their principal business activity in Russia.

In 2022, the international capital markets found themselves in increasingly rough waters. The situation was further compounded by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and the war in Ukraine that ensued. Against the backdrop of this escalated conflict between Russia and Ukraine, certain trading conditions did not function as they normally would. This affected the valuation of the financial instruments concerned and thus the calculation of the net asset value. In view of the extremely volatile and constantly changing market situation, deteriorated trading and settlement capabilities, with respect to the fund DWS Russia the net asset value calculation, unit issue and redemption has been suspended from March 1, 2022, until further notice\*\*.

In the period from the beginning of January 2022 to the end of February 2022 (date of the last unit value calculation), the DWS Russia fund recorded a decline in value of 67.1% per unit (according to the BVI method) and thus lagged behind

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#### Five-year performance



"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge.  
Past performance is no guide to future results.

As of: December 31, 2022

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#### Performance of unit classes (in euro)

Unit class	ISIN	1 year <sup>1)</sup>	3 years <sup>1)</sup>	5 years <sup>1)</sup>
Class LC	LU0146864797	-67.1%	-61.9%	-45.7%
Class IC	LU1628016351	-67.0%	-60.8%	-42.3%
Class TFC	LU1673816341	-67.0%	-61.0%	-43.7% <sup>2)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Last unit price calculation on February 28, 2022 <sup>2)</sup> Class TFC launched on January 2, 2018

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge.  
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its benchmark (-47.9%; both in euros).

### Information on environmental and/or social characteristics

This financial product is a product within the meaning of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (Regulation on sustainability-related disclosure requirements in the financial services sector (SFDR)).

The following is the disclosure in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product

do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The following information is provided for the financial product in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosure requirements in the financial services sector: Portfolio management did not take into account the main adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as the product (as indicated above) did not have an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

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\* The fund's performance benchmark was removed without replacement for the future in September 2022, as it no longer comprehensively reflects the investable investment universe since the introduction of risk-based filters. The removal of the performance benchmark does not result in a change in the investment policy.

\*\* Further details can be found in the note at the end of the section "Annual financial statements".

The format used for complete dates in security names in the investment portfolio is "day month year".

# Annual financial statements

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### Statement of net assets as of December 31, 2022

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>		
<b>1. Equities (sectors):</b>		
Communication Services	781957.42	10.43
Basic Materials	484995.57	6.47
Financials	4380.05	0.06
Consumer Discretionaries	37.60	0.00
Industrials	36.46	0.00
Consumer Staples	18.90	0.00
Energy	2.28	0.00
Utilities	0.09	0.00
Other	18.77	0.00
<b>Total equities:</b>	<b>1271447.14</b>	<b>16.96</b>
<b>2. Cash at bank</b>	<b>6217721.61</b>	<b>82.96</b>
<b>3. Other assets</b>	<b>6904.56</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>II. Liabilities</b>		
<b>1. Other liabilities</b>	<b>-929.83</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>III. Net assets</b>	<b>7495143.48</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Negligible rounding errors may have arisen due to the rounding of calculated percentages.

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## Investment portfolio – December 31, 2022

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the reporting period	Sales/ disposals	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets in 1000
<b>Securities traded on an exchange</b>						<b>1271355.63</b>	<b>16.96</b>
<b>Equities</b>							
Polymetal International (JE00B6T5S470)	Count	175 000	40 000	340 000	GBP 2.4540	484 952.85	6.47
Aksionernaya Kompaniya 'ALROSA' (RU0007252813)	Count	2 000 000	500 000		RUB 0.0001	2.57	0.00
Gazprom Neft (RU0009062467)	Count	350 000	350 000		RUB 0.0001	0.45	0.00
LUKOIL (RU0009024277)	Count	150 000	150 000		RUB 0.0001	0.19	0.00
Magnit (RU000A0JKQU8)	Count	102 000	102 000		RUB 0.0001	0.13	0.00
Novatek (RU000A0DKVS5)	Count	675 000	675 000		RUB 0.0001	0.87	0.00
Novolipetskiy Metallurgicheskiy Kombinat (RU0009046452)	Count	750 000	250 000		RUB 0.0001	0.96	0.00
Ozon Holdings GDR (US69269L1044)	Count	50 000	10 000	30 000	RUB 0.0001	0.06	0.00
Rosneft Oil (RU000A0J2Q06)	Count	600 000	600 000		RUB 0.0001	0.77	0.00
Sankt-Peterburgskaya Birzha (RU000A0JQ9P9)	Count	165 000	54 123	14 123	RUB 0.0001	0.22	0.00
Sberbank of Russia (RU0009029540)	Count	1 200 000	200 000		RUB 0.0001	1.54	0.00
Segezha group (RU000A102XG9)	Count	1 301 800	2 999 000	1 698 200	RUB 0.0001	1.67	0.00
United Company Rusal (RU000A1025V3)	Count	4 000 000			RUB 0.0001	5.14	0.00
VTB Bank (RU000A0JP5V6)	Count	3 250 000 000			RUB 0.0001	4 178.75	0.06
Yandex (NL0009805522)	Count	30 000	32 500	15 000	RUB 0.0001	0.04	0.00
Fix Price Group PLC (US33835G2057)	Count	400 000	150 000	50 000	USD 0.0001	37.54	0.00
HeadHunter ADR (US42207L1061)	Count	35 000	15 000	15 000	USD 0.0001	3.29	0.00
Inter RAO UES (RU000A0JPNM1)	Count	1 000			USD 0.0001	0.09	0.00
Magnitogorsk Iron & Steel Works GDR Reg S (US5591892048)	Count	125 000	10 000	35 000	USD 0.0001	11.73	0.00
Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS (RU000A0JR4A1)	Count	2 000 000	250 000		USD 0.0001	187.72	0.00
Neftekamskiy Avtozavod (RU0009115604)	Count	353 350			USD 0.0001	33.17	0.00
Nexters (VGG6529J1003)	Count	97 901		77 099	USD 0.0001	9.19	0.00
Polyrus Sp. GDR (US73181M1172)	Count	70 000	5 000	30 000	USD 0.0001	6.57	0.00
Sberbank of Russia Pref. (RU0009029557)	Count	1 000	175 000	474 000	USD 0.0001	0.09	0.00
Severstal PAO GDR Reg S (Oct. 2006) (US8181503025)	Count	150 000		40 000	USD 0.0001	14.08	0.00
TCS Group Holding GDR Reg S (US87238U2033)	Count	125 000	30 000	15 000	USD 0.0001	11.73	0.00
Veon Sp. ADR (US91822M1062)	Count	1 700 000		1 550 000	USD 0.4900	781 865.97	10.43
VK Co. (US5603172082)	Count	1 000			USD 0.0001	0.09	0.00
X 5 Retail Group GDR Reg S (US98387E2054)	Count	200 000			USD 0.0001	18.77	0.00
Yandex (NL0009805522)	Count	100 000	7 500	75 000	USD 0.0001	9.39	0.00
<b>Unlisted securities</b>						<b>91.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Equities</b>							
Mobile Telesystems ADR (US6074091090)	Count	775 000	50 000		USD 0.0001	72.74	0.00
PhosAgro (US71922G3083)	Count	198 720	198 720		USD 0.0001	18.65	0.00
PhosAgro (US71922G4073)	Count	1 280	1 280		USD 0.0001	0.12	0.00
<b>Total securities portfolio</b>						<b>1271447.14</b>	<b>16.96</b>
<b>Cash at bank</b>						<b>6 217 721.61</b>	<b>82.96</b>
<b>Demand deposits at Depository</b>							
EUR deposits	EUR	4 578 582.77			% 100	4 578 582.77	61.09
Deposits in other EU/EEA currencies	EUR	0.21			% 100	0.21	0.00
Deposits in non-EU/EEA currencies							
Swiss franc	CHF	0.31			% 100	0.32	0.00
British pound	GBP	660.32			% 100	745.66	0.01
Hong Kong dollar	HKD	1.40			% 100	0.17	0.00
U.S. dollar	USD	1 745 543.35			% 100	1 638 392.48	21.86
<b>Other assets</b>						<b>6 904.56</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Interest receivable	EUR	6 904.56			% 100	6 904.56	0.09
<b>Total assets <sup>1</sup></b>						<b>7 496 073.31</b>	<b>100.01</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>							
Liabilities from cost items	EUR	-929.83			% 100	-929.83	-0.01
<b>Net assets</b>						<b>7 495 143.48</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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Net asset value per unit and number of units outstanding	Count/ currency	Net asset value per unit in the respective currency
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>		
Class LC .....	EUR	18.46
Class IC .....	EUR	9.95
Class TFC .....	EUR	9.16
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>		
Class LC .....	Count	404.839.710
Class IC .....	Count	100.000
Class TFC .....	Count	2.370.628

Negligible rounding errors may have arisen due to the rounding of calculated percentages.

A list of the transactions completed during the reporting period that no longer appear in the investment portfolio is available free of charge from the Management Company upon request.

### Composition of the reference portfolio (according to CSSF circular 11/512)

Ex-Derivative Benchmark for Portfolio DWS Russia from May 6, 2022, through December 31, 2022

#### Market risk exposure (value-at-risk) (according to CSSF circular 11/512)

Lowest market risk exposure .....	%	100.000
Highest market risk exposure .....	%	100.000
Average market risk exposure .....	%	100.000

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from May 6, 2022, through December 31, 2022, using the VaR method of historical simulation with a 99% confidence level, a 10-day holding period and an effective historical observation period of one year. Market risk is the risk to the fund's assets arising from an unfavorable change in market prices. The Company determines the potential market risk by means of the **relative value-at-risk approach** as defined in CSSF circular 11/512.

### Composition of the reference portfolio (according to CSSF circular 11/512)

MSCI Russia 10/40 Gross Index (in EUR) from January 1, 2022, through May 5, 2022

#### Market risk exposure (value-at-risk) (according to CSSF circular 11/512)

Lowest market risk exposure .....	%	19.062
Highest market risk exposure .....	%	101.188
Average market risk exposure .....	%	63.531

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2022, through May 5, 2022, using the VaR method of historical simulation with a 99% confidence level, a 10-day holding period and an effective historical observation period of one year. Market risk is the risk to the fund's assets arising from an unfavorable change in market prices. The Company determines the potential market risk by means of the **relative value-at-risk approach** as defined in CSSF circular 11/512.

In the reporting period, the average leverage effect from the use of derivatives was 0.0, whereby the total of the nominal amounts of the derivatives in relation to the fund's assets was used for the calculation (sum-of-notional approach).

The gross exposure generated via derivatives pursuant to point 40 a) of the "Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues" of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) totaled EUR 0.00 as of the reporting date.

### Exchange rates (indirect quotes)

As of December 30, 2022

Swiss franc .....	CHF	0.983600	= EUR	1
British pound .....	GBP	0.885550	= EUR	1
Hong Kong dollar .....	HKD	8.310100	= EUR	1
Russian rouble .....	RUB	77.774400	= EUR	1
U.S. dollar .....	USD	1.065400	= EUR	1

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### Notes on valuation

The Management Company determines the net asset values per unit and performs the valuation of the assets of the fund. The basic provision of price data and price validation are performed in accordance with the method introduced by the Management Company on the basis of the legal and regulatory requirements or the principles for valuation methods defined in the fund prospectus.

If no trading prices are available, prices are determined with the aid of valuation models (derived market values) which are agreed between State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, as external price service provider and the Management Company and which are based as far as possible on market parameters. This procedure is subject to an ongoing monitoring process. The plausibility of price information from third parties is checked through other pricing sources, model calculations or other suitable procedure.

Due to the situation regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict, alternative valuation methods for the valuation of certain Russian investments have been implemented until further notice.

Russian equities and depositary receipts such as ADR/GDR were fully written down to the nominal value of 0.0001 per currency and unit as of March 3, 2022, as their trading is excluded from the stock exchanges or Western investors are excluded from the Russian markets. This valuation approach is reviewed during the regular meetings of the DWS Pricing Committee.

From outstanding dividend payments from Russian companies, the fund expected cash inflows in the amount of RUB 105,221,500.00 as of the fiscal year-end December 31, 2022, which are carried off-balance sheet. However, due to the current political situation, it is not possible to estimate whether dividend payments by Russian companies will resume at a later date.

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.

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### Statement of income and expenses (incl. income adjustment)

for the period from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022

I. Income		
1. Dividends (before withholding tax) . . . . .	EUR	302 721.02
2. Interest from investments of liquid assets (before withholding tax) . . . . .	EUR	50 646.76
3. Deduction for foreign withholding tax . . . . .	EUR	-47 746.76
4. Other income . . . . .	EUR	82.44
<b>Total income . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>305 703.46</b>
II. Expenses		
1. Interest on borrowings and negative interest on deposits and expenses similar to interest thereof: . . . . .	EUR	-18 893.84
Commitment fees . . . . .	EUR	-389.74
2. Management fee . . . . .	EUR	-411 898.93
thereof: . . . . .		
All-in fee . . . . .	EUR	-411 898.93
3. Other expenses . . . . .	EUR	-3 392.50
thereof: . . . . .		
Taxe d'abonnement . . . . .	EUR	-3 392.50
<b>Total expenses . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-434 185.27</b>
<b>III. Net investment income . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-128 481.81</b>
IV. Sale transactions		
1. Realized gains . . . . .	EUR	204 094.64
2. Realized losses . . . . .	EUR	-22 135 069.56
<b>Capital gains/losses . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-21 930 974.92</b>
<b>V. Realized net gain/loss for the fiscal year . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-22 059 456.73</b>
1. Net change in unrealized appreciation . . . . .	EUR	-19 206 448.19
2. Nettoveränderung der nichtrealisierten Verluste . . . . .	EUR	-94 309 907.17
<b>VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the fiscal year . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-113 516 355.36</b>
<b>VII. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year . . . . .</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-135 575 812.09</b>

Note: The net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is calculated by subtracting the total of all unrealized appreciation (depreciation) at the end of the fiscal year from the total of all unrealized appreciation (depreciation) at the beginning of the fiscal year. Total unrealized appreciation (depreciation) includes positive (negative) differences resulting from the comparison of the values recognized for the individual assets as of the reporting date with their respective acquisition costs.

Unrealized appreciation/depreciation is shown without income adjustment.

### Total expense ratio / Transaction costs

#### BVI total expense ratio (TER)

The total expense ratio(s) for the share class(es) was/were:

Class LC 1.55% p.a., Class IC 0.38% p.a., Class TFC 0.84% p.a.

The TER expresses total expenses and fees (excluding transaction costs) including any commitment fees as a percentage of the fund's average net assets in relation to the respective unit class for a given fiscal year.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 35 315.78.

The transaction costs include all costs that were reported or settled separately for the account of the fund in the reporting period and are directly connected to the purchase or sale of assets. Any financial transaction taxes which may have been paid are included in the calculation.

### Statement of changes in net assets for the fund

I. Value of the fund's net assets at the beginning of the fiscal year . . . . .		
	EUR	151 049 221.26
1. Net inflows . . . . .	EUR	-7 847 323.26
a) Inflows from subscriptions . . . . .	EUR	5 581 693.43
b) Outflows from redemptions . . . . .	EUR	-13 429 016.69
2. Income adjustment . . . . .	EUR	-130 942.43
3. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year . . . . .	EUR	-135 575 812.09
thereof: . . . . .		
Net change in unrealized appreciation . . . . .	EUR	-19 206 448.19
Net change in unrealized depreciation . . . . .	EUR	-94 309 907.17
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end of the fiscal year . . . . .		
	EUR	7 495 143.48

### Summary of gains/losses

Realized gains (incl. income adjustment) . . . . .		
	EUR	204 094.64
from: . . . . .		
Securities transactions . . . . .	EUR	97 293.50
(Forward) currency transactions . . . . .	EUR	106 801.14
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment) . . . . .		
	EUR	-22 135 069.56
from: . . . . .		
Securities transactions . . . . .	EUR	-22 019 549.07
(Forward) currency transactions . . . . .	EUR	-115 520.49
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation . . . . .		
	EUR	-113 516 355.36
from: . . . . .		
Securities transactions . . . . .	EUR	-113 520 254.02
(Forward) currency transactions . . . . .	EUR	3 898.66

### Details on the distribution policy\*

#### Class LC

The income for the fiscal year is reinvested.

#### Class IC

The income for the fiscal year is reinvested.

#### Class TFC

The income for the fiscal year is reinvested.

\* Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

### Changes in net assets and in the net asset value per unit over the last three years

Net assets at the end of the fiscal year			
2022 . . . . .	EUR	7 495 143.48	
2021 . . . . .	EUR	151 049 221.26	
2020 . . . . .	EUR	135 392 217.74	
Net asset value per unit at the end of the fiscal year			
2022	Class LC . . . . .	EUR	18.46
	Class IC . . . . .	EUR	9.95
	Class TFC . . . . .	EUR	9.16
2021	Class LC . . . . .	EUR	344.55
	Class IC . . . . .	EUR	185.30
	Class TFC . . . . .	EUR	170.74
2020	Class LC . . . . .	EUR	277.76
	Class IC . . . . .	EUR	147.45
	Class TFC . . . . .	EUR	136.46

### Transactions processed for the account of the fund's assets via closely related companies (based on major holdings of the Deutsche Bank Group)

The share of transactions conducted in the reporting period for the account of the fund's assets via brokers that are closely related companies and persons (share of 5% and above) amounted to 0.00% of all transactions. The total volume was EUR 0.00.

## Russia/Ukraine crisis

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Against the backdrop of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, trading conditions on local markets continue not to function as they would normally function. Due to the extremely volatile and constantly changing market situation and the already imposed and planned comprehensive sanctions against Russia, an adequate valuation of various securities of issuers domiciled or with business focus in Russia, which is reliable through active stock exchange trading, can no longer be guaranteed at any time. Among other things, this means that the net asset value ("NAV") of the DWS Russia fund's units can no longer be calculated with the necessary accuracy and appropriateness. As a result, the issue of units (pursuant to Article 9 of the fund's Management Regulations) and the calculation of the net asset value per unit and the redemption of units of the fund pursuant to Articles 7 and 10 of the fund's Management Regulations are suspended until further notice.

This decision was made in particular to ensure the protection and equal treatment of all investors, as there was insufficient market liquidity as well as valuation certainty from the date of the decisions described above until the date of this report.

All issuance requests received after the order acceptance deadline on February 25, 2022, have been rejected in order to protect investors from disadvantages due to the current market situation. All redemption requests received by the order acceptance deadline of February 28, 2022, were executed and all redemption requests received after the order acceptance deadline of February 28, 2022, were rejected.

The suspension is reviewed at regular intervals. The Management Company will publish all information about the decision to terminate the suspension on the website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

Following the suspension of the issuance of units, the calculation of the NAV per unit and the redemption of units of the DWS Russia fund, the Management Company DWS Investment S.A. has decided to reduce the fund's all-in fee as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>ISIN</b>	<b>All-in fee (old)</b>	<b>All-in fee (new)</b>
DWS Russia IC	LU1628016351	0.5%	0.0%
DWS Russia LC	LU0146864797	2.0%	0.0%
DWS Russia TFC	LU1673816341	1.0%	0.0%

The decision will apply retroactively from March 1, 2022, and until further notice.



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## **REPORT OF THE "REVISEUR D'ENTREPRISES AGREE"**

### **Report on the audit of the annual accounts**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of DWS Russia ("the fund"), which comprise the statement of net assets, the statement of investments in the securities portfolio and other net assets as of December 31, 2022, the statement of income and expenses and the statement of changes in net assets for the fiscal year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the attached financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of DWS Russia as of December 31, 2022, and of the results of its operations and changes in its net assets for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of financial statements.

#### **Basis for the audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in compliance with the Law concerning the audit profession ("Law of July 23, 2016") and in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA") as adopted by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF") for Luxembourg. Our responsibility under the law of July 23, 2016, and the ISA standards as adopted in Luxembourg by the CSSF is further described in the section "Responsibility of the Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé for the audit of the financial statements". We are also independent of the fund in compliance with the "International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards", issued by the "International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants" ("IESBA Code") and adopted by the CSSF for Luxembourg together with the ethical standards that we must comply with when performing audits and have met all other professional standards in compliance with these ethical standards. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Material uncertainty about the continued existence of the fund**

Against the backdrop of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, local capital markets are limited in their ability to function. Due to the extensive sanctions against Russia, an appropriate valuation of various securities of issuers domiciled in or with a business focus in Russia, which is characterized by active stock exchange trading, cannot be guaranteed at present, as foreign investors currently have no access to the relevant capital markets.

In this regard, please refer to the disclosures in the notes on page 9 of the fund's Annual Report on Valuation and Disclosure of Securities and Other Assets as of December 31, 2022, which explain that these events or conditions, together with other matters set forth on page 11, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Our audit opinion has not been modified in relation to this point.

### **Other information**

The Management Board of the Management Company is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information that is contained in the annual report but excluding the annual financial statements and our Report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" on these annual financial statements.

Our audit opinion on the annual accounts does not cover the other information and we do not provide assurances of any kind in relation to this information.

In connection with the audit of the annual accounts, it is our responsibility to read the other information and to assess whether there is a material discrepancy between this information and the annual accounts or the findings obtained during the audit or also whether the other information appears to be materially misrepresented in some other way. If, based on the work that we carry out, we draw the conclusion that the other information contains material misstatements, we are obliged to report this matter. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibility of the Management Board of the Management Company and of those in charge of monitoring for the annual financial statements**

The Management Board of the Management Company is responsible for the preparation and proper overall presentation of the annual financial statements in compliance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of annual financial statements and for the internal controls that the Management Board considers necessary to enable the annual financial statements to be prepared such that they are free from material, intentional or unintentional, misstatement.

When preparing the annual financial statements, the Management Board of the Management Company is responsible for assessing the fund's capability of continuing the business activity and, where relevant, for furnishing particulars in relation to the continuation of the business activity and for using the assumption of the company operating as a going concern as an accounting principle, unless the Management Board of the Management Company intends to liquidate the fund, to cease business activities or no longer has any other realistic alternative than to take such action.

Those in charge of monitoring are responsible for monitoring the process of preparing the annual accounts.

## **Responsibility of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé for the audit of the annual financial statements**

The objective of our audit is to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material – intentional or unintentional – misstatement, and to issue a corresponding report of the “réviseur d'entreprises agréé” that contains our audit opinion. Reasonable assurance corresponds to a high degree of certainty but is not a guarantee that an audit in compliance with the Law of July 23, 2016, and in accordance with the ISAs adopted by the CSSF for Luxembourg always finds a material misstatement, if present. Misstatements can result either from inaccuracies or infringements and are considered to be material if it can be reasonably assumed that these, either individually or as a whole, influence the business decisions of addressees taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

When performing an audit in compliance with the Law of July 23, 2016, and in accordance with the ISAs adopted by the CSSF for Luxembourg, we exercise our professional judgment and adopt a critical approach.

Furthermore:

- We identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the annual financial statements as a result of inaccuracies or infringements, we plan and conduct audit procedures in response to these risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for the audit opinion. The risk of material misstatements not being discovered is higher for infringements than for inaccuracies, as infringements may entail fraudulent collaboration, forgery, intentional incompleteness, misleading information or the by-passing of internal controls.
- We gain an understanding of the internal control system of relevance to the audit in order to plan audit procedures that are appropriate in the given circumstances, but not, however, with the objective of issuing an audit opinion on the effectiveness of the fund's internal control system.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting methods applied by the Management Board of the Management Company, of the accounting-related estimates and of the corresponding explanatory notes.
- We draw conclusions based on the adequacy of the application of the accounting principle of the continuation of the business activity by the Management Board of the Management Company as well as on the basis of the audit evidence obtained as to whether a material uncertainty exists in connection with events or circumstances that could cast significant doubt on the ability of the fund to continue the business activity. If we come to the conclusion that a material uncertainty exists, we are obliged to point out the associated explanatory information provided in the annual accounts in the report of the “Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé” or, if the information is inadequate, to modify the audit opinion. These conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the report of the “Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé”. Future events or circumstances may, however, lead to the fund no longer being able to continue its business activity.
- We assess the overall presentation, the structure and the content of the annual accounts, including the explanatory notes, and assess whether these appropriately present the underlying business transactions and events.



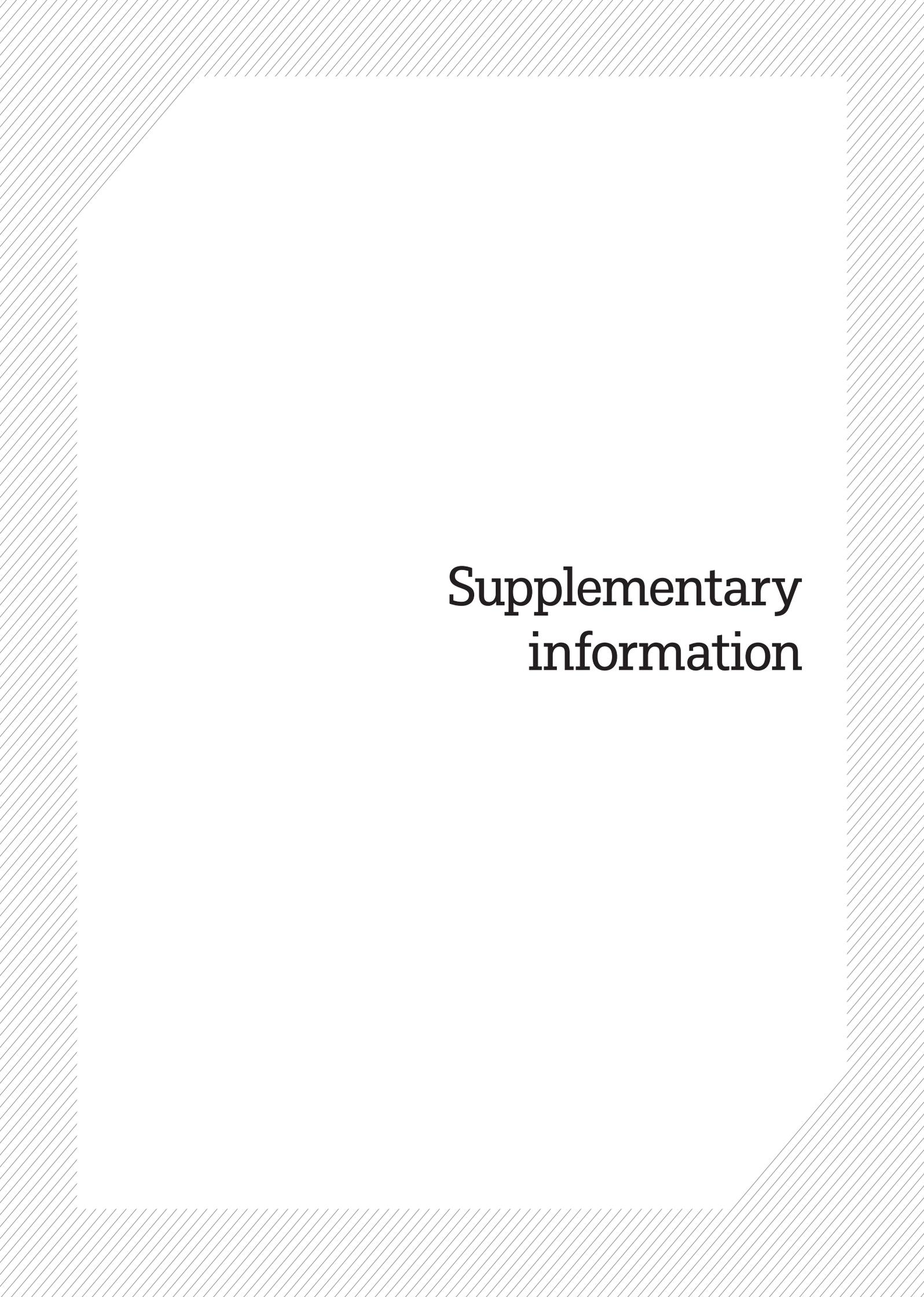
We communicate the planned scope of the audit and time frame as well as the most significant audit findings, including material weaknesses in the internal control system that we identify in performing the audit, to those in charge of monitoring.

Luxembourg, June 16, 2023

KPMG Audit S.à r.l.  
Cabinet de révision agréé

Pia Schanz





# **Supplementary information**

# Remuneration disclosure

DWS Investment S.A. (the "Company") is a subsidiary in DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA ("DWS KGaA"), and is subject to the regulatory requirements of the Fifth Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS V Directive") and the Alternative Investment Fund Management Directive ("AIFM Directive") as well as the European Securities and Markets Authority's Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies ("ESMA Guidelines") with regard to the design of its remuneration system.

## Remuneration Policy & Governance

The Company is governed by the Group-wide Compensation Policy that DWS KGaA has adopted for itself and all of its subsidiaries ("DWS Group" or only "Group").

In line with the Group structure, committees have been set up to ensure the appropriateness of the compensation system and compliance with regulatory requirements on compensation and are responsible for reviewing it.

As such the DWS Compensation Committee was tasked by the DWS KGaA Executive Board with developing and designing sustainable compensation principles, making recommendations on overall compensation and ensuring appropriate governance and oversight with regard to compensation and benefits for the Group.

Furthermore, the Remuneration Committee was established to support the Supervisory Board of DWS KGaA in monitoring the appropriate structure of the remuneration systems for all Group employees. This is done by testing the consistency of the remuneration strategy with the business and risk strategy and taking into account the effects of the remuneration system on the group-wide risk, capital and liquidity management.

The internal annual review at DWS Group level concluded the design of the remuneration system to be appropriate and no significant irregularities were recognized.

## Compensation structure

Employee compensation consists of fixed and variable compensation.

Fixed compensation remunerates employees for their skills, experience and competencies, commensurate with the requirements, size and scope of their role.

Variable compensation takes into account performance at group, divisional and individual level. Variable compensation generally consists of two elements – the "Franchise Component" and the "Individual Component".

The Franchise Component is determined based upon the performance of three Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at DWS Group level. For the performance year 2022 these were: Adjusted Cost Income Ratio ("CIR"), Net Flows and ESG metrics.

The individual component of variable compensation takes into account a number of financial and non-financial factors, relativities within the peer group, and retention considerations. Variable compensation can be reduced accordingly or cancelled completely in the event of negative performance contributions or misconduct. In principle, it is only granted and paid out if the granting is affordable for the Group. Guaranteed variable compensation is not normally granted to employees. On an exceptional basis, guaranteed variable compensation can be granted to new hires but only during their first year of employment.

The compensation strategy is designed to achieve an appropriate balance between fixed and variable compensation. This helps to align employee compensation with the interests of customers, investors and shareholders, as well as to industry standards. At the same time, it ensures that fixed compensation represents a sufficiently high proportion of total compensation to allow the Group full flexibility in granting variable compensation.

## Determination of variable compensation and appropriate risk-adjustment

The total amount of variable compensation is subject to appropriate risk-adjustment measures which include ex-ante and ex-post risk adjustments. The robust methodology is designed to ensure that the determination of variable compensation reflects Group's risk-adjusted performance as well as the capital and liquidity position.

A number of considerations are used in assessing the performance of the business units. Performance is assessed in the context of financial and non-financial targets based on balanced scorecards. The allocation of variable compensation to the infrastructure areas and in particular to the control functions depends on the overall results of the Group, but not on the results of the business areas they oversee.

Principles for determining variable compensation apply at individual employee level which detail the factors and metrics that must be taken into account when making IVC decisions. These include, for instance, investment performance, client retention, culture considerations, and objective setting and performance assessment based on the "Total Performance" approach. Furthermore, any control function inputs and disciplinary sanctions and their impact on the VC have to be considered as well.

## Sustainable Compensation

Sustainability and sustainability risks are an essential part that determine the variable compensation. Therefore, the remuneration policy is fully in line and consistent with sustainability risks. Hence, DWS Group incentivises behaviour that benefits both interest of clients and the long-term performance of the firm. Relevant sustainability factors are reviewed on a regular basis and incorporated in the design of the compensation system.

## Compensation for 2022

The DWS Compensation Committee has monitored the affordability of VC for 2022 and determined that the Group's capital and liquidity levels remain above regulatory minimum requirements, and internal risk appetite threshold.

As part of the overall 2022 variable compensation granted in March 2023, the Franchise Component is awarded to eligible employees in line with the assessment of the defined KPIs. The Executive Board recognizing the considerable contribution of employees and determined a target achievement rate of 76.25% for 2022.

## Identification of Material Risk Takers

In accordance with the regulatory requirements, the Company has identified Material Risk Takers. The identification process was carried out in accordance with the Group's policies and is based on an assessment of the impact of the following categories of staff on the risk profile of the Company or on a fund it manages: (a) Board Members/Senior Management, (b) Portfolio/Investment managers, (c) Control Functions, (d) Staff heading Administration, Marketing and Human Resources, (e) other individuals (Risk Takers) in a significant position of influence, (f) other employees in the same remuneration bracket as other Risk Takers, whose roles have an impact on the risk profile of the Company or the Group. At least 40% of the VC for Material Risk Takers is deferred. Additionally, at least 50% of both, the upfront and the deferred proportion, are granted in the Group share-based instruments or fund-linked instruments for Key Investment Professionals. All deferred components are subject to a number of performance conditions and forfeiture provisions which ensure an appropriate ex-post risk adjustment. In case the VC is lower than EUR 50,000, the Material Risk Takers receive their entire variable compensation in cash without any deferral.

## Aggregate Compensation Information for the Company for 2022<sup>1</sup>

Number of employees on an annual average	152
Total Compensation <sup>2</sup>	EUR 21,279,765
Fixed Pay	EUR 18,301,194
Variable Compensation	EUR 2,978,570
Thereof: Carried Interest	EUR 0
Total Compensation for Senior Management <sup>3</sup>	EUR 1,454,400
Total Compensation for other Material Risk Takers <sup>4</sup>	EUR 0
Total Compensation for Control Function employees	EUR 1,248,758

<sup>1</sup> In cases where portfolio or risk management activities have been delegated by the Company, the compensation data for delegates are not included in the table.

<sup>2</sup> Considering various elements of remuneration as defined in the ESMA Guidelines which may include monetary payments or benefits (such as cash, shares, options, pension contributions) or none (directly) monetary benefits (such as fringe benefits or special allowances for car, mobile phone, etc.).

<sup>3</sup> Senior Management refers to the members of the Management Board of the Company, only. Members of the Management Board meet the definition of managers. Apart from the members of Senior Management, no further managers have been identified.

<sup>4</sup> Identified risk takers with control functions are shown in the line "Control Function employees".

## DWS Russia

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### **Information pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on transparency of securities financing transactions (SFTs) and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 – Statement in accordance with Section A**

There were no securities financing transactions according to the above Regulation in the reporting period.

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