# DB Vermögensfondsmandat

**Annual Report 2024** 

Investment Company with Variable Capital (SICAV)
Incorporated under Luxembourg Law



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#### General information

The funds described in this report are sub-funds of a SICAV (Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable) incorporated under Luxembourg law.

#### **Performance**

The investment return, or performance, of a mutual fund investment is measured by the change in value of the fund's shares. The net asset values per share (= 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 benchmarks – if available – are also presented in the report. All financial data in this publication is as of December 31, 2024 (unless otherwise stated).

#### Sales prospectuses

Fund shares are purchased on the basis of the current sales prospectus, the key investor information document and the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the SICAV, 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 shareholders 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.).

#### Liquidations of sub-funds

The sub-fund DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) was liquidated effective December 3, 2024, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of the SICAV.

# Annual report and annual financial statements

### Annual report DB ESG Conservative

### Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The sub-fund DB ESG Conservative invests up to 100% of its assets in interest-bearing securities. No more than 40% of the subfund's assets may be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates and derivatives whose underlyings are equities or commodity or hedge fund indices.

In the past fiscal year through the end of December 2024, the subfund achieved an appreciation of 7.0% per share (SD share class; BVI method; in euro).

### Investment policy in the reporting period

The portfolio management considered the main investment risks to be, in particular, the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as the uncertainties regarding the future monetary policies of central banks, on the one hand, and signs of an emerging recession on the other.

Within the bond portfolio, the management invested predominantly in issues from Europe and the United States. In terms of issuer structure, the sub-fund invested mainly in corporate bonds.

On the equities side, the sub-fund was broadly diversified in terms of its sector allocation. The management placed its investment focus mainly on U.S. and European equities.

The capital market environment in the 2024 fiscal year was challenging, especially due to geopolitical

#### **DB ESG Conservative**

#### Performance of share classes (in EUR)

Share class	ISIN	1 year	3 years	5 years
Class SD	LU0240541283	7.0%	1.5%	6.5%

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

As of: December 31, 2024

crises like the Russia-Ukraine war that has been ongoing since February 24, 2022, the escalating conflict in the Middle East and the intensifying power struggle between the United States and China. However, inflationary pressure did ease over the course of the fiscal year. Against this backdrop, the majority of central banks ended the previous rate hiking cycle. As of June 6, 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut the key interest rate in four steps from 4.00% p.a. to 3.00% p.a. (deposit facility) through the end of December 2024, with the U.S. Federal Reserve following suit in mid-September 2024 by reducing its key interest rates by one percentage point in three steps to a target range of 4.25% p.a. - 4.50% p.a. by the end of 2024.

In the international bond markets, the yield curve started to normalize over the course of 2024, becoming steeper again at the long end. In light of weakening inflation and the more relaxed interest rate policy of the central banks, there were noticeable yield declines at the short maturities end. However, public deficits put longer maturities under pressure, which, on balance, resulted in increased yields and thus price reductions on bonds with longer maturities. Corporate bonds, espe-

cially non-investment-grade interest-bearing instruments (high-yield bonds), profited from their high coupons as well as from narrowing risk premiums.

The international equity markets posted appreciable price increases in 2024, with the stock exchanges of the industrial countries faring better than those of the emerging markets. U.S. equity markets, in particular, posted strong price gains. These were driven especially by the enthusiasm for artificial intelligence, which further benefited the equities of the major technology companies. The trend on the stock exchanges was supported, among other things, by decreasing inflation as well as by an emerging easing of interest rates. In addition, in the second half of September 2024, the Chinese central bank triggered a temporary price rally emanating from Asian markets on the back of its largest stimulus package since the COVID pandemic. Hope of a growth-oriented and market-friendly policy of a new U.S. government under Donald Trump buoyed U.S. equity markets in particular in the months leading up to the U.S. presidential election in November 2024 and for some weeks afterward.

Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

# Information on the environmental and/or social characteristics

This product reported in accordance with Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

Presentation and content requirements for periodic reports for financial products as referred to in Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR) and in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy) are available at the back of this report.

<sup>\*</sup> Further details are set out in the current sales prospectus.

# Annual financial statements DB ESG Conservative

#### Statement of net assets as of December 31, 2024

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
I. Assets		
1. Equities (sectors):		
Information Technology	7 361 133.05	6.81
Financials	5 692 333.65	5.27
Industrials	3 294 094.79	3.05
Consumer Discretionaries	1 9 0 1 8 7 1 . 2 2	1.76
Health Care	1 834 437.14	1.70
Basic Materials	1 540 381.98	1.43
Energy	979 942.83	0.91
Consumer Staples	865 952.96	0.80
Utilities Communication Services	286 385.00 243 790.80	0.27
Other	387 188.35	0.23 0.36
Total equities:	24 387 511.77	22.59
2. Bonds (issuers):		
Institutions	28 224 928.00	26.13
Other financing institutions	20 810 686.17	19.28
Companies	14 688 846.34	13.61
Regional governments	1 620 656.00	1.50
Central governments	1 280 162.00	1.19
Other public bodies	1 001 415.02	0.93
Total bonds:	67 626 693.53	62.64
3. Investment fund units	14 272 831.80	13.21
4. Derivatives	-196 605.52	-0.18
5. Cash at bank	1134 353.12	1.05
6. Other assets	827 209.47	0.77
II. Liabilities		
=	05.050.40	0.00
1. Other liabilities	-85 950.40	-0.08
III. Net assets	107 966 043.77	100.00

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

#### Investment portfolio - December 31, 2024

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the report	Sales/ disposals ting period	١	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Securities traded on an exchange							92 014 205.30	85.23
Equities								
Novartis AG (CH0012005267)	Count	3 090		510	CHF	89.1500	292 729.93	0.27
Novo-Nordisk (DK0062498333)	Count	3 230	3 230		DKK	625.9000	271 039.56	0.25
Adidas (DE000A1EWWW0) Air Liquide (FR0000120073). Allianz (DE0008404005). ASML Holding (NL0010273215) AXA (FR0000120628). Bco Santander Centr.Hispano (ES0113900J37). Beiersdorf (DE0005200000). BMW Ord. (DE0005190003). Compagnie de Saint-Gobain (C.R.) (FR0000125007). Davide Campari-Milano (NL0016435975). DSM-Firmenich (CH1216478797). E.ON Reg. (DE000ENAG999). EssilorLuxottica (FR0000121667). Fresenius (DE0005785604). Infineon Technologies (DE0006231004). ING Groep (NL0011821202). Intesa Sanpaolo (IT0000072618). Linde (IE000S9YS762). LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (C.R.) (FR0000121014). Orange (FR0000133308). PUMA (DE0006969603). SAP (DE0007164600). Schneider Electric (FR0000121972). Siemens Reg. (DE0007236101). TotalEnergies (FR0000120271). VINCI (FR0000125486). Vonovia (DE0000A1ML7J1). CRH (IE0001827041). HSBC Holdings (GB0005405286). Relx (GB00B2B0DG97). Shell (GB00BP6MXD84).	Count	1 600 3 146 2 400 1 200 22 300 120 000 2 690 2 800 5 200 28 730 3 700 25 400 1 550 8 210 8 900 16 500 180 000 800 850 25 300 6 400 5 600 4 500 1 520 8 890 3 600 4 500 1 520 8 890 3 600 4 500 6 400 7 800 8 900 8 7 8 900 8 8 900 8 7 8 900 8 7 8 900 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	286 3100 800 5200 34 000 8 210 180 000  1 800 1 520 400 8 010 28 000 7 600	300 300 3100 410 5 270 350 26 500 500 150 1 000 3 410 11 000 3 800 7 600	EUR	236.6000 155.5600 296.5000 681.0000 34.3800 4.4140 123.7000 78.6200 86.2800 6.1060 97.4400 11.2750 234.7000 33.5700 31.8550 15.1420 3.8850 404.2000 635.6000 9.6360 44.4900 237.1500 240.7500 189.4000 52.7000 99.4800 29.4500 77.940 36.0900 24.4550	378 560.00 489 391.76 711 600.00 766 674.00 529 680.00 332 753.00 220 136.00 448 656.00 175 425.38 360 528.00 226 385.00 2375 609.70 283 509.50 249 843.00 699 300.00 540 260.00 243 790.80 284 736.00 1083 375.00 287 888.00 468 503.00 358 128.00 235 894.50 367 102.22 732 801.35 391 526.04 224 033.27	0.25 0.35 0.45 0.66 0.76 0.71 0.49 0.31 0.20 0.42 0.16 0.33 0.27 0.34 0.26 0.26 0.23 0.65 0.30 0.50 0.23 0.26 1.23 1.00 0.27 0.43 0.33 0.27 0.44 0.68 0.36 0.21
Accenture (IE00B4BNMY34).  Adobe (US00724F1012).  American Express Co. (US0258161092).  Applied Materials (US0382221051).  Baker Hughes Cl.A (US05722G1004).  Bank of America Corp. (US0605051046).  Broadcom (US11135F1012).  Caterpillar (US1491231015).  Eli Lilly and Company (US5324571083).  Intuit (US4612021034).  JPMorgan Chase & Co. (US46625H1005).  Marsh & McLennan Cos. (US5717481023).  Microsoft Corp. (US5949181045).  Mondelez International Cl.A (US6092071058).  Motorola Solutions (US6200763075).  NVIDIA Corp. (US6706661040).  ProLogis (US74340W1036).  ServiceNow (US81762P1021).  The Home Depot (US4370761029).  Vertex Pharmaceuticals (US92532F1003).  VISA Cl.A (US92826C8394).  W.W. Grainger (US3848021040).  Interest-bearing securities  1.0000 % Agence Francaise de Developpement 18/31 01 28 MTN (FR0013312774).  3.6250 % AIB Group 22/04 07 2026 (XS2491963638).  4.6250 % AIB Group 23/23 07 2029 MTN	Count	800 700 1500 1700 7 350 10 200 2 800 900 400 550 2 400 1 200 2 250 6 200 1 000 9 200 1 500 500 1 270 845 1 100 400	10 200 2 800 900 2 300 10 800	100 700 1100 3 250 100 500 550 3 100 1130 2 400	USD	356.1800 446.4800 301.0500 166.8300 40.8000 44.3400 241.7500 364.8600 783.1700 638.5700 241.1700 213.4700 430.5300 60.2100 467.3300 1081.4600 392.8600 408.7600 318.6600 1 068.9800	273 091.82 299 536.13 432 791.83 271 814.26 287 406.56 433 456.01 648 744.49 314 715.35 300 237.68 336 604.85 554 732.60 245 508.91 928 399.94 357 774.58 447 891.51 1208 062.10 151 293.85 518 238.45 478 179.22 331 035.27 335 945.95 409 806.40	0.25 0.28 0.40 0.25 0.27 0.40 0.60 0.29 0.28 0.31 0.51 0.23 0.86 0.33 0.41 1.12 0.14 0.48 0.44 0.31 0.31 0.38
(XS2578472339)	EUR EUR EUR	500 1100 1600	1100		% % %	105.0510 107.0420 95.4680	525 255.00 1177 462.00 1527 488.00	0.49 1.09 1.41

Security n	ame	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the report	Sales/ disposals ing period	M	larket price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
4.6250	% American Tower 23/16 05 2031								
4.0230	(XS2622275969)	EUR	1000			%	106.8410	1068 410.00	0.99
3.8750	% AXA 14/und. MTN (XS1069439740)	EUR	2 300			%	100.2280	2 305 244.00	2.14
0.8750	% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 22/14 01 29 (XS2430998893)	EUR	2 000			%	93.9220	1878 440.00	1.74
0.1250	% Banco Santander 19/04 06 30 PF MTN (ES0413900574)	EUR	800			%	86.6620	693 296.00	0.64
1.3750	% Banco Santander 20/05 01 26 MTN (XS2168647357)	EUR	700			%	98.8550	691 985.00	0.64
1.1250	% Barclays Bank 21/22 03 31 MTN								
2.7500	(XS2321466133) % BNP Paribas 22/25 07 2028 MTN	EUR	1000			%	97.4250	974 250.00	0.90
1.5000	(FR001400AKP6) % Citigroup 18/24 07 26 MTN (XS1859010685).	EUR EUR	1300 1500			% %	98.9830 99.1490	1 286 779.00 1 487 235.00	1.19 1.38
	% Coca-Cola Europacific Partners 20/02 12 28								
3.1250	(XS2264977146) % Commerzbank 23/13 06 2033MTN	EUR	1360			%	90.3070	1 228 175.20	1.14
3.3750	(DE000CZ43Z23)	EUR	1900			%	102.2250	1942 275.00	1.80
2 3750	MTN (FR001400GI73) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1200			%	102.5070	1230 084.00	1.14
	MTN (XS2150054372)	EUR	800			%	99.4160	795 328.00	0.74
4.6250	% Coöperatieve Raboban 22/27 01 2028 MTN (XS2550081454)	EUR	900			%	103.4790	931 311.00	0.86
4.7500 3.3750	% Covestro 22/15 11 2028 (XS2554997937)	EUR	1200			%	106.3790	1276 548.00	1.18
0.7500	(FR001400E7J5)	EUR	600			%	101.2650	607 590.00	0.56
	(DE000DL19VT2) % Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 21/02 02 26 MTN	EUR	900			%	97.4730	877 257.00	0.81
0.1000	(DE000A3H2ZX9)	EUR	1500			%	95.5170	1 432 755.00	1.33
	% E.ON 20/18 12 30 MTN (XS2103014457)	EUR	800			%	87.5480	700 384.00	0.65
6.3750 3.3750	% ENEL 23 UND.MTM (XS2576550086)	EUR EUR	600 1100		500	% %	107.4440 97.1720	644 664.00 1 068 892.00	0.60 0.99
3.2500	% Equinix Europe Financing 24/15 03 2031			4700	000				
2.8750	(XS2941363553)	EUR EUR	1799 1600	1799		% %	99.4510 101.2910	1789 123.49 1620 656.00	1.66 1.50
3.3750	% Iberdrola Finanzas 24/30 09 2035 MTN (XS2909822277)	EUR	1200	1200		%	99.0090	1188108.00	1.10
2.8750	% Infineon Technologies 19/Und. (XS2056730323)	EUR	1800			%	99.7250	1795 050.00	1.66
0.7500	% ING Belgium 18/28 09 26 MTN PF								
1.0000	(BE0002613918)	EUR EUR	900 1 400			% %	97.1420 97.8740	874 278.00 1 370 236.00	0.81 1.27
	% ING Groep 22/14 11 2027 MTN								
4.7500	(XS2554746185)	EUR	800			%	103.5130	828 104.00	0.77
1.2500	(XS2529233814)	EUR	1300			%	104.6380	1360 294.00	1.26
1 0000	(XS2063268754)	EUR	600		260	% %	97.0240 98.4740	582 144.00 1 280 162.00	0.54
1.0000 4.3750	% KBC Groep 22/23 11 2027 MTN	EUR	1300						1.19
2.8750	(BE0002900810) % KFW 23/07 06 2033 MTN	EUR	600			%	102.7860	616 716.00	0.57
0.5000	(DE000A30V9M4) <sup>3</sup>	EUR EUR	1100 1300			% %	101.5340 97.1390	1116 874.00 1 262 807.00	1.03 1.17
	% L-Bank BW Foerderbank 22/28 02 2028								
4 2750	S 829 (DE000LB2ZV93)	EUR EUR	1100			% %	97.8190	1076 009.00	1.00
4.3750 3.8750	% Mapfre 17/31 03 47 (ES0224244089)	EUR	1800 700	700		%	101.9000 100.8540	1834 200.00 705 978.00	1.70 0.65
	% Morgan Stanley 23/02 03 2029 (XS2595028536)	EUR	1000	700		%	104.8960	1048 960.00	0.97
3.0000	% Nordea Mortgage Bank 23/20 02 2030 MTN								
0.7500	(XS2589317697) % Nykredit Realkredit 20/20 01 27 MTN	EUR	1100			%	101.5330	1116 863.00	1.03
1,0000	(ĎK0009526998) % Optus Finance 19/20 06 29 MTN	EUR	1500			%	95.7860	1 436 790.00	1.33
	(XS2013539635)	EUR	1690			%	91.1230	1539 978.70	1.43
0.3750	% ProLogis Euro Finance 20/06 02 28 (XS2112475509)	EUR	800			%	92.7670	742 136.00	0.69
0.5000 2.1250	% RELX Finance 20/10 03 28 (XS2126161764) % Royal Bank of Canada 22/26 04 29 MTN	EUR	690			%	93.2270	643 266.30	0.60
	(XS2472603740)	EUR	1400			%	96.8400	1355760.00	1.26
1.1250 0.5000	% Santander UK 22/12 03 27 (XS2466426215) % SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN (XS2441055998)	EUR EUR	1300 600			% %	97.0360 95.5520	1261468.00	1.17 0.53
2.3750	% Signify 20/11 05 27 (XS2128499105)	EUR	1000			%	98.5470	573 312.00 985 470.00	0.53
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0.8750	% Societe Generale 20/22 09 28 MTN								
3.7500	(FR0013536661)	EUR	1600			%	93.9350	1502960.00	1.39
	(XS2551280436)	EUR EUR	800 669	669		% %	102.8430 101.9060	822 744.00 681 751.14	0.76 0.63
4.3750	% UBS Group 23/11 01 2031 (CH1236363391)	EUR	1940	003		%	105.1840	2 040 569.60	1.89
0.6250	% Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield 20/04 05 27 MTN (FR0014000UC8)	EUR	1000			%	95.0070	950 070.00	0.88
	% UniCredit 21/19 01 26 MTN (XS2289133915) % Vonovia 24/10 04 2034 MTN	EUR	700			%	97.6410	683 487.00	0.63
	(DE000A3829J7)	EUR	1000	1000		%	102.8520	1028 520.00	0.95
1.7500	% Norway 19/06 09 29 (NO0010844079)	NOK	13 000	13 000		%	91.2940	1 001 415.02	0.93
1.4560	% Standard Chartered 21/14 01 27 MTN Reg S (XS2283175516)	USD	1000			%	96.2835	922 786.08	0.85
Investme	nt fund units							14 272 831.80	13.21
In-group	fund units							3 008 737.00	2.78
	MSCI Emerging Markets ESG UCITS ETF 1C	0	20.100	20.100		ELID	40.0700	100100700	1.00
Xtrackers	70F43) (0.050%)	Count	39 100	39 100		EUR	46.0700	1801337.00	1.66
	6TC12) (0.100%)	Count	32 500			EUR	22.0000	715 000.00	0.66
(0.080%)		Count	100 000		20 000	EUR	4.9240	492 400.00	0.46
•	p fund units							11 264 094.80	10.43
(LU23002	ND.MSCI EM ASIA SRI U.E.D. USD Dist. 294589) (0.250%)	Count	11 000			EUR	34.1850	376 035.00	0.35
(LU21097	NDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF 87551) (0.180%)	Count	36 900	11 000		EUR	53.4200	1971198.00	1.83
	sci Jap.Ex Cw Uece (LU1291102447) <sup>3</sup> (0.030%) . -EUR High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF	Count	177 200	95 200		EUR	15.3520	2 720 374.40	2.51
	C5874) (0.250%)	Count Count	1142 000 1 890	411 000 1 890		EUR EUR	4.5702 517.1000	5 219 168.40 977 319.00	4.83 0.91
Total sec	urities portfolio							106 287 037.10	98.44
<b>Derivativ</b> Minus sig	<b>es</b> ns denote short positions								
	rate derivatives payables)							-203 840.00	-0.19
Interest r	rate futures								
EURO-BU	ND MAR 25 (EURX)	EUR	5 200					-203 840.00	-0.19
Currency	derivatives							7 234.48	0.01
	currency transactions		4.075					=	
EUR/USD	FUTURE (CME) MAR 25	USD	-1 375					7 234.48	0.01
Cash at b	ank							1 134 353.12	1.05
	deposits at Depositary	EUR	226 630.53			%	100	226 630.53	0.21
	in other EU/EEA currencies.	EUR	3 279.02			%	100	3 279.02	0.00
	in non-EU/EEA currencies								
	n dollardollar	AUD CAD	4 038.90 532.33			% %	100 100	2 409.49 354.50	0.00
Swiss fram	ncund	CHF GBP	856.35 401 318.77			%	100 100	909.99 483 749.72	0.00 0.45
Japanese	yen	JPY	473 046.00			%	100	2 871.64	0.00
	rean wonr	KRW USD	1727 874.00 430 950.20			% %	100 100	1 123.31 413 024.92	0.00 0.38
Other ass	sets							827 209.47	0.77
	eceivable	EUR	813 618.31			%	100	813 618.31	0.75
	s/Distributions receivable	EUR EUR	2 805.64 7 835.67			% %	100 100	2 805.64 7 835.67	0.00 0.01
	eivables	EUR	2 949.85			%	100	2 949.85	0.00
Total ass	ets 1							108 255 834.17	100.27

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the report	Sales/ disposals ting period		Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Other liabilities Liabilities from cost items	EUR EUR	-71 698.19 -14 252.21			%	100 100	<b>-85 950.40</b> -71 698.19 -14 252.21	- <b>0.08</b> -0.07 -0.01
Net assets	LOK	-14 232.21			70	100	107 966 043.77	100.00
Net asset value per share and number of shares outstanding	Count/ currency						Net asset value p in the respective	
Net asset value per share Class SD	EUR						12 060.14	
Number of shares outstanding								

8 952.303

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.

#### The following risk management disclosures (other information) are unaudited and are not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report.

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

29% Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Index, 26% JP Morgan EMU Government Bond 1-10 Year Index, 7.5% JP Morgan GBI US 1-10 Yrs Index in USD, 7.5% S&P 500 Price Return Index in EUR, 7.5% STOXX Eurozone 50 PR, 7.5% JP Morgan Global EMBI Index expressed in EUR, 5.5% iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index, 5% MSCI Emerging Markets Price Return in EUR (EUR levels), 2.5% TOPIX, 2% Bloomberg Commodity ex-Agriculture and Livestock Total Return Index

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

Lowest market risk exposure	%	83.942
Highest market risk exposure	%	119.923
Average market risk exposure	%	107.455

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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. The risk in a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives is used as the measurement benchmark. 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 <u>relative value-at-risk approach</u> as defined in CSSF circular 11/512.

In the reporting period, the average effect from the use of derivatives was 0.1, 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 6 514 094.23 as of the reporting date.

#### **Securities loans**

The following securities were transferred under securities loans at the reporting date:

Security name	Quantity/ principal amount (- / '000) Fixed maturity		Securities loans Total market value in EUR No fixed maturity	Total	
3.3750 % Compagnie de Fin Foncie 23/16 09 2031 MTN . 2.8750 % KFW 23/07 06 2033 MTN	EUR EUR	1100 1 001		1127 577.00 1016 355.34	
0.5000 % KfW18/28 09 26 MTN	EUR	1300		1262 807.00	
Bnppe-Msci Jap.Ex Cw Uece	Count	41 377		635 219.70	
Total receivables from securities loans				4 041 959.04	4 041 959.04

#### Contracting parties for securities loans:

Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin; Goldman Sachs AG, Frankfurt/Main; UniCredit Bank AG, Munich; Morgan Stanley Europe S.E., Frankfurt/Main; Nomura Financial Products Europe GmbH. Frankfurt/Main

Total collateral pledged by third parties for securities loans	EUR	4 708 602.39
thereof:		
Cash at bank	EUR	302 735.04
Bonds	EUR	3 156 772.79
Equities	EUR	1249 094.56

#### Market abbreviations

#### Futures exchanges

EURX = Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zurich)

CME = Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) – Index and Option Market (IOM)

#### Exchange rates (indirect quotes)

As of December 30, 2024

AUD	1.676250	=	EUR	1
CAD	1.501650	=	EUR	1
CHF	0.941050	=	EUR	1
DKK	7.458900	=	EUR	1
GBP	0.829600	=	EUR	1
JPY	164.730000	=	EUR	1
KRW	1538.195000	=	EUR	1
NOK	11.851450	=	EUR	1
USD	1.043400	=	EUR	1
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#### Notes on valuation

Under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the SICAV, the Management Company determines the net asset values per share 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 Board of Directors of the SICAV on the basis of the legal and regulatory requirements or the principles for valuation methods defined in the SICAV's 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.

Investments reported in this report are not valued at derived market values.

The management fee / all-in fee rates in effect as of the reporting date for the investment fund units held in the securities portfolio are shown in parentheses. A plus sign means that a performance-based fee may also be charged. As the fund held units of other investment funds (target funds) in the reporting period, further costs, charges and fees may have been incurred at the level of these individual target funds.

#### Footnotes

- Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.
- These securities are completely or partly lent as securities loans.

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

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 20	124	
I. Income		
Dividends (before withholding tax)     Interest from securities (before withholding tax)     Interest from investments of liquid assets	EUR EUR	637 911.33 1 516 446.23
(before withholding tax)	EUR EUR	63 182.53 280 052.02
5. Income from securities loans and repurchase agreements	EUR	17 808.96
from securities lending EUR 17 808.96 6. Deduction for foreign withholding tax	EUR EUR	-64 195.07 32 688.91
Total income	EUR	2 483 894.91
II. Expenses		
Interest on borrowings and negative interest on deposits and similar expenses	EUR	-3 702.25
Commitment fees	EUR	-821 479.30
All-in fee. EUR -821 479.30 3. Other expenses	EUR	-58 275.58
Performance-based fee from securities lending EUR -5 342.44 Taxe d'abonnement EUR -52 933.14		
Total expenses	EUR	-883 457.13
III. Net investment income	EUR	1 600 437.78
IV. Sale transactions		
1. Realized gains	EUR EUR	4 255 694.15 -2 233 521.27
Capital gains/losses	EUR	2 022 172.88
V. Realized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	3 622 610.66
Net change in unrealized appreciation.     Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR EUR	1 899 689.84 1 704 175.56
VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	3 603 865.40
VII. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	7 226 476.06

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 SD 0.83% 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 share class for a given fiscal year.

As well, the additional income from securities lending resulted in a performance-based fee of

Class SD 0.005%

of the fund's average net assets in relation to the respective share class.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 10 375.71.

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	108 447 470.18
Distribution for the previous year	EUR	-1740 396.94
2. Net inflows	EUR	-6 037 716.59
a) Inflows from subscriptions	EUR	4 722 309.53
b) Outflows from redemptions	EUR	-10 760 026.12
3. Income adjustment	EUR	70 211.06
4.Net gain/loss for the fiscal year thereof:	EUR	7 226 476.06
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	1899 689.84
Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	1704175.56
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end		
of the fiscal year	EUR	107 966 043.77

#### Summary of gains/losses

Realized gains (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	4 255 694.15
from: Securities transactions	EUR EUR EUR	3 623 315.76 433 261.92 199 116.47
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	-2 233 521.27
from: Securities transactions	EUR EUR EUR	-1 520 081.46 -522 935.08 -190 504.73
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	EUR	3 603 865.40
from: Securities transactions	EUR EUR EUR	3 904 411.89 -300 734.98 188.49

#### Details on the distribution policy\*

#### Class S

Class 3D			
31-	As of	Currency	Per share
Final distribution	March 7, 2025	EUR	213.79

<sup>\*</sup> Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

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

Net assets	at the end of the fiscal year		
2023		EUR EUR EUR	107 966 043.77 108 447 470.18 117 410 589.79
Net asset	value per share at the end of the fiscal year		
2024 2023	Class SD	EUR EUR	12 060.14 11 455.19
2022	June 16, 2023)	EUR EUR EUR	9 409.46 10 871.67 9 112.44

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 1.94% of all transactions. The total volume was EUR 989 677.73.

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### Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The sub-fund DB ESG Balanced invests in fixed and floating rate securities, money market and bond funds, convertible bonds and dividend-right certificates. It may also invest in equities, equity funds, certificates and derivatives, whose underlyings are equities.

In the past fiscal year through the end of December 2024, the subfund achieved an appreciation of 9.5% per share (SD share class; BVI method; in euro).

### Investment policy in the reporting period

The portfolio management considered the main investment risks to be, in particular, the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as the uncertainties regarding the future monetary policies of central banks, on the one hand, and signs of an emerging recession on the other.

Within the bond portfolio, the management invested predominantly in issues from Europe and the United States. In terms of issuer structure, the sub-fund invested mainly in corporate bonds and also in collateralized bonds.

On the equities side, the sub-fund was broadly diversified in terms of its sector allocation. The management placed the investment focus mainly on U.S. equities. European equities, especially from Germany and France, were added in.

The capital market environment in the 2024 fiscal year was challeng-

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#### Performance of share classes (in EUR)

Share class	ISIN	1 year	3 years	5 years
Class SD	LU0240541366	9.5%	4.2%	15.4%

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

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ing, especially due to geopolitical crises like the Russia-Ukraine war that has been ongoing since February 24, 2022, the escalating conflict in the Middle East and the intensifying power struggle between the United States and China. However, inflationary pressure did ease over the course of the fiscal year. Against this backdrop, the majority of central banks ended the previous rate hiking cycle. As of June 6, 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut the key interest rate in four steps from 4.00% p.a. to 3.00% p.a. (deposit facility) through the end of December 2024, with the U.S. Federal Reserve following suit in mid-September 2024 by reducing its key interest rates by one percentage point in three steps to a target range of 4.25% p.a. - 4.50% p.a. by the end of 2024.

In the international bond markets, the yield curve started to normalize over the course of 2024, becoming steeper again at the long end. In light of weakening inflation and the more relaxed interest rate policy of the central banks, there were noticeable yield declines at the short maturities end. However, public deficits put longer maturities under pressure, which, on balance, resulted in increased yields and thus price reductions on bonds with longer

maturities. Corporate bonds, especially non-investment-grade interest-bearing instruments (high-yield bonds), profited from their high coupons as well as from narrowing risk premiums.

The international equity markets posted appreciable price increases in 2024, with the stock exchanges of the industrial countries faring better than those of the emerging markets. U.S. equity markets, in particular, posted strong price gains. These were driven especially by the enthusiasm for artificial intelligence, which further benefited the equities of the major technology companies. The trend on the stock exchanges was supported, among other things, by decreasing inflation as well as by an emerging easing of interest rates. In addition, in the second half of September 2024, the Chinese central bank triggered a temporary price rally emanating from Asian markets on the back of its largest stimulus package since the COVID pandemic. Hope of a growth-oriented and market-friendly policy of a new U.S. government under Donald Trump buoyed U.S. equity markets in particular in the months leading up to the U.S. presidential election in November 2024 and for some weeks afterward.

Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

# Information on the environmental and/or social characteristics

This product reported in accordance with Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

Presentation and content requirements for periodic reports for financial products as referred to in Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR) and in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy) are available at the back of this report.

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#### Statement of net assets as of December 31, 2024

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
I. Assets		
1. Equities (sectors):		
Information Technology	20 529 443.64	11.74
Financials	15 548 138.11	8.90
Industrials	8 670 388.58	4.96
Consumer Discretionaries	5 633 269.92	3.22
Health Care	5 260 197.54	3.01
Basic Materials	4 377 114.22	2.50
Energy	3 023 076.17	1.73
Consumer Staples Utilities	2 335 109.90 703 560.00	1.34 0.40
Communication Services	606 104.40	0.40
Other	1055 987.53	0.60
Total equities:	67 742 390.01	38.75
·	07 742 000.01	00.70
2. Bonds (issuers):		
Institutions	34 289 009.00	19.62
Other financing institutions	19 433 112.01	11.12
Companies Regional governments	16 998 006.70 1 316 783.00	9.73 0.75
Central governments	1 280 162.00	0.73
Other public bodies	1 078 446.94	0.62
Total bonds:	74 395 519.65	42.57
3. Investment fund units	31 285 571.80	17.90
	01200071.00	17.00
4. Derivatives	-235 121.76	-0.13
5. Cash at bank	816 712.99	0.47
6. Other assets	951 637.12	0.54
II. Liabilities		
1. Loan liabilities	-25 029.74	-0.01
2. Other liabilities	-152 608.56	-0.09
III. Net assets	174 779 071.51	100.00

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

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#### Investment portfolio - December 31, 2024

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the repor	Sales/ disposals ting period	١	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Securities traded on an exchange							142 137 909.66	81.32
Equities								
Novartis AG (CH0012005267)	Count	9 000			CHF	89.1500	852 611.44	0.49
Novo-Nordisk (DK0062498333)	Count	8 590	8 590		DKK	625.9000	720 814.20	0.41
Adidas (DE000A1EWWW0)	Count	4 000			EUR	236.6000	946 400.00	0.54
Air Liquide (FR0000120073)	Count	7 623	693		EUR	155.5600	1185 833.88	0.68
Allianz (DE0008404005)	Count	6 000			EUR	296.5000	1779 000.00	1.02
ASML Holding (NL0010273215)	Count	3 000			EUR	681.0000	2 043 000.00	1.17
AXA (FR0000120628)	Count	54 400	7 400		EUR	34.3800	1870 272.00	1.07
(ES0113900J37)	Count	316 000		35 000	EUR	4.4140	1394 824.00	0.80
Beiersdorf (DE0005200000).	Count	7300	1300	900	EUR	123.7000	903 010.00	0.52
BMW Ord. (DE0005190003)	Count	6 900			EUR	78.6200	542 478.00	0.31
Compagnie de Saint-Gobain (C.R.) (FR0000125007)	Count	12 800	12 800		EUR	86.2800	1104 384.00	0.63
Davide Campari-Milano (NL0015435975)	Count	89 000	89 000		EUR	6.1060	543 434.00	0.31
DSM-Firmenich (CH1216478797)	Count	9 700			EUR	97.4400	945 168.00	0.54
E.ON Reg. (DE000ENAG999)	Count	62 400			EUR	11.2750	703 560.00	0.40
EssilorLuxottica (FR0000121667)	Count	4 600	_		EUR	234.7000	1079 620.00	0.62
Fresenius (DE0005785604)	Count	21 230	21 230		EUR	33.5700	712 691.10	0.41
Infineon Technologies (DE0006231004)	Count	20 600		40.000	EUR	31.8550	656 213.00	0.38
ING Groep (NL0011821202)	Count	52 700	400 000	42 600	EUR	15.1420	797 983.40	0.46
Intesa Sanpaolo (IT0000072618)	Count	460 000 2 500	460 000	1400	EUR EUR	3.8850	1787 100.00	1.02 0.58
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (C.R.)	Count	2 500		1400	EUR	404.2000	1010500.00	0.56
(FR0000121014)	Count	2 850		100	EUR	635.6000	1811460.00	1.04
Orange (FR0000133308)	Count	62 900		100	EUR	9.6360	606 104.40	0.35
PUMA (DE0006969603)	Count	15 200			EUR	44.4900	676 248.00	0.39
SAP (DE0007164600)	Count	13 700			EUR	237.1500	3 248 955.00	1.86
Schneider Electric (FR0000121972)	Count	11 600	4 300	500	EUR	240.7500	2 792 700.00	1.60
Siemens Reg. (DE0007236101)	Count	4 020	4 020		EUR	189.4000	761 388.00	0.44
TotalEnergies (FR0000120271)	Count	28 700			EUR	52.7000	1512490.00	0.87
VINCI (FR0000125486)	Count	9 100	1100		EUR	99.4800	905 268.00	0.52
Vonovia (DE000A1ML7J1)	Count	21 130	21130	30 000	EUR	29.4500	622 278.50	0.36
CRH (IE0001827041)	Count	13 800		5 300	GBP	74.2800	1235 612.34	0.71
HSBC Holdings (GB0005405286)	Count	224 000	75 200		GBP	7.7940	2 104 455.16	1.20
Relx (GB00B2B0DG97)	Count	23 000			GBP	36.0900	1000 566.54	0.57
Shell (GB00BP6MXD84)	Count	21 000	21 000	21 000	GBP	24.4550	619 039.30	0.35
Accenture (IE00B4BNMY34)	Count	2 200			USD	356.1800	751 002.49	0.43
Adobe (US00724F1012)	Count	1900			USD	446.4800	813 026.64	0.47
American Express Co. (US0258161092)	Count	5 200		500	USD	301.0500	1500 345.03	0.86
Applied Materials (US0382221051)	Count	5 400		1200	USD	166.8300	863 410.01	0.49
Baker Hughes CI.A (US05722G1004)	Count Count	22 800 24 700	24 700		USD USD	40.8000 44.3400	891 546.87 1 049 643.47	0.51 0.60
Bank of America Corp. (US0605051046)	Count	7 000	7 000		USD	241.7500	1621861.22	0.80
Caterpillar (US1491231015)	Count	2800	2800		USD	364.8600	979 114.43	0.56
Eli Lilly and Company (US5324571083)	Count	1240	2000	360	USD	783.1700	930 736.82	0.53
Intuit (US4612021034)	Count	1600			USD	638.5700	979 214.11	0.56
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (US46625H1005)	Count	6 800			USD	241.1700	1571742.38	0.90
Marsh & McLennan Cos. (US5717481023)	Count	2 900			USD	213.4700	593 313.21	0.34
Microsoft Corp. (US5949181045)	Count	7 200			USD	430.5300	2 970 879.82	1.70
Mondelez International Cl.A (US6092071058)	Count	15 400	4 700		USD	60.2100	888 665.90	0.51
Motorola Solutions (US6200763075)	Count	2 600			USD	467.3300	1 164 517.92	0.67
NVIDIA Corp. (US67066G1040)	Count	30 600	40 500	14 700	USD	137.0100	4 018 119.61	2.30
ProLogis (US74340W1036)	Count	4 300		450	USD	105.2400	433 709.03	0.25
ServiceNow (US81762P1021)	Count	1350		150	USD	1081.4600	1399 243.82	0.80
The Home Depot (US4370761029)	Count	4 400	2.400	1500	USD	392.8600	1656 683.92	0.95
VISA CI.A (US92826C8394)	Count Count	2 460 3 600	2 460	4 900	USD USD	408.7600 318.6600	963 723.98 1 099 459.46	0.55 0.63
W.W. Grainger (US3848021040)	Count	1100		200	USD	1068.9800	1126 967.61	0.64
Interest-bearing securities								
1.0000 % Agence Francaise de Developpement								
18/31 01 28 MTN (FR0013312774)	EUR	1300			%	95.0200	1 235 260.00	0.71
3.6250 % AIB Group 22/04 07 2026 (XS2491963638)	EUR	1000			%	100.3200	1003 200.00	0.57
4.6250 % AIB Group 23/23 07 2029 MTN (XS2578472339)	EUR	900			%	105.0510	945 459.00	0.54

Security n	ame	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ Sales/ additions dispose in the reporting period	als I	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
1.1250	% Amcor UK Finance 20/23 06 27							
	(XS2193669657)	EUR	1300		%	95.4680	1241084.00	0.71
4.6250	% American Tower 23/16 05 2031 (XS2622275969)	EUR	900		%	106.8410	961 569.00	0.55
3.8750 0.8750	% AXA 14/und. MTN (XS1069439740)	EUR	1200		%	100.2280	1202736.00	0.69
0.1250	(XS2430998893)	EUR	3 100		%	93.9220	2 911 582.00	1.67
	(ES0413900574) <sup>3</sup> % Banco Santander 20/05 01 26 MTN	EUR	1000		%	86.6620	866 620.00	0.50
1.3750	(XS2168647357)	EUR	700		%	98.8550	691 985.00	0.40
1.1250	% Barclays Bank 21/22 03 31 MTN (XS2321466133)	EUR	800		%	97.4250	779 400.00	0.45
2.7500	% BNP Paribas 22/25 07 2028 MTN (FR001400AKP6) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 000		%	98.9830	2 969 490.00	1.70
1.5000	% Citigroup 18/24 07 26 MTN (XS1859010685) . % Coca-Cola Europacific Partners 20/02 12 28	EUR	1000		%	99.1490	991 490.00	0.57
	(XS2264977146)	EUR	1 110		%	90.3070	1002407.70	0.57
3.1250	% Commerzbank 23/13 06 2033MTN (DE000CZ43Z23)	EUR	1300		%	102.2250	1328 925.00	0.76
3.3750	% Compagnie de Fin Foncie 23/16 09 2031 MTN (FR001400GI73) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1200		%	102.5070	1230 084.00	0.70
2.3750	% Compagnie de Saint-Gobain 20/04 10 27 MTN (XS2150054372)	EUR	600		%	99.4160	596 496.00	0.34
4.6250	% Coöperatieve Raboban 22/27 01 2028 MTN							
4.7500	(XS2550081454)	EUR EUR	1900 1800		% %	103.4790 106.3790	1 966 101.00 1 914 822.00	1.12 1.10
3.3750	% Crédit Agricole 22/28 07 2027 MTN (FR001400E7J5)	EUR	1300		%	101.2650	1 316 445.00	0.75
0.7500	% Deutsche Bank 21/17 02 27 MTN (DE000DL19VT2)	EUR	600		%	97.4730	584 838.00	0.33
0.1000	% Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 21/02 02 26 MTN (DE000A3H2ZX9)				%		1241721.00	
1.6250	% DNB Bank 22/31 05 2026 MTN	EUR	1300			95.5170		0.71
0.7500	(XS2486092492) % E.ON 20/18 12 30 MTN (XS2103014457)	EUR EUR	1300 600		% %	99.4510 87.5480	1292 863.00 525 288.00	0.74 0.30
6.3750 3.3750	% ENEL 23 UND.MTM (XS2576550086)	EUR EUR	1 400 2 300		% %	107.4440 97.1720	1 504 216.00 2 234 956.00	0.86 1.28
3.2500	% Equinix Europe Financing 24/15 03 2031 (XS2941363553)	EUR	2 045	2 045	%	99.4510	2 033 772.95	1.16
2.8750	% Hessen 23/04 07 2033 (DE000A1RQEK7)	EUR	1300	2 045	%	101.2910	1 316 783.00	0.75
3.3750	% Iberdrola Finanzas 24/30 09 2035 MTN (XS2909822277)	EUR	1400	1400	%	99.0090	1 386 126.00	0.79
2.8750	% Infineon Technologies 19/Und. (XS2056730323)	EUR	1400		%	99.7250	1 396 150.00	0.80
0.7500	% ING Belgium 18/28 09 26 MTN PF (BE0002613918)	EUR	700		%	97.1420	679 994.00	0.39
1.0000	% ING Groep 19/13 11 30 (XS2079079799)	EUR	1400		%	97.8740	1370 236.00	0.78
4.8750	% ING Groep 22/14 11 2027 MTN (XS2554746185)	EUR	1200		%	103.5130	1242156.00	0.71
4.7500	% Intesa Sanpaolo 22/06 09 2027 MTN (XS2529233814)	EUR	1800		%	104.6380	1883 484.00	1.08
1.2500	% Intl. Distributions Svcs. 19/08 10 26 (XS2063268754)	EUR	680		%	97.0240	659 763.20	0.38
1.0000 4.3750	% Ireland 16/15 05 26 (IE00BV8C9418)	EUR	1300		%	98.4740	1 280 162.00	0.73
	(BE0002900810)	EUR	1000		%	102.7860	1027860.00	0.59
2.8750	(DE000A30V9M4) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1200		%	101.5340	1 218 408.00	0.70
0.5000 1.7500	% KfW18/28 09 26 MTN (XS1897340854) 3 % L-Bank BW Foerderbank 22/28 02 2028	EUR	1300		%	97.1390	1262 807.00	0.72
4.3750	S 829 (DE000LB2ZV93)	EUR EUR	700 1 000		% %	97.8190 101.9000	684 733.00 1 019 000.00	0.39 0.58
3.8750	% Merck 24/27 08 2054 (XS2879811987)	EUR	700	700	%	100.8540	705 978.00	0.40
4.6560	% Morgan Stanley 23/02 03 2029 (XS2595028536)	EUR	1000		%	104.8960	1048 960.00	0.60
3.0000	% Nordea Mortgage Bank 23/20 02 2030 MTN (XS2589317697)	EUR	1200		%	101.5330	1 218 396.00	0.70
0.7500	% Nykredit Realkredit 20/20 01 27 MTN (DK0009526998).	EUR	1200		%	95.7860	1149 432.00	0.66
1.0000	% Optus Finance 19/20 06 29 MTN							
0.3750	(XS2013539635)	EUR	1100		%	91.1230	1002353.00	0.57
0.5000	(XS2112475509) % RELX Finance 20/10 03 28 (XS2126161764)	EUR EUR	700 580		% %	92.7670 93.2270	649 369.00 540 716.60	0.37 0.31
2.1250	% Royal Bank of Canada 22/26 04 29 MTN (XS2472603740)	EUR	1500		%	96.8400	1452600.00	0.83
	V.02 1/2000/ 10/	LUIX	1000		70	55.5400	1 102 000.00	0.00

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the repor	Sales/ disposals ting period	Ν	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
1.1250 % Santander UK 22/12 03 27 (XS2466426215) 0.5000 % SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN (XS2441055998) <sup>3</sup> 2.3750 % Signify 20/11 05 27 (XS2128499105)	EUR EUR EUR	1300 900 1360			% % %	97.0360 95.5520 98.5470	1261468.00 859968.00 1340239.20	0.72 0.49 0.77
0.8750 % Societe Generale 20/22 09 28 MTN (FR0013536661)	EUR	1300			%	93.9350	1 221 155.00	0.70
(XS2551280436)	EUR EUR EUR	1000 760 1980	760		% % %	102.8430 101.9060 105.1840	1 028 430.00 774 485.60 2 082 643.20	0.59 0.44 1.19
0.6250	EUR EUR	800 2 000			% %	95.0070 97.6410	760 056.00 1 952 820.00	0.43 1.12
(DE000A3829J7)	EUR	1300	1300		%	102.8520	1337076.00	0.77
1.7500 % Norway 19/06 09 29 (NO0010844079)	NOK	14 000	14 000		%	91.2940	1078 446.94	0.62
1.4560 % Standard Chartered 21/14 01 27 MTN Reg S (XS2283175516)	USD	700			%	96.2835	645 950.26	0.37
Investment fund units							31 285 571.80	17.90
In-group fund units							7 160 898.00	4.10
Xtrackers MSCI Emerging Markets ESG UCITS ETF 1C (IE00BG370F43) (0.050%)	Count	89 400	89 400		EUR	46.0700	4 118 658.00	2.36
(0.100%)	Count	68 900			EUR	22.0000	1 515 800.00	0.87
(0.080%)	Count	310 000		70 000	EUR	4.9240	1526 440.00	0.87
Non-group fund units							24 124 673.80	13.80
AIS-AMUND MSCI EM ASIA SRI U.E.D. USD Dist. (LU2300294589) (0.250%)	Count	47 000		7 100	EUR	34.1850	1606 695.00	0.92
AIS-AMUNDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF (LU2109787551) (0.180%)	Count Count	117 500 497 300	35 000 304 300	9 000	EUR EUR	53.4200 15.3520	6 276 850.00 7 634 549.60	3.59 4.37
(IE00BKLC5874) (0.250%). iShs VII-MUSSCEEH (IE00B3VWM098) (0.300%)	Count Count	1 236 000 5 720	391 000 5 720		EUR EUR	4.5702 517.1000	5 648 767.20 2 957 812.00	3.23 1.69
Total securities portfolio							173 423 481.46	99.22
<b>Derivatives</b> Minus signs denote short positions								
Interest rate derivatives (Receivables/payables)							-246 960.00	-0.14
Interest rate futures EURO-BUND MAR 25 (EURX).	EUR	6 300					-246 960.00	-0.14
Currency derivatives							11 838.24	0.01
Forward currency transactions EUR/USD FUTURE (CME) MAR 25	USD	-2 250					11 838.24	0.01
Cash at bank							816 712.99	0.47
Demand deposits at Depositary  EUR deposits  Deposits in other EU/EEA currencies	EUR EUR	639 557.99 1 473.20			% %	100 100	639 557.99 1 473.20	0.37 0.00
Deposits in non-EU/EEA currencies								
Australian dollar. Canadian dollar Swiss franc Israeli shekel Japanese yen South Korean won	AUD CAD CHF ILS JPY KRW	824.02 100.66 162 343.52 300.38 10 464.00 3 796 063.00			% % % % %	100 100 100 100 100 100	491.59 67.03 172 513.17 78.62 63.52 2 467.87	0.00 0.00 0.10 0.00 0.00 0.00

Number of shares outstanding

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ Sales/ additions disposals in the reporting period		Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Other assets						951 637.12	0.54
Interest receivable Dividends/Distributions receivable. Withholding tax claims Initial margins. Other receivables.	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR	922 627.88 7 441.44 20 452.09 0.01 1115.70		% % % %	100 100 100 100 100	922 627.88 7 441.44 20 452.09 0.01 1 115.70	0.53 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00
Total assets <sup>1</sup>						175 203 669.81	100.24
Loan liabilities Loans in non-EU/EEA currencies						-25 029.74	-0.01
British pound	GBP USD	-5 419.84 -19 299.42		% %	100 100	-6 533.08 -18 496.66	0.00 -0.01
Other liabilities						-152 608.56	-0.09
Liabilities from cost items	EUR EUR	-130 606.09 -22 002.47		% %	100 100	-130 606.09 -22 002.47	-0.07 -0.01
Net assets						174 779 071.51	100.00
Net asset value per share and number of shares outstanding	Count/ currency					Net asset value p in the respective	
Net asset value per share Class SD	EUR					14 216.10	

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

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#### The following risk management disclosures (other information) are unaudited and are not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report.

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

20% Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Index, 19% JP Morgan EMU Government Bond 1-10 Year Index, 15% S&P 500 Price Return Index in EUR, 15% STOXX Eurozone 50 PR, 10% MSCI Emerging Markets Price Return in EUR (EUR levels), 5% TOPIX, 5% JP Morgan GBI US 1-10 Yrs Index in USD, 5% JP Morgan Global EMBI Index expressed in EUR, 4% iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index, 2% Bloomberg Commodity ex-Agriculture and Livestock Total Return Index

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

Lowest market risk exposure	%	98.055
Highest market risk exposure	%	123.003
Average market risk exposure	%	113.437

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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. The risk in a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives is used as the measurement benchmark. Market 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 <a href="relative value-at-risk approach">relative value-at-risk approach</a> 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 8 472 935.01 as of the reporting date.

#### **Securities loans**

The following securities were transferred under securities loans at the reporting date:

Security name	Quantity/ principal amo (- / '000)	principal amount		Securities loans Total market value in EUR No fixed maturity	<b></b>	
	(- / 000)		Fixed maturity	No fixed filaturity		Total
0.1250 % Banco Santander 19/04 06 30 PF MTN	EUR	900		779 958.00		
2.7500 % BNP Paribas 22/25 07 2028 MTN	EUR	2 800		2 771 524.00		
3.3750 % Compagnie de Fin Foncie 23/16 09 2031 MTN.	EUR	1100		1 127 577.00		
2.8750 % KFW 23/07 06 2033 MTN	EUR	1199		1 217 392.66		
0.5000 % KfW18/28 09 26 MTN	EUR	1200		1165 668.00		
0.5000 % SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN	EUR	800		764 416.00		
Total receivables from securities loans				7 826 535.66		7 826 535.66
Contracting parties for securities loans:						
Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin; Nomura Financial Products	s Europe Gmbl	H, Frankfurt/Main				
Total collateral pledged by third parties for securities loans	s			E	UR	8 248 398.89
thereof:						
Cash at bank				E	UR	1 292 676.17
Bonds				E	UR	6 955 722.72

#### Market abbreviations

#### Futures exchanges

EURX = Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zurich)

CME = Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) – Index and Option Market (IOM)

#### Exchange rates (indirect quotes)

As of December 30, 2024

Australian dollar	AUD	1.676250	=	EUR	1
Canadian dollar	CAD	1.501650	=	EUR	1
Swiss franc	CHF	0.941050	=	EUR	1
Danish krone	DKK	7.458900	=	EUR	1
British pound	GBP	0.829600	=	EUR	1
Israeli shekel	ILS	3.820700	=	EUR	1
Japanese yen	JPY	164.730000	=	EUR	1
South Korean won	KRW	1538.195000	=	EUR	1
Norwegian krone	NOK	11.851450	=	EUR	1
U.S. dollar	USD	1.043400	=	EUR	1

#### Notes on valuation

Under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the SICAV, the Management Company determines the net asset values per share 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 Board of Directors of the SICAV on the basis of the legal and regulatory requirements or the principles for valuation methods defined in the SICAV's 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.

Investments reported in this report are not valued at derived market values.

The management fee / all-in fee rates in effect as of the reporting date for the investment fund units held in the securities portfolio are shown in parentheses. A plus sign means that a performance-based fee may also be charged. As the fund held units of other investment funds (target funds) in the reporting period, further costs, charges and fees may have been incurred at the level of these individual target funds.

#### Footnotes

- Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.
- These securities are completely or partly lent as securities loans.

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

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 20	24	
I. Income		
Dividends (before withholding tax)	EUR EUR	1 630 106.46 1 738 912.63
(before withholding tax).  4. Income from investment certificates  5. Income from securities loans	EUR EUR	87 824.73 363 115.27
and repurchase agreements  thereof: from securities lending	EUR	29 827.35
6. Deduction for foreign withholding tax	EUR	-165 659.81 64 918.69
Total income	EUR	3 749 045.32
II. Expenses		
Interest on borrowings and negative interest on deposits and similar expenses	EUR	-1 031.80
thereof: Commitment fees	EUR	-1 476 845.94
thereof: All-in fee		
3. Other expenses	EUR	-96 427.12
from securities lending EUR -8 947.94 Taxe d'abonnement EUR -87 479.18		
Total expenses	EUR	-1 574 304.86
III. Net investment income	EUR	2 174 740.46
IV. Sale transactions		
Realized gains     Realized losses	EUR EUR	8 030 320.20 -3 969 967.23
Capital gains/losses	EUR	4 060 352.97
V. Realized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	6 235 093.43
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR EUR	7 348 541.65 2 110 045.63
VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	9 458 587.28
VII. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	15 693 680.71

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 SD 0.92% 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 share class for a given fiscal year.

As well, the additional income from securities lending resulted in a performance-based fee of

Class SD 0.005%

of the fund's average net assets in relation to the respective share class.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 24 234.96.

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	EUR	174 967 278.93
of the fiscal year	EUK	1/4 90/ 2/0.93
1. Distribution for the previous year	EUR	-2 768 609.30
2. Net inflows	EUR	-13 257 381.75
a) Inflows from subscriptions	EUR	6 370 230.41
b) Outflows from redemptions	EUR	-19 627 612.16
3. Income adjustment	EUR	144 102.92
4. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	15 693 680.71
thereof:		
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	7 348 541.65
Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	2 110 045.63
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end		
of the fiscal year	EUR	174 779 071.51

#### Summary of gains/losses

Realized gains (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	8 030 320.20
from:		
Securities transactions	EUR	7 267 787.46
Financial futures transactions	EUR	580 820.63
(Forward) currency transactions	EUR	181 712.11
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	-3 969 967.23
from:		
Securities transactions	EUR	-3 293 335.94
Financial futures transactions	EUR	-412 892.45
(Forward) currency transactions	EUR	-263 738.84
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	EUR	9 458 587.28
from:		
Securities transactions	EUR	9 948 992.02
Financial futures transactions	EUR	-490 850.34
(Forward) currency transactions	EUR	445.60

#### Details on the distribution policy\*

Class SD								
Туре	As of	Currency	Per share					
Final distribution	March 7, 2025	EUR	251.82					

<sup>\*</sup> Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

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

Net ass	ets at the end of the fiscal year		
2023		EUR EUR EUR	174 779 071.51 174 967 278.93 176 278 402.49
Net ass	et value per share at the end of the fiscal year		
2024 2023	Class SD	EUR EUR	14 216.10 13 188.66
2022	June 16, 2023)	EUR EUR EUR	9 726.62 12 373.08 9 275.30

#### 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 1.21% of all transactions. The total volume was EUR 1 267 512.03.

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### Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The sub-fund DB ESG Growth invests predominantly in equities and equity funds as well as in certificates and derivatives on commodity and commodity futures indices.

In the past fiscal year through the end of December 2024, the subfund achieved an appreciation of 12.0% per share (SD share class; BVI method; in euro).

### Investment policy in the reporting period

The portfolio management considered the main investment risks to be, in particular, the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as the uncertainties regarding the future monetary policies of central banks, on the one hand, and signs of an emerging recession on the other.

On the equities side, the sub-fund was broadly diversified in terms of its sector allocation. The management placed its investment focus mainly on U.S. and European equities.

Within the bond portfolio, the management invested predominantly in issues from Europe and the United States. In terms of issuer structure, the sub-fund invested mainly in corporate bonds.

The capital market environment in the 2024 fiscal year was challenging, especially due to geopolitical crises like the Russia-Ukraine war that has been ongoing since February 24, 2022, the escalating

#### **DB ESG Growth**

#### Performance of share classes (in EUR)

Share class	ISIN	1 year	3 years	5 years
Class SD	LU0240541440	12.0%	6.7%	24.8%

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

As of: December 31, 2024

conflict in the Middle East and the intensifying power struggle between the United States and China. However, inflationary pressure did ease over the course of the fiscal year. Against this backdrop, the majority of central banks ended the previous rate hiking cycle. As of June 6, 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut the key interest rate in four steps from 4.00% p.a. to 3.00% p.a. (deposit facility) through the end of December 2024, with the U.S. Federal Reserve following suit in mid-September 2024 by reducing its key interest rates by one percentage point in three steps to a target range of 4.25% p.a. - 4.50% p.a. by the end of 2024.

The international equity markets posted appreciable price increases in 2024, with the stock exchanges of the industrial countries faring better than those of the emerging markets. U.S. equity markets, in particular, posted strong price gains. These were driven especially by the enthusiasm for artificial intelligence, which further benefited the equities of the major technology companies. The trend on the stock exchanges was supported, among other things, by decreasing inflation as well as by an emerging easing of interest rates. In addition, in the second half of September 2024, the

Chinese central bank triggered a temporary price rally emanating from Asian markets on the back of its largest stimulus package since the COVID pandemic. Hope of a growth-oriented and market-friendly policy of a new U.S. government under Donald Trump buoyed U.S. equity markets in particular in the months leading up to the U.S. presidential election in November 2024 and for some weeks afterward.

In the international bond markets, the yield curve started to normalize over the course of 2024, becoming steeper again at the long end. In light of weakening inflation and the more relaxed interest rate policy of the central banks, there were noticeable yield declines at the short maturities end. However, public deficits put longer maturities under pressure, which, on balance, resulted in increased yields and thus price reductions on bonds with longer maturities. Corporate bonds, especially non-investment-grade interest-bearing instruments (high-yield bonds), profited from their high coupons as well as from narrowing risk premiums.

Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

# Information on the environmental and/or social characteristics

This product reported in accordance with Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

Presentation and content requirements for periodic reports for financial products as referred to in Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR) and in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy) are available at the back of this report.

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#### Statement of net assets as of December 31, 2024

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
I. Assets		
1. Equities (sectors):		
Information Technology	9 348 258.24	16.17
Financials	7 021 871.69	12.15
Industrials	3 972 178.75	6.87
Consumer Discretionaries	2 378 994.33	4.12
Health Care	2 345 497.15	4.06
Basic Materials	2 021 502.60	3.50
Energy	1 285 061.41 1 144 359.70	2.22 1.98
Consumer Staples Utilities	338 250.00	0.59
Communication Services	244 754.40	0.59
Other	445 427.62	0.42
Total equities:	30 546 155.89	52.85
2. Bonds (issuers): Institutions	5 953 097.00	10.30
Other financing institutions	3 545 561.59	6.13
Companies	2 975 202.46	5.15
Other public bodies	231 095.77	0.40
Regional governments	202 582.00	0.35
Central governments	176 534.00	0.31
Total bonds:	13 084 072.82	22.64
3. Investment fund units	13 489 182.80	23.34
4. Derivatives	-35 280.00	-0.06
5. Cash at bank	562 872.85	0.97
6. Other assets	204 006.29	0.35
II. Liabilities		
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1. Other liabilities	-55 306.82	-0.09
III. Net assets	57 795 703.83	100.00

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

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#### Investment portfolio - December 31, 2024

ecurity name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the repor	Sales/ disposals ting period	Market price		Total market value in EUR	% of net asse
ecurities traded on an exchange							43 630 225.71	75.49
quities								
ovartis AG (CH0012005267)	Count	3 600			CHF	89.1500	341044.58	0.59
ovo-Nordisk (DK0062498333)	Count	3 600	3 600		DKK	625.9000	302 087.44	0.52
didas (DE000A1EWWW0)	Count	1700			EUR	236.6000	402 220.00	0.70
ir Liquide (FR0000120073)	Count	3 025	275		EUR	155.5600	470 569.00	0.81
llianz (DE0008404005).		2700	400		EUR	296.5000		1.39
	Count			400			800 550.00	
SML Holding (NL0010273215)	Count	1300	300	100	EUR	681.0000	885 300.00	1.53
KA (FR0000120628)	Count	23 400	5 900		EUR	34.3800	804 492.00	1.39
o Santander Centr.Hispano (ES0113900J37)	Count	130 000		18 000	EUR	4.4140	573 820.00	0.99
eiersdorf (DE0005200000)	Count	3 600	1200		EUR	123.7000	445 320.00	0.77
1W Ord. (DE0005190003)	Count	3 200			EUR	78.6200	251 584.00	0.44
mpagnie de Saint-Gobain (C.R.) (FR0000125007)	Count	5 700	5 700		EUR	86.2800	491796.00	0.85
vide Campari-Milano (NL0015435975)	Count	54 000	54 000		EUR	6.1060	329 724.00	0.57
M-Firmenich (CH1216478797)	Count	4 000			EUR	97.4400	389 760.00	0.67
DN Reg. (DE000ENAG999)	Count	30 000	5 000		EUR	11.2750	338 250.00	0.59
			3 000		EUR	234.7000		0.33
silorLuxottica (FR0000121667)	Count	1950	11 000				457 665.00	
senius (DE0005785604)	Count	11 000	11 000		EUR	33.5700	369 270.00	0.64
neon Technologies (DE0006231004)	Count	11 000	3 300		EUR	31.8550	350 405.00	0.61
Groep (NL0011821202)	Count	25 400		11 100	EUR	15.1420	384 606.80	0.67
esa Sanpaolo (IT0000072618)	Count	205 000	205 000		EUR	3.8850	796 425.00	1.38
de (IE000S9YS762)	Count	1300		400	EUR	404.2000	525 460.00	0.91
MH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (C.R.)								
R0000121014)	Count	1200	200	200	EUR	635.6000	762 720.00	1.32
ange (FR0000133308)	Count	25 400			EUR	9.6360	244 754.40	0.42
MA (DE0006969603)	Count	6 400			EUR	44.4900	284 736.00	0.49
P (DE0007164600)		6 000	1,000	500	EUR	237.1500	1 422 900.00	2.46
	Count		1000					
nneider Electric (FR0000121972)	Count	5 100	2 400	200	EUR	240.7500	1 227 825.00	2.12
mens Reg. (DE0007236101)	Count	1770	1770		EUR	189.4000	335 238.00	0.58
talEnergies (FR0000120271)	Count	11 000	1100		EUR	52.7000	579 700.00	1.00
ICI (FR0000125486)	Count	3 800	1300		EUR	99.4800	378 024.00	0.65
novia (DE000A1ML7J1)	Count	8 960	8 960	13 000	EUR	29.4500	263 872.00	0.46
H (IE0001827041)	Count	7 100		850	GBP	74.2800	635 713.60	1.10
BC Holdings (GB0005405286)	Count	100 000	42 700		GBP	7.7940	939 488.91	1.63
lx (GB00B2B0DG97)	Count	10 000	1000		GBP	36.0900	435 028.93	0.75
ell (GB00BP6MXD84)	Count	10 000	10 300	10 000	GBP	24.4550	294 780.62	0.51
centure (IE00B4BNMY34).	Count	900			USD	356.1800	307 228.29	0.53
lobe (US00724F1012)	Count	950	350		USD	446.4800	406 513.32	0.70
nerican Express Co. (US0258161092)	Count	2 600	600		USD	301.0500	750 172.51	1.30
		2 500	300		USD	166.8300		0.69
plied Materials (US0382221051)	Count						399 726.85	
ker Hughes Cl.A (US05722G1004)	Count	10 500	2 000		USD	40.8000	410 580.79	0.71
nk of America Corp. (US0605051046)	Count	10 900	10 900		USD	44.3400	463 202.99	0.80
padcom (US11135F1012)	Count	3 200	3 200		USD	241.7500	741 422.27	1.28
terpillar (US1491231015)	Count	1400	1400		USD	364.8600	489 557.22	0.85
Lilly and Company (US5324571083)	Count	540		160	USD	783.1700	405 320.87	0.70
uit (US4612021034)	Count	700			USD	638.5700	428 406.17	0.74
Morgan Chase & Co. (US46625H1005)	Count	3 000	300		USD	241.1700	693 415.76	1.20
rsh & McLennan Cos. (US5717481023)	Count	1300	330		USD	213.4700	265 967.99	0.46
crosoft Corp. (US5949181045)	Count	3 300	500		USD	430.5300	1361653.25	2.36
	Count	6 400	2 000		USD	60.2100	369 315.70	0.64
Indelez International CI.A (US6092071058)						467.3300		
otorola Solutions (US6200763075)	Count	1200	200	F 400	USD		537 469.81	0.93
IDIA Corp. (US67066G1040)	Count	14 200	17 100	5 100	USD	137.0100	1864 617.60	3.23
Logis (US74340W1036)	Count	1800			USD	105.2400	181 552.62	0.31
viceNow (US81762P1021)	Count	620	40	120	USD	1 081.4600	642 615.68	1.11
Home Depot (US4370761029)	Count	1800		600	USD	392.8600	677 734.33	1.17
tex Pharmaceuticals (US92532F1003)	Count	1200	1200		USD	408.7600	470 109.26	0.81
A CI.A (US92826C8394)	Count	1800		1100	USD	318.6600	549 729.73	0.95
V. Grainger (US3848021040)	Count	600			USD	1068.9800	614 709.60	1.06
erest-bearing securities								
6250 % AIB Group 22/04 07 2026 (XS2491963638)	EUR	100			%	100.3200	100 320.00	0.17
6250 % AIB Group 23/23 07 2029 MTN	LOIN	100				100.0200	100 020.00	0.17
(XS2578472339)	EUR	300			%	105.0510	315 153.00	0.55
8510 % Allianz 24/26 07 2054 (DE000A3823H4)	EUR	300	300		%	107.0420	321 126.00	0.56
250 % Amcor UK Finance 20/23 06 27							· · ·	
(XS2193669657)	EUR	200			%	95.4680	190 936.00	0.33
								2.50
250 % American Tower 23/16 05 2031 (XS2622275969)	EUR	200			%	106.8410	213 682.00	0.37

Security n	ame	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the reporti	Sales/ disposals ing period	Μ	flarket price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
3.8750	% AXA 14/und. MTN (XS1069439740)	EUR	200			%	100.2280	200 456.00	0.35
0.8750	% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 22/14 01 29 (XS2430998893)	EUR	500			%	93.9220	469 610.00	0.81
0.1250	% Banco Santander 19/04 06 30 PF MTN (ES0413900574)	EUR	200			%	86.6620	173 324.00	0.30
1.3750	% Banco Santander 20/05 01 26 MTN (XS2168647357)	EUR	100			%	98.8550	98 855.00	0.17
1.1250	% Barclays Bank 21/22 03 31 MTN (XS2321466133).	EUR	300	200		%	97.4250	292 275.00	0.51
2.7500	% BNP Paribas 22/25 07 2028 MTN			200	200				
1.5000	(FR001400AKP6)	EUR EUR	400 200		200	% %	98.9830 99.1490	395 932.00 198 298.00	0.69 0.34
3.1250	(XS2264977146)	EUR	100			%	90.3070	90 307.00	0.16
	(DE000CZ43Z23)	EUR	300		200	%	102.2250	306 675.00	0.53
3.3750	% Compagnie de Fin Foncie 23/16 09 2031 MTN (FR001400GI73) 3	EUR	400	200		%	102.5070	410 028.00	0.71
2.3750	% Compagnie de Saint-Gobain 20/04 10 27 MTN (XS2150054372)	EUR	200			%	99.4160	198 832.00	0.34
4.6250	% Coöperatieve Raboban 22/27 01 2028 MTN (XS2550081454)	EUR	300			%	103.4790	310 437.00	0.54
4.7500 3.3750	% Covestro 22/15 11 2028 (XS2554997937)	EUR	200			%	106.3790	212 758.00	0.37
0.7500	(FR001400E7J5)	EUR	200			%	101.2650	202 530.00	0.35
1.6250	(DE000DL19VT2) % DNB Bank 22/31 05 2026 MTN	EUR	200			%	97.4730	194 946.00	0.34
	(XS2486092492)	EUR EUR	200			% %	99.4510	198 902.00	0.34 0.15
0.7500 6.3750	% E.ON 20/18 12 30 MTN (XS2103014457)	EUR	100 200			%	87.5480 107.4440	87 548.00 214 888.00	0.15
3.3750	% ENI 20/Und. (XS2242931603)	EUR	170			%	97.1720	165 192.40	0.29
3.2500	% Equinix Europe Financing 24/15 03 2031								
2.0750	(XS2941363553)	EUR EUR	409	409		% %	99.4510 101.2910	406 754.59	0.70 0.35
2.8750 3.3750	% Hessen 23/04 07 2033 (DE000A1RQEK7) % Iberdrola Finanzas 24/30 09 2035 MTN	EUR	200				101.2910	202 582.00	0.33
	(XS2909822277)	EUR	300	300		%	99.0090	297 027.00	0.51
1.0000 4.8750	% ING Groep 19/13 11 30 (XS2079079799)	EUR	200			%	97.8740	195 748.00	0.34
4.7500	(XS2554746185)	EUR	300			%	103.5130	310 539.00	0.54
	(XS2529233814)	EUR	200			%	104.6380	209 276.00	0.36
0.2000 4.3750	% Ireland 20/18 10 30 (IE00BKFVC899)	EUR	200			%	88.2670	176 534.00	0.31
	(BE0002900810)	EUR	200			%	102.7860	205 572.00	0.36
2.8750	% KFW 23/07 06 2033 MTN (DE000A30V9M4)	EUR	1000	800		%	101.5340	1 015 340.00	1.76
4.3750 3.8750	% Mapfre 17/31 03 47 (ES0224244089)	EUR EUR	200 200	200		% %	101.9000 100.8540	203 800.00 201 708.00	0.35 0.35
4.6560	% Morgan Stanley 23/02 03 2029 (XS2595028536)	EUR	300			%	104.8960	314 688.00	0.54
4.2500	% Municher Rückversicherung 24/26 05 2044 (XS2817890077)		600	600		%			1.07
3.0000	% Nordea Mortgage Bank 23/20 02 2030 MTN	EUR		600			102.9130	617 478.00	
0.3750	(XS2589317697) % ProLogis Euro Finance 20/06 02 28	EUR	500			%	101.5330	507 665.00	0.88
2.1250	(XS2112475509)	EUR	200			%	92.7670	185 534.00	0.32
	(XS2472603740)	EUR	400			%	96.8400	387 360.00	0.67
0.5000	% SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN (XS2441055998)	EUR	200			%	95.5520	191 104.00	0.33
2.3750 0.8750	% Signify 20/11 05 27 (XS2128499105)	EUR	200		100	%	98.5470	197 094.00	0.34
3.7500	(FR0013536661)	EUR	200			%	93.9350	187 870.00	0.33
	(XS2551280436)	EUR	200			%	102.8430	205 686.00	0.36
4.5000	% TotalEnergies 24/und (XS2937308737)	EUR	151	151		%	101.9060	153 878.06	0.27
4.3750 0.6250	% UBS Group 23/11 01 2031 (CH1236363391) % Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield 20/04 05 27 MTN	EUR	400			%	105.1840	420 736.00	0.73
0.0200	(FR0014000UC8)	EUR	100			%	95.0070	95 007.00	0.16
0.3250 4.2500	% UniCredit 21/19 01 26 MTN (XS2289133915) % Vonovia 24/10 04 2034 MTN	EUR	200		100	%	97.6410	195 282.00	0.34
2000	(DE000A3829J7)	EUR	200	200		%	102.8520	205 704.00	0.36
1.7500	% Norway 19/06 09 29 (NO0010844079)	NOK	3 000	3 000		%	91.2940	231 095.77	0.40
Unlisted	securities							3.00	0.00

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the repor	Sales/ disposals ting period	Market price		Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Equities								
HappyBet (DE000A0JD0N4).	Count	30 000			EUR	0.0001	3.00	0.00
Investment fund units							13 489 182.80	23.34
In-group fund units							3 517 205.00	6.09
Xtrackers MSCI Emerging Markets ESG UCITS ETF 1C (IE00BG370F43) (0.050%)	Count	49 500	49 500		EUR	46.0700	2 280 465.00	3.95
Xtrackers MSCI Japan ESG UCITS ETF 1C (IE00BG36TC12) (0.100%)	Count	26 000	6 400		EUR	22.0000	572 000.00	0.99
Xtrackers MSCI UK ESG UCITS ETF 1D (LU0292097747) (0.080%).	Count	135 000	25 000	45 000	EUR	4.9240	664 740.00	1.15
Non-group fund units							9 971 977.80	17.25
AIS-AMUND.MSCI EM ASIA SRI U.E.D. USD Dist. (LU2300294589) (0.250%)	Count	24 600		6 200	EUR	34.1850	840 951.00	1.46
AIS-AMUNDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF (LU2109787551) (0.180%)  Bnppe-Msci Jap.Ex Cw Uece (LU1291102447) (0.030%)	Count Count	54 750 239 000	17 000 125 000	21 550	EUR EUR	53.4200 15.3520	2 924 745.00 3 669 128.00	5.06 6.35
iShares II-EUR High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF (IE00BKLC5874) (0.250%).	Count	244 000	107 000		EUR	4.5702	1 115 128.80	1.93
iShs VII-MUSSCEEH (IE00B3VWM098) (0.300%)	Count	2 750	2 750		EUR	517.1000	1422 025.00	2.46
Total securities portfolio							57 119 411.51	98.83
<b>Derivatives</b> Minus signs denote short positions								
Interest rate derivatives (Receivables/payables)							-35 280.00	-0.06
Interest rate futures								
EURO-BUND MAR 25 (EURX).	EUR	900					-35 280.00	-0.06
Cash at bank							562 872.85	0.97
Demand deposits at Depositary	FUD	410 5 40 00			0/	100	410 540 00	0.70
EUR deposits Deposits in other EU/EEA currencies	EUR EUR	416 549.06 3 329.85			% %	100 100	416 549.06 3 329.85	0.72 0.01
Deposits in non-EU/EEA currencies								
Australian dollar	AUD CAD	2 339.53 146.88			% %	100 100	1 395.69 97.81	0.00 0.00
Swiss franc	CHF GBP	32 551.75 52 618.18			% %	100 100	34 590.88 63 425.96	0.06 0.11
Israeli shekel	ILS JPY	5 475.18 88 820.00			%	100 100	1433.03	0.00
Japanese yen	KRW	1648 034.00			%	100	539.19 1 071.41	0.00
Mexican peso	MXN USD	80.46 42 191.12			% %	100 100	3.78 40 436.19	0.00 0.07
Other assets							204 006.29	0.35
Interest receivable	EUR	192 169.08			%	100	192 169.08	0.33
Dividends/Distributions receivable	EUR EUR EUR	3 303.43 8 508.64 25.14			% % %	100 100 100	3 303.43 8 508.64 25.14	0.01 0.01 0.00
Total assets <sup>1</sup>							57 886 290.65	100.16
Other liabilities							-55 306.82	-0.09
Liabilities from cost items	EUR EUR	-48 125.05 -7 181.77			% %	100 100	-48 125.05 -7 181.77	-0.08 -0.01
Net assets							57 795 703.83	100.00

Net asset value per share and number of shares outstanding	Count/ currency	Net asset value per share in the respective currency
Net asset value per share Class SD	EUR	16 409.36
Number of shares outstanding Class SD	Count	3 522.118

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.

#### The following risk management disclosures (other information) are unaudited and are not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report.

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

22.5% S&P 500 Price Return Index in EUR, 22.5% STOXX Eurozone 50 PR, 15% MSCI Emerging Markets Price Return in EUR (EUR levels), 11.5% JP Morgan EMU Government Bond 1-10 Year Index, 11% Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Index, 7.5% TOPIX, 3% JP Morgan GBI US 1-10 Yrs Index in USD, 3% JP Morgan Global EMBI Index expressed in EUR, 2% Bloomberg Commodity ex-Agriculture and Livestock Total Return Index, 2% iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index

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

Lowest market risk exposure	%	95.099
Highest market risk exposure	%	120.742
Average market risk exposure	%	111.151

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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. The risk in a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives is used as the measurement benchmark. Market 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 <u>relative value-at-risk approach</u> as defined in CSSF circular 11/512.

In the reporting period, the average eleverage 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 890 793.00 as of the reporting date.

#### Securities loans

The following securities were transferred under securities loans at the reporting date:

Security name	Quantity/ principal amount (- / '000)		Fixed maturity	Securities loans Total market value in EUR No fixed maturity	Total
3.3750 % Compagnie de Fin Foncie 23/16 09 2031 MTN.	EUR	300		307 521.00	
Total receivables from securities loans				307 521.00	307 521.00
Contracting party for securities loans: Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin					
Total collateral pledged by third parties for securities loans	s			El	JR 324 335.64

thereof:		
Cash at bank	EUR	51 664.68
Bonds	EUR	272 670.96

#### Market abbreviations

#### Futures exchanges

EURX = Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zurich)

#### Exchange rates (indirect quotes)

As of December 30, 2024

Australian dollar	AUD	1.676250	=	EUR	1
Canadian dollar	CAD	1.501650	=	EUR	1
Swiss franc	CHF	0.941050	=	EUR	1
Danish krone	DKK	7.458900	=	EUR	1
British pound	GBP	0.829600	=	EUR	1
Israeli shekel	ILS	3.820700	=	EUR	1
Japanese yen	JPY	164.730000	=	EUR	1
South Korean won	KRW	1538.195000	=	EUR	1
Mexican peso	MXN	21.264100	=	EUR	1
Norwegian krone	NOK	11.851450	=	EUR	1
IIS dollar	LISD	1 043400	=	FLIR	1

#### Notes on valuation

Under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the SICAV, the Management Company determines the net asset values per share 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 Board of Directors of the SICAV on the basis of the legal and regulatory requirements or the principles for valuation methods defined in the SICAV's 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.

Investments reported in this report are not valued at derived market values.

The management fee / all-in fee rates in effect as of the reporting date for the investment fund units held in the securities portfolio are shown in parentheses. A plus sign means that a performance-based fee may also be charged. As the fund held units of other investment funds (target funds) in the reporting period, further costs, charges and fees may have been incurred at the level of these individual target funds.

#### Footnotes

- Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.
- These securities are completely or partly lent as securities loans.

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

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

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I. Income		
Dividends (before withholding tax)	EUR	719 868.50
2. Interest from securities (before withholding tax)	EUR	337 248.32
3. Interest from investments of liquid assets		
(before withholding tax)	EUR	56 878.18
4. Income from investment certificates	EUR	92 035.31
5. Income from securities loans		
and repurchase agreements	EUR	9 294.84
thereof:		
from securities lending EUR 9 294.84		
6. Deduction for foreign withholding tax	EUR	-73 006.32
7. Other income	EUR	6 614.02
Total income	EUR	1 148 932.85
II. Expenses		
Interest on borrowings and negative interest		
on deposits and similar expenses	EUR	-387.84
thereof:	LOIK	007.01
Commitment fees EUR -341.09		
2. Management fee	EUR	-544 630.33
thereof:		
All-in fee EUR -544 630.33		
3. Other expenses	EUR	-34 153.51
thereof:		
Performance-based fee		
from securities lending EUR -2 787.50		
Taxe d'abonnement EUR -31 366.01		
Total expenses	EUR	-579 171.68
III. Net investment income	EUR	569 761.17
IV. Sale transactions		
1. Realized gains	FUR	3 256 008 67
2. Realized losses	EUR	-1698584.44
2. 10011200 100000		1000001111
Capital gains/losses	EUR	1 557 424.23
V. Realized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	2 127 185.40
1 Not observe in consolired annualistics	EUR	3 562 578.83
Net change in unrealized appreciation  Net change in unrealized depreciation		
2. Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	428 508.80
VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	3 991 087.63
VII. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	6 118 273.03

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 SD 1.03% 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 share class for a given fiscal year.

As well, the additional income from securities lending resulted in a performance-based fee of

Class SD 0.005%

of the fund's average net assets in relation to the respective share class.

The fund invested more than 20% of its assets in target funds. Further costs, charges and fees were incurred at the level of the target funds. If the target funds publish a TER themselves, this will be taken into account at fund level (synthetic TER) and displayed in relation to the respective share class. If a TER is not published at target fund level, the all-in fee / management fee will be used for the calculation. The synthetic TER was:

Class SD 1.08 p.a.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 13 424.53.

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	52 014 205.82
Distribution for the previous year	EUR	-801 014.46
2. Net inflows	EUR	572 888.08
a) Inflows from subscriptions	EUR	6 588 077.58
b) Outflows from redemptions	EUR	-6 015 189.50
3.Income adjustment	EUR	-108 648.64
4.Net gain/loss for the fiscal year thereof:	EUR	6 118 273.03
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	3 562 578.83
Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	428 508.80
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end	FUR	57 795 703.83

#### Summary of gains/losses

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Realized gains (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	3 256 008.67
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR EUR	3 082 690.79 83 865.84 89 452.04
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	-1 698 584.44
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR EUR	-1 355 838.92 -234 318.12 -108 427.40
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	EUR	3 991 087.63
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR EUR	4 085 642.37 -94 732.85 178.11

#### Details on the distribution policy\*

Class SD			
Туре	As of	Currency	Per share
Final distribution	March 7, 2025	EUR	290.46

<sup>\*</sup> Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

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

Net asse	ts at the end of the fiscal year		
2023		EUR EUR EUR	57 795 703.83 52 014 205.82 47 555 028.68
Net asse	t value per share at the end of the fiscal year		
2024 2023	Class SD	EUR EUR	16 409.36 14 869.57
2022	June 16, 2023)	EUR EUR EUR	10 161.69 13 793.86 9 544.73

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 1.76% of all transactions. The total volume was EUR 826 225.83.

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### Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The objective of the investment policy is to achieve sustained capital appreciation. The sub-fund invests worldwide in interest-bearing securities issued by governments and companies. In addition, the sub-fund invests in other types of bonds and in derivative instruments whose underlyings are bonds or indices based on bonds. It may also invest in bond and money market funds. Each bond is only purchased if it has an investment-grade rating at the time of acquisition. The subfund uses derivative transactions to reduce possible losses as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

In the past fiscal year through the end of December 2024, the subfund achieved an appreciation of 3.4% per share (SD share class; BVI method; in euro).

### Investment policy in the reporting period

The portfolio management considered the main investment risks to be, in particular, the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as the uncertainties regarding the future monetary policies of central banks, on the one hand, and signs of an emerging recession on the other.

Within the bond portfolio, the management invested predominantly in issues from Europe and the United States. In terms of issuer structure, the sub-fund invested mainly in corporate bonds.

In the international bond markets, the yield curve started to normalize over the course of 2024,

#### **DB ESG Fixed Income**

Performance of share classes (in EUR)

Share class	ISIN	1 year	3 years	5 years
Class SD	LU0240540988	3.4%	-3.0%	-3.9%
Class LC	LU2576232388	3.1%	6.6% <sup>1</sup>	=
Class LD	LU2576232115	3.1%	6.6% <sup>1</sup>	-
Class LDB	LU2674545582	3.3%2	-	
Class WAMC	LU2707821323	4.1%	6.6% <sup>3</sup>	-
Class WAMD	LU2707821596	4.1%	6.5% <sup>3</sup>	-

- <sup>1</sup> Classes LC and LD launched on May 31, 2023
- <sup>2</sup> Class LDB launched on January 30, 2024
- <sup>3</sup> Classes WAMC and WAMD launched on November 16, 2023

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

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becoming steeper again at the long end. In light of weakening inflation and the more relaxed interest rate policy of the central banks, there were noticeable yield declines at the short maturities end. However, public deficits put longer maturities under pressure, which, on balance, resulted in increased yields and thus price reductions on bonds with longer maturities. Corporate bonds, especially non-investment-grade interest-bearing instruments (high-yield bonds), profited from their high coupons as well as from narrowing risk premiums.

Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

## Information on the environmental and/or social characteristics

This product reported in accordance with Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

Presentation and content requirements for periodic reports for

financial products as referred to in Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR) and in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy) are available at the back of this report.

### Annual financial statements DB ESG Fixed Income

### Statement of net assets as of December 31, 2024

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
I. Assets		
1. Bonds (issuers): Other financing institutions Companies Institutions Total bonds:	188 918 180.31 181 235 333.87 134 679 099.61 <b>504 832 613.79</b>	36.30 34.82 25.88 <b>97.00</b>
2. Derivatives	-757 120.00	-0.15
3. Cash at bank	9 655 639.34	1.86
4. Other assets	7 229 202.81	1.39
5. Receivables from share certificate transactions	109 974.91	0.02
II. Liabilities		
1. Other liabilities	-594 336.60	-0.11
2. Liabilities from share certificate transactions	-32 333.59	-0.01
III. Net assets	520 443 640.66	100.00

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

### Investment portfolio - December 31, 2024

Security r	name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the reportir	Sales/ disposals ng period	Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Securiti	es traded on an exchange						504 832 613.79	97.00
Interest	-bearing securities							
3.2500	% ABB Finance 23/16 01 2027 MTN	ELID	2.000	500		0/ 101 4010	2.042.020.00	0.50
0.6250	(XS2575555938) <sup>3</sup> % Abertis Infraestructuras 19/15 07 25 MTN	EUR	3 000	500		% 101.4610	3 043 830.00	0.58
1.0000	(XS2025466413) <sup>3</sup> % Agence Francaise de Developpement	EUR	3 400	500		% 98.7260	3 356 684.00	0.64
3.6250 4.6250	18/31 01 28 MTN (FR0013312774)	EUR EUR	3 000 1100	3 000		% 95.0200 % 100.3200	2 850 600.00 1 103 520.00	0.55 0.21
4.8510 1.1250	(XS2578472339) % Allianz 24/26 07 2054 (DE000A3823H4)	EUR EUR	3 000 4 700	500 4700		% 105.0510 % 107.0420	3 151 530.00 5 030 974.00	0.61 0.97
	(XS2193669657)	EUR	3 600	500		% 95.4680	3 436 848.00	0.66
3.9500	% Amcor UK Finance 24/29 05 2032 (XS2821714735)	EUR	1334	1334		% 101.6000	1355 344.00	0.26
1.1250	% Anheuser-Busch InBev 19/01 07 27 MTN (BE6312821612)	EUR	3 900	900		% 96.4740	3 762 486.00	0.72
	% Anheuser-Busch InBev 24/22 09 2031 MTN (BE6350702153)	EUR	1500	1500		% 102.2960	1534 440.00	0.29
1.1510	% Asahi Group Holdings 17/19 09 25 (XS1577951715)	EUR	2 400	500	1000	% 98.8860	2 373 264.00	0.46
3.4640	% Asahi Group Holdings 24/16 04 2032 (XS2799473801)	EUR	2 990	2 990		% 101.2260	3 026 657.40	0.58
5.5000	% Assicurazioni Generali 15/27 10 47 MTN (XS1311440082)	EUR	3 500			% 105.8180	3 703 630.00	0.71
4.1562	% Assicurazioni Generali 24/03 01 2035 MTN (XS2911633274)	EUR	1300	1300		% 101.6490	1321437.00	0.25
3.8750 0.8750	% AXA 14/und. MTN (XS1069439740)	EUR	3 300	500		% 100.2280	3 307 524.00	0.64
	(XS2430998893)	EUR	3 800	1500		% 93.9220	3 569 036.00	0.69
1.7500	% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 22/26 11 25 MTN (XS2485259241)	EUR	1500			% 99.2400	1 488 600.00	0.29
	% Banco de Sabadell 24/15 01 2030 MTN (XS2745719000)	EUR	4700	4700		% 103.3100	4 855 570.00	0.93
	% Banco Santander 22/27 09 2026 MTN (XS2538366878)	EUR	3 200	500		% 100.5150	3 216 480.00	0.62
3.5000	% Banco Santander 24/02 10 2032 MTN (XS2908735686)	EUR	2 000	2 000		% 99.3620	1987240.00	0.38
1.9490	% Bank of America 22/27 10 26 MTN (XS2462324232)	EUR	2800			% 99.1430	2 776 004.00	0.53
2.8240	% Bank of America 22/2710 33 MTN (XS2462323853)	EUR	2 000	2 000		% 96.4360	1928 720.00	0.37
3.1250	% Banque Fédérative Crédit Mu. 22/14 09 2027 MTN (FR001400CMY0)	EUR	3 300			% 100.4030	3 313 299.00	0.64
4.1250	% Banque Fédérative Crédit Mut. 23/14 06 2033 MTN (FR001400IG08) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1500	1500		% 105.2920	1579 380.00	0.30
1.1250	% Barclays Bank 21/22 03 31 MTN (XS2321466133)	EUR	4 400	1300		% 97.4250	4 286 700.00	0.82
3.2500	% BMW FINAN NL 23/7/22/2030 MTN							
3.3750	(XS2625968347) 3	EUR	1100	1100		% 102.1970	1124167.00	0.22
3.8750	(DE000A3LT423)	EUR EUR	3 430 2 000	3 430 2 000		% 99.0360 % 103.9710	3 396 934.80 2 079 420.00	0.65 0.40
3.8750	% BNP Paribas 23/23 02 2029 MTN (FR001400G3A1)	EUR	2300			% 102.6240	2 360 352.00	0.45
4.0950		EUR	2 400	2 400		% 102.5560	2 461 344.00	0.47
4.0000	% Booking Holdings 22/15 11 2026 (XS2555218291)	EUR	2 400	_ 100		% 102.4110	2 457 864.00	0.47
4.1250	(XS2535216251).  % Booking Holdings 23/12 05 2033 (XS2621007660) 3			2.500				
1.7500	% BPCE 22/26 04 27 MTN (FR0014009YD9)	EUR EUR	2 500 1 300	2 500		% 105.1590 % 97.4230	2 628 975.00 1 266 499.00	0.51 0.24
3.5000 1.6250	% BPCE 23/25 01 2028 MTN (FR001400FB06) % Caixabank 22/13 04 26 MTN	EUR	2 600	500		% 101.5160	2 639 416.00	0.51
4.1250	(XS2468378059)	EUR	3 100	500		% 99.5730	3 086 763.00	0.59
3.7420	(XS2764459363)	EUR	2 500	2 500		% 103.6750	2 591 875.00	0.50
1.1250	MTN (XS2623668634)	EUR EUR	2 900 5 900	500		% 101.8010 % 97.1080	2 952 229.00 5 729 372.00	0.57 1.10
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1.0000	% Cellnex Finance Company 21/15 09 27 MTN (XS2385393405)	EUR	2 700	1300		% 95.2320	2 571 264.00	0.49
2.0000	% Cellnex Finance Company 21/15 09 32 MTN						2 371 204.00	
0.5000	(XS2385393587)	EUR EUR	2 000 4 300	2 000 1 000		% 90.1640 % 95.8770	1 803 280.00 4 122 711.00	0.35 0.79
1.8750	% CNH Industrial Finance Europe 18/19 01 26	EUK	4 300	1000		% 35.677U	4 122 / 11.00	0.79
4.8750	MTN (XS1823623878)	EUR	3 700	1000		% 98.9850	3 662 445.00	0.70
4.0730	(FR001400RIX8)	EUR	3 500	3 500		% 104.4220	3 654 770.00	0.70
1.7500	% Coca-Cola Europacific Partners 20/27 03 26 (XS2134245138)	EUR	3 100	500		% 99.0500	3 070 550.00	0.59
3.8220	% Cooperat Rabobank 24/26 07 2034 MTN							
4.6250	(XS2753315626)	EUR	1900	1900		% 103.0830	1958 577.00	0.38
	(XS2550081454)	EUR	3 000			% 103.4790	3 104 370.00	0.60
3.3750	% Crédit Agricole 22/28 07 2027 MTN (FR001400E7J5)	EUR	3 700	500		% 101.2650	3 746 805.00	0.72
2.1000	% Danaher20/30 09 26 (XS2147995299)	EUR	3 300	500		% 99.1650	3 272 445.00	0.63
4.0000	% Deutsche Bank 24/12 07 2028 MTN (DE000A383J95)	EUR	3 000	3 000		% 101.9250	3 057 750.00	0.59
1.2500	% Deutsche Börse 20/16 06 47							
1.5000	(DE000A289N78)	EUR	4 200	500		% 95.3030	4 002 726.00	0.77
	(DE000A3MQXZ2)	EUR	1000	1000		% 90.3700	903 700.00	0.17
1.8750	% Diageo Finance 20/27 03 27 MTN (XS2147889427)	EUR	3 400	500		% 98.4270	3 346 518.00	0.64
3.8750	% Digital Dutch Finco BV 24/13 09 2033	EUD	1540	1.540		0/ 100 0000	1 550 071 57	0.00
2.5000	(XS2898290916)	EUR	1543	1543		% 100.8990	1 556 871.57	0.30
4 5000	(XS1891174341)	EUR	3 800	1000		% 99.6440	3 786 472.00	0.73
4.5000	MTN (XS2652069480)	EUR	3 000	1000		% 103.8430	3 115 290.00	0.60
1.6250	% DNB Bank 22/31 05 2026 MTN (XS2486092492)	EUR	1375			% 99.4510	1367 451.25	0.26
3.3750	% DSV Finance 24/06 11 2032 MTN	LUK	1373				1307 431.23	
4 0000	(XS2932836211) % E.ON 23/29 08 2033 MTN (XS2673547746)	EUR EUR	3 000 4 800	3 000 4 800		% 101.1010 % 104.3170	3 033 030.00 5 007 216.00	0.58 0.96
6.3750	% ENEL 23 UND.MTM (XS2576550086)	EUR	2 000	1000		% 107.4440	2148 880.00	0.41
3.8750	% ENEL Finance International 24/23 01 2035 MTN (XS2751666699)	EUR	2 800	2800		% 101.7790	2 849 812.00	0.55
	% ENGIE 24/Und. S.** (FR001400QOK5)	EUR	5 300	5 300		% 103.7680	5 499 704.00	1.06
3.3750 3.2500	% ENI 20/Und. (XS2242931603)	EUR	2700	800	1000	% 97.1720	2 623 644.00	0.50
	(XS2941363553)	EUR	4 091	4 091		% 99.4510	4 068 540.41	0.78
3.0000	% Essity Capital 22/21 09 2026 MTN (XS2535484526)	EUR	3 300	500		% 100.4230	3 313 959.00	0.64
2.2500	% Evonik Industries 22/25 09 27 MTN (XS2485162163)	EUR	3 600	400		% 98.6640	3 551 904.00	0.68
1.2500	% GlaxoSmithKline Capital 18/21 05 26 MTN	LUK	3 000	400		76 30.0040	3 331 304.00	0.00
4 2500	(XS1822828122) % Goodman Australia Finance 24/03 05 2030	EUR	2 500			% 98.3560	2 458 900.00	0.47
	(XS2806377268)	EUR	4 450	4 450		% 104.8040	4 663 778.00	0.90
3.3750	% Heidelberg Materials 24/17 10 2031 MTN (XS2904554990) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	2 687	2 687		% 100.9550	2 712 660.85	0.52
2.8750	% Highland Holdings SARL 24/19 11 2027	EUD	0.400	2.402		0/ 100 1000	0.407.101.70	
1.5000	(XS2939370107) % Holcim Finance (Luxembourg) 22/06 04 25	EUR	2 483	2 483		% 100.1660	2 487 121.78	0.48
5.1250	(XS2463918313) <sup>3</sup>	EUR EUR	3 200	500 500		% 99.5980 % 106.1910	3 187 136.00	0.61 0.45
3.1250	% Huntamaki 23/24 11 2028 (F14000562202) % Iberdrola Finanzas 22/22 11 2028 MTN	EUK	2 200	500		% 106.1910	2 336 202.00	0.45
4 8750	(XS2558916693)	EUR	1800	500		% 101.2630	1822734.00	0.35
	(XS2580221658)	EUR	3 000	1000		% 103.3920	3 101 760.00	0.60
3.3750	% Iberdrola Finanzas 24/30 09 2035 MTN (XS2909822277)	EUR	2 200	2 200		% 99.0090	2 178 198.00	0.42
2.8750	% Infineon Technologies 19/Und.							
1.0000	(XS2056730323)	EUR EUR	1700 1600	500		% 99.7250 % 97.8740	1695 325.00 1565 984.00	0.33 0.30
4.8750	% ING Groep 22/14 11 2027 MTN (XS2554746185)	EUR	2 200			% 103.5130	2 277 286.00	0.44
4.0000	% ING Groep 24/12 02 2035 MTN							
3.6250	(XS2764264789)	EUR	3 000	3 000		% 102.9300	3 087 900.00	0.59
	(XS2804485915)	EUR	4 000	4 000		% 102.0350	4 081 400.00	0.78
3.8050	% Intesa Sanpaolo 23/16 11 2025 MTN (XS2719281227)	EUR	3 300	1500		% 100.4790	3 315 807.00	0.64

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0.3890	% JPMorgan Chase & Co. 20/24 02 28 MTN						
4.4570	(XS2123320033)	EUR	3 500		% 94.7200	3 315 200.00	0.64
4.3750	(XS2717291970)	EUR	1800	1200	% 106.5940	1 918 692.00	0.37
	(BE0002900810)	EUR	3 300	1000	% 102.7860	3 391 938.00	0.65
3.6250 3.5000	% Kering 23/05 09 2027 MTN (FR001400KHZ0) % Legrand 24/26 06 2034 (FR001400QQ30)	EUR EUR	4 200 4 400	1500 4400	% 101.8210 % 101.8810	4 276 482.00 4 482 764.00	0.82 0.86
3.6250	% Linde 23/12 06 2025 (XS2634593854) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 300	1000	% 100.2960	3 309 768.00	0.64
3.5000	% Linde 24/04 06 2034 MTN (XS2834282225) .	EUR	3 800	3 800	% 101.8940	3 871 972.00	0.74
3.5000 1.7500	<ul> <li>Lloyds Banking Group 24/06 11 2030 MTN (XS2868171229)</li> <li>London Stock Exchange Group 18/06 12 27</li> </ul>	EUR	4 417	4 417	% 101.0810	4 464 747.77	0.86
	MTN (XS1918000107)	EUR	2 000		% 97.2630	1945 260.00	0.37
4.2310	% LSEG Netherlands 23/29 09 2030 MTN (XS2679904685)	EUR	2 300	2 300	% 106.0460	2 439 058.00	0.47
4.7471	% Macquarie Group 23/23 01 2030 MTN	EUD	4.700	1000	0/ 100 0000	E 100 000 70	0.00
4.3750	(XS2723556572) % Mapfre 17/31 03 47 (ES0224244089)	EUR EUR	4 790 3 700	1600 800	% 106.9330 % 101.9000	5 122 090.70 3 770 300.00	0.98 0.72
4.3750	% Mediobanca - Banca Credito Fin.						
4 6250	23/0102 2030 MTN (XS2729836234)	EUR	2 640	500	% 104.7630	2 765 743.20	0.53
1.1250	22/07 02 2029 MTN (XS2563002653)	EUR	2720		% 104.7820	2 850 070.40	0.55
1.1230	(DE000A2YPFU9)	EUR	3 000	3 000	% 87.6260	2 628 780.00	0.51
2.6250	% Mercedes-Benz Int. Finance 20/07 04 25	FUD	1200		% 99.9110	1100 022 00	0.22
3.8750	MTN (DE000A289RN6)	EUR EUR	1200 4200	4 200	% 99.9110 % 100.8540	1 198 932.00 4 235 868.00	0.23 0.81
	% MetLife Global Funding I 23/05 04 2028						
3.6250	MTN (XS2606297864)	EUR	1500	1500	% 103.8080	1 557 120.00	0.30
1.7500	MTN (XS2792184421)	EUR	2 000	2 000	% 102.3330	2 046 660.00	0.39
3.5560	22/25 05 2025 MTN (XS2484586669)	EUR	2 900		% 99.5390	2 886 631.00	0.55
	24/05 09 2032 MTN (XS2892386462)	EUR	4 000	4 000	% 101.2280	4 049 120.00	0.78
4.1570	% Mizuho Financial Group 23/20 05 2028 MTN (XS2589712996)	EUR	4 200	1000	% 103.6260	4 352 292.00	0.84
	% Molson Coors Brewing 24/15 06 2032 (XS2829203012)	EUR	4 477	4 477	% 102.1600	4 573 703.20	0.88
2.1030	% Morgan Stanley 22/08 05 26 (XS2446386356)	EUR	2 900		% 99.7030	2 891 387.00	0.56
	% Morgan Stanley 23/02 03 2029 (XS2595028536)	EUR	1500	1500	% 104.8960	1573 440.00	0.30
	% Municher Rückversicherung 24/26 05 2044 (XS2817890077)	EUR	5 500	5 500	% 102.9130	5 660 215.00	1.09
	% Nationwide Building Society 22/28 04 27 (XS2473346299) 3	EUR	3 400		% 98.3780	3 344 852.00	0.64
	% NatWest Markets 22/27 08 25 MTN (XS2485553866)	EUR	2 500		% 99.5660	2 489 150.00	0.48
3.6250	% Natwest Markets 24/09 01 2029 MTN (XS2745115837)	EUR	2 300	2 300	% 102.6770	2 361 571.00	0.45
1.1250	% Nordea Bank 22/16 02 27 MTN (XS2443893255)	EUR	3 000		% 96.5200	2 895 600.00	0.56
2.8750	% Nordea Bank 22/24 08 2032 MTN (XS2524740649)	EUR	3 000	3 000	% 97.4490	2 923 470.00	0.56
	% Nykredit Realkredit 20/20 01 27 MTN (DK0009526998)	EUR	3 800	500	% 95.7860	3 639 868.00	0.70
1.8500	% Ontario Teachers Finance Tst 22/03 05 32 Regs (XS2475513953)	EUR	8 100	7 100	% 92.2680	7 473 708.00	1.44
1.2500 1.1250	% Orange 20/07 07 27 MTN (FR0013506292) % Pernod-Ricard 20/07 04 25	EUR	3 400	500	% 96.7860	3 290 724.00	0.63
0.3750	(FR0013506524) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 500	1000	% 99.4700	3 481 450.00	0.67
1.5390	(XS2112475509) % Prosus 20/03 08 28 Reg S (XS2211183244) % Raiffeisen Switzerland 23/03 11 2028 MTN	EUR EUR	3 500 4 500	1500 1800	% 92.7670 % 93.4290	3 246 845.00 4 204 305.00	0.62 0.81
3.8520	(CH1251998238) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 400		% 105.9290	3 601 586.00	0.69
	24/03 09 2032 (CH1353015048)	EUR	1500	1500	% 101.8860	1528 290.00	0.29
	(XS2494945939)	EUR	3 300	500	% 102.0630	3 368 079.00	0.65
2.1250	(XS2186001314)	EUR	3 100		% 101.6950	3 152 545.00	0.61
	(XS2472603740) <sup>3</sup> % SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN (XS2441055998) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	4 300	800	% 96.8400 % 95.5520	4 164 120.00	0.80
0.5000	10 SEAD 22/U0 U2 2/ MITN (XS2441U55998) 0	EUR	1000		% 95.5520	955 520.00	0.18

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4.8750	% SBAB 23/26 06 2026 MTN (XS2641720987)	EUR	3 300	1300		% 100.7630	3 325 179.00	0.64
1.3750	% Schlumberger Finance 20/28 10 26 (XS2166754957)	EUR	3 300	500		% 97.6820	3 223 506.00	0.62
1.0000	(FR0013506862)	EUR	3 400	500		% 96.5400	3 282 360.00	0.63
2.3750	MTN (XS2894895684)	EUR EUR	5 000 4 200	5 000 1 000		% 100.2090 % 98.5470	5 010 450.00 4 138 974.00	0.96 0.80
3.2500	% Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 22/24 11 2025 MTN (XS2558953621)	EUR	3 200	500		% 100.4910	3 215 712.00	0.62
	% Societe Generale 20/22 09 28 MTN (FR0013536661)	EUR	4 300	500		% 93.9350	4 039 205.00	0.78
5.3750	% SoftBank Group 24/08 01 2029 (XS2854423386)	EUR EUR	2383	2 383 4 800		% 103.7620 % 102.9890	2 472 648.46	0.48
4.2500 2.5000	% Standard Chartered 20/09 09 30 MTN (XS2183818637)	EUR	4 800 4 200	1300		% 102.9890 % 99.3750	4 943 472.00 4 173 750.00	0.95
4.1960	% Standard Chartered 24/04 03 2032 (XS2744121273)	EUR	1640	1640		% 103.5030	1697 449.20	0.33
3.1250 1.5460	% Statkraft 23/13 12 2031 MTN (XS2726853554) % Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group 16/15 06 26	EUR	4 950	1900		% 100.1460	4 957 227.00	0.95
3.7500	(XS1426022536)	EUR	3 300	500		% 98.2800	3 243 240.00	0.62
3.7500	(XS2551280436)	EUR	3 800	500		% 102.8430	3 908 034.00	0.75
3.3750 3.5000	(XS2555192710)	EUR EUR	2 500 2 621	2 621		% 100.8880 % 102.0560	2 522 200.00 2 674 887.76	0.48 0.51
	(XS2827696035)	EUR	4 927	4 927		% 102.6180	5 055 988.86	0.97
0.1250	(XS1843449122) % Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale 19/25 07 25	EUR	3 100	500		% 99.2510	3 076 781.00	0.59
3.6250	MTN (XS2033351995) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1300			% 98.5410	1281033.00	0.25
2.5510	MTN (XS2607193435)	EUR EUR	3 400 4 300	1400 1000		% 102.4510 % 99.1960	3 483 334.00 4 265 428.00	0.67
1.9520	% Toronto-Dominion Bank 22/08 04 30 MTN (XS2466350993)	EUR	2 000	2 000		% 93.7600	1875 200.00	0.82
4.5000 0.0640	% TotalEnergies 24/und (XS2937308737) % Toyota Finance Australia 22/13 01 25 MTN	EUR	3 553	3 553		% 101.9060	3 620 720.18	0.70
3.1250	(XS2430285077)	EUR	2 700			% 99.9060	2 697 462.00	0.52
2.7500	24/11 07 2029 MTN (XS2744121943)	EUR	2 700	2 700		% 100.5160	2713932.00	0.52
4.3750 4.1250	(CH1194000340)	EUR EUR	3 300 1 000	1000		% 99.8370 % 105.1840	3 294 621.00 1 051 840.00	0.63 0.20
0.3250	MTN (FR001400MLN4)	EUR EUR	4 000 1 900	1000 1000	2 000	% 103.5310 % 97.6410	4 141 240.00 1 855 179.00	0.80 0.36
	% UNICREDIT 24/05 03 2034 MTN (IT0005585051) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	5 000	5 000		% 102.9220	5 146 100.00	0.99
5.8750	% Valéo 23/12 04 2029 MTN (FR001400L9Q7) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 900	1000		% 106.7450	4 163 055.00	0.80
	% Veolia Environnement 17/03 04 25 MTN (FR0013248507)	EUR	3 400	1000		% 99.4760	3 382 184.00	0.65
3.5710	<ul> <li>Veolia Environnement 24/09 09 2034 MTN (FR001400SG71)</li></ul>	EUR	2 000	2 000		% 100.3260	2 006 520.00	0.39
	(XS1146286205)	EUR EUR	5 000 3 000	5 000 500		% 96.6200 % 98.8180	4 831 000.00 2 964 540.00	0.93 0.57
1.1250	% Vodafone Group 17/20 11 25 MTN (XS1721423462) <sup>3</sup>	EUR	3 200	500		% 98.7630	3 160 416.00	0.61
2.6250	% Volvo Treasury 22/20 02 2026 MTN (XS2534276717)	EUR	2 200			% 99.9280	2 198 416.00	0.42
2.3750 1.3750	% Vonovia 22/25 03 32 MTN (DE000A3MQS72) % Vonovia 22/28 01 26 MTN (DE000A3MQS56)	EUR EUR	1200 3200	1200		% 92.3390 % 98.5000	1108 068.00 3152 000.00	0.21 0.61
4.2500	% Vonovia 24/10 04 2034 MTN (DE000A3829J7)	EUR	1400	1400		% 102.8520	1439 928.00	0.28
3.7030	(XS2575952853)	EUR	3 000	500		% 101.0510	3 031 530.00	0.58
Total se	curities portfolio						504 832 613.79	97.00

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ Sales/ additions disposals in the reporting period		Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
<b>Derivatives</b> Minus signs denote short positions							
Interest rate derivatives (Receivables/payables)						-757 120.00	-0.15
Interest rate futures							
EURO-BUND MAR 25 (EURX). EURO-SCHATZ MAR 25 (EURX).	EUR EUR	12 200 58 100				-478 240.00 -278 880.00	-0.09 -0.05
Cash at bank						9 655 639.34	1.86
Demand deposits at Depositary							
EUR deposits	EUR EUR	1302 860.96 160.35		% %	100 100	1 302 860.96 160.35	0.25 0.00
Deposits in non-EU/EEA currencies							
Australian dollar. British pound U.S. dollar	AUD GBP USD	945.97 3.24 2 138.74		% % %	100 100 100	564.34 3.91 2 049.78	0.00 0.00 0.00
Time deposits							
EUR deposits (DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral- Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt/Main)	EUR	8 350 000.00		%	100	8 350 000.00	1.60
Other assets						7 229 202.81	1.39
Interest receivable	EUR EUR	7 223 774.25 5 428.56		% %	100 100	7 223 774.25 5 428.56	1.39 0.00
Receivables from share certificate transactions	EUR	109 974.91		%	100	109 974.91	0.02
Total assets 1						521 827 430.85	100.27
Other liabilities						-594 336.60	-0.11
Liabilities from cost items	EUR EUR	-528 372.65 -65 963.95		% %	100 100	-528 372.65 -65 963.95	-0.10 -0.01
Liabilities from share certificate transactions	EUR	-32 333.59		%	100	-32 333.59	-0.01
Net assets						520 443 640.66	100.00
Net asset value per share and number of shares outstanding	Count/ currency					Net asset valu in the respecti	
Net asset value per share Class SD Class LC Class LD Class LDB Class LDB Class WAMC. Class WAMD.	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR					10 322.00 106.61 104.89 102.44 106.56 104.84	
Number of shares outstanding Class SD Class LC Class LD Class LDB Class WAMC. Class WAMD.	Count Count Count Count Count Count					13 195.199 2 450 966.711 522 331.000 657 658.060 7 357.991 100.000	

 $\label{thm:local_problem} \mbox{Negligible rounding errors may have arisen due to the rounding of calculated percentages.}$ 

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.

### The following risk management disclosures (other information) are unaudited and are not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report.

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

58% Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Index, 26% JP Morgan EMU Government Bond 1-10 Year Index, 10% iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index, 3% JP Morgan GBI US 1-10 Yrs Index in USD, 3% FTSE Euro Short ESTR Rate

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

Lowest market risk exposure	%	76.446
Highest market risk exposure	%	104.795
Average market risk exposure	%	95.345

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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. The risk in a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives is used as the measurement benchmark. Market 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 <u>relative value-at-risk approach</u> as defined in CSSF circular 11/512.

In the reporting period, the average leverage effect from the use of derivatives was 0.2, 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 70 088 625.00 as of the reporting date.

### **Securities loans**

The following securities were transferred under securities loans at the reporting date:

Security nam	ne	Quantity/ principal amo (- / '000)	unt	Fixed maturity	Securities loans Total market value in EUR No fixed maturity	Total
3.2500 %	% ABB Finance 23/16 01 2027 MTN	EUR	500		507 305.00	
	% Abertis Infraestructuras 19/15 07 25 MTN	EUR	500		493 630.00	
4.1250 %	6 Banque Fédérative Crédit Mut. 23/14 06 2033					
	MTN	EUR	1200		1263 504.00	
	% BMW FINAN NL 23/7/22/2030 MTN	EUR	1000		1 021 970.00	
	6 Booking Holdings 23/12 05 2033	EUR	900		946 431.00	
	% Heidelberg Materials 24/17 10 2031 MTN	EUR	1400		1 413 370.00	
1.5000 %	6 Holcim Finance (Luxembourg) 22/06 04 25	EUR	500		497 990.00	
3.6250 %	6 Linde 23/12 06 2025	EUR	2 100		2 106 216.00	
2.0000 %	6 Nationwide Building Society 22/28 04 27	EUR	3 300		3 246 474.00	
1.1250 %	6 Pernod-Ricard 20/07 04 25	EUR	1500		1492050.00	
4.8400 %	6 Raiffeisen Switzerland 23/03 11 2028 MTN	EUR	1700		1800793.00	
2.1250 %	6 Royal Bank of Canada 22/26 04 29 MTN	EUR	1000		968 400.00	
	6 SBAB 22/08 02 27 MTN	EUR	900		859 968.00	
	6 Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale 19/25 07 25					
	MTN	EUR	500		492 705.00	
4.0000 %	6 UNICREDIT 24/05 03 2034 MTN	EUR	1000		1029 220.00	
	% Valéo 23/12 04 2029 MTN	EUR	2 600		2 775 370.00	
	% Vodafone Group 17/20 11 25 MTN	EUR	500		493 815.00	
Total recei	ivables from securities loans				21 409 211.00	21 409 211.00

### Contracting parties for securities loans:

Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin; Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/Main; Goldman Sachs AG, Frankfurt/Main; UniCredit Bank AG, Munich; J.P. Morgan SE, Frankfurt/Main; Zürcher Kantonalbank, Zurich

Total collateral pledged by third parties for securities loans	EUR	24 179 721.46
thereof:		
Cash at bank	EUR	2 329 499.49
Bonds	EUR	16 677 683.01
Equities	EUR	5 172 538.96

### Market abbreviations

### Futures exchanges

EURX = Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zurich)

### Exchange rates (indirect quotes)

As of December 30, 2024

Australian dollar	AUD	1.676250	=	EUR	1
British pound	GBP	0.829600	=	EUR	1
U.S. dollar	USD	1.043400	=	EUR	1

#### Notes on valuation

Under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the SICAV, the Management Company determines the net asset values per share 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 Board of Directors of the SICAV on the basis of the legal and regulatory requirements or the principles for valuation methods defined in the SICAV's 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.

Investments reported in this report are not valued at derived market values.

### Footnotes

- Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.
- These securities are completely or partly lent as securities loans.

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

for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Tor the period from Sundary 1, 2021, through December 61, 20	_ '	
I. Income		
Interest from securities (before withholding tax)     Interest from investments of liquid assets	EUR	13 632 530.18
(before withholding tax)	EUR	176 251.61
and repurchase agreements	EUR	52 790.04
Deduction for foreign withholding tax <sup>1</sup> Other income	EUR EUR	20 264.20 684 941.51
Total income	EUR	14 566 777.54
II. Expenses		
1. Interest on borrowings and negative interest		
on deposits and similar expenses	EUR	-2 952.35
Commitment fees	EUR	-6 233 647.23
All-in fee.   EUR-6 233 647.23	EUR	-279 268.67
Total expenses	EUR	-6 515 868.25
III. Net investment income	EUR	8 050 909.29
IV. Sale transactions		
Realized gains.     Realized losses.	EUR EUR	3 209 083.70 -1 989 759.24
Capital gains/losses	EUR	1 219 324.46
V. Realized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	9 270 233.75
Net change in unrealized appreciation	FUR	7 639 308.66
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	-984732.36
VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	6 654 576.30
VII. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	15 924 810.05

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 SD 1.05% p.a., Class LD 1.37% p.a., Class LD 1.37% p.a., Class LDB 1.37% p.a., Class WAMC 0.37% p.a., Class WAMD 0.37% 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 share class for a given fiscal year.

As well, the additional income from securities lending resulted in a performance-based fee of

Class SD 0.003%, Class LC 0.003%, Class LD 0.003%, Class UDB 0.003%, Class WAMC 0.003%, Class WAMD 0.000%

of the fund's average net assets in relation to the respective share class.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 8 495.60.

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.

<sup>1</sup> Includes corrections for the previous year in the amount of EUR 6 186.19.

### 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	331 654 234.21
1. Distribution for the previous year	EUR	-2 747 163.82
2. Interim distribution(s)	EUR	-519 343.99
3. Net inflows	EUR	176 830 742.78
a) Inflows from subscriptions	EUR	203 236 249.70
b) Outflows from redemptions	EUR	-26 405 506.92
4. Income adjustment	EUR	-699 638.57
5. Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	EUR	15 924 810.05
thereof:		
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	7 639 308.66
Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	-984732.36
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end		

of the fiscal year ...... EUR 520 443 640.66

### Summary of gains/losses

Realized gains (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	3 209 083.70
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR EUR	1 595 558.33 1 613 156.04 369.33
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	-1 989 759.24
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR EUR	-173 639.77 -1 816 092.74 -26.73
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	EUR	6 654 576.30
from: Securities transactions Financial futures transactions	EUR EUR	7 634 396.30 -979 820.00

#### Details on the distribution policy\* Class SD Type As of Currency Per share Final distribution March 7, 2025 EUR 184.92 Class LC The income for the fiscal year is reinvested. Class LD Туре As of Currency Per share Final distribution March 7, 2025 EUR 1.87 Class LDB Туре As of Currency Per share Final distribution March 7, 2025 EUR 0.80 The remaining net income for the fiscal year is reinvested. Class WAMC The income for the fiscal year is reinvested. Class WAMD Currency Per share Final distribution March 7, 2025 EUR 2.57

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

Net assets at the end of the fiscal year				
2023		EUR EUR EUR	520 443 640.66 331 654 234.21 54 913 801.46	
Net asset	t value per share at the end of the fiscal year			
2024	Class SD. Class LC. Class LD. Class LDB Class WAMC Class WAMD Class UDB (Date of first pricing on January 31, 2024)	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR	10 322.00 106.61 104.89 102.44 106.56 104.84	
2023	Class SD. Class LC. Class LD. Class LDB Class WAMC. Class WAMD.	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR	10 143.53 10 3.40 103.40 102.33 102.33	
2022	Class SD.  Class LC.  Class LD.  Class LDB  Class WAMC.  Class WAMD.	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR	9 835.09 - - - - -	

### 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 6.84% of all transactions. The total volume was EUR 22 545 099.63.

<sup>\*</sup> Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

# Annual report DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

## Investment objective and performance in the reporting period

The sub-fund DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) invests at least 60% of its assets in equities. Stock picking takes place according to an approach whereby the management identifies companies considered to have good prospects and adds them to the portfolio irrespective of what sector they belong to. Up to 40% of the subfund's assets may be invested in non-equity investments.

In the shortened fiscal year from the beginning of January 2024 through December 3, 2024, the sub-fund recorded an appreciation of 4.8% per share (BVI method; in euro).

### Investment policy in the reporting period

The portfolio management considered the main investment risks to be, in particular, the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as the uncertainties regarding the future monetary policies of central banks, on the one hand, and signs of an emerging recession on the other.

On the reporting date, the fund held a cash position only.

The capital market environment in the 2024 fiscal year was challenging, especially due to geopolitical crises like the Russia-Ukraine war that has been ongoing since February 24, 2022, the escalating conflict in the Middle East and the intensifying power struggle between the United States and China. However, inflationary pressure did ease over the course of the fiscal

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

Performance at a glance

ISIN
Since the beginning
of the shortened fiscal year

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4.8%

"BVI method" performance, i.e., excluding the initial sales charge. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

As of: November 29, 2024 (liquidation date)
Data on euro basis

year. Against this backdrop, the majority of central banks ended the previous rate hiking cycle. As of June 6, 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut the key interest rate in four steps from 4.00% p.a. to 3.00% p.a. (deposit facility) through the end of December 2024, with the U.S. Federal Reserve following suit in mid-September 2024 by reducing its key interest rates by one percentage point in three steps to a target range of 4.25% p.a. – 4.50% p.a. by the end of 2024.

### Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

## Information on the environmental and/or social characteristics

This financial product qualified as a product in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures 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 disclosures are made for the financial product in accordance with Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector: The portfolio management did not consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, because (as stated above) no ESG and/or sustainable investment policies were pursued with the product.

Further details are set out in the current sales prospectus.

## Liquidation statements DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

### Statement of net assets as of December 3, 2024

	Amount in EUR	% of net assets
I. Assets		
1. Cash at bank	31 951 643.56	99.89
2. Other assets	35 003.91	0.11
II. Net assets	31 986 647.47	100.00

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

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

### Investment portfolio - December 3, 2024

Security name	Count/ currency (- / '000)	Quantity/ principal amount	Purchases/ additions in the reporting	Sales/ disposals g period		Market price	Total market value in EUR	% of net assets
Cash at bank							31 951 643.56	99.89
Demand deposits at Depositary EUR deposits	EUR	31 949 748.59			%	100	31 949 748.59	99.88
Deposits in non-EU/EEA currencies U.S. dollar	USD	1993.60			%	100	1894.97	0.01
Other assets							35 003.91	0.11
Dividends/Distributions receivable	EUR EUR	1 894.97 33 108.94			% %	100 100	1 894.97 33 108.94	0.01 0.10
Total assets <sup>1</sup>							31 986 647.47	100.00
Net assets							31 986 647.47	100.00
Net asset value per share							13 822.55	
Number of shares outstanding							2 314.091	

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.

### The following risk management disclosures (other information) are unaudited and are not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report.

 $\textbf{Composition of the reference portfolio} \ (\text{according to CSSF circular 11/512})$ 

45% MSCI Europe Mid Cap Net TR Index in EUR, 20% Deutsche Borse SDAX Performance TR Index, 20% MDAX (performance index), 15% S&P 500 in EUR

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

Lowest market risk exposure	%	0.003
Highest market risk exposure	%	146.806
Average market risk exposure	%	119.356

The values-at-risk were calculated for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 3, 2024, 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. The risk in a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives is used as the measurement benchmark. Market 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 3, 2024

U.S. dollar . . . . . . . . . . USD 1.052050 = EUR 1

### Notes on valuation

Against the backdrop of the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors to put the sub-fund into liquidation effective December 3, 2004, the going-concern basis was relinquished and the financial statements were prepared on the basis of liquidation values.

Under the responsibility of the Board of Directors, the Management Company determines the net asset values per share and performs the valuation of the assets of the fund.

The management fee / all-in fee rates in effect as of the reporting date for the investment fund units held in the securities portfolio are shown in parentheses. A plus sign means that a performance-based fee may also be charged. As the fund held units of other investment funds (target funds) in the reporting period, further costs, charges and fees may have been incurred at the level of these individual target funds.

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

#### Notes on swing pricing

Swing pricing is a mechanism that is intended to protect shareholders from the negative effects of trading costs arising from subscription and redemption activities. Extensive subscriptions and redemptions within a (sub-)fund may lead to a dilution of the assets of this (sub-)fund, as the net asset value sometimes does not reflect all trading and other costs that are incurred when the portfolio manager must buy or sell securities in order to manage large (net) inflows or outflows in the (sub-)fund. In addition to these costs, substantial order volumes may lead to market prices that are considerably below or above the market prices that apply under normal circumstances.

To enhance the investor protection of existing shareholders, a swing pricing mechanism can be applied to compensate for trading costs and other expenses if the aforementioned cumulative (net) inflows or outflows should have a material impact on the (sub-)fund on a valuation date and exceed a predetermined threshold (partial swing pricing). This mechanism can be applied across all (sub-)funds. If swing pricing is introduced for a particular (sub-)fund, this will be disclosed in the special section of the sales prospectus.

The Management Company of the (sub-)fund will predefine thresholds for the application of the swing pricing mechanism, based, among other things, on current market conditions, available market liquidity and estimated dilution costs. In accordance with these thresholds, the adjustment itself will be initiated automatically.

If the (net) inflows or outflows exceed the swing threshold, the net asset value is revised upward if the (sub-)fund sees large net inflows and is revised downward in the event of large net

If the (net) inflows or outflows exceed the swing threshold, the net asset value is revised upward if the (sub-)fund sees large net inflows and is revised downward in the event of large net outflows. This adjustment is applied uniformly to all subscriptions and redemptions for the trading day in question. If a performance-based fee applies for the (sub-)fund, the calculation is based on the original net asset value.

The Management Company has established a swing pricing committee that determines the swing factors for each individual (sub-)fund. These swing factors indicate the extent of the net asset value adjustment. The swing pricing committee takes into account the following factors in particular:

- bid-ask spread (fixed-price element),
- impacts on the market (impacts of the transactions on the price),
- additional costs that are incurred as a result of trading activities for the investments.

The appropriateness of the applied swing factors, the operational decisions made in connection with swing pricing (including the swing threshold), the extent of the adjustment, and the affected (sub-)funds are reviewed at regular intervals.

The amount of the swing pricing adjustment can therefore vary from one (sub-)fund to another and will not generally exceed 2% of the original net asset value per share.

The net asset value adjustment is available upon request from the Management Company. In a market environment with extreme illiquidity, the Management Company can, however, increase the swing price adjustment to more than 2% of the original net asset value. Such an increase will be announced on the Management Company's website: www.dws.com.

As the mechanism should only be applied if significant (net) inflows or outflows are expected and it does not apply for normal trading volumes, it is assumed that the net asset value will only be adjusted occasionally.

This (sub-)fund can apply swing pricing but has not done so in the reporting period, as its (net) inflows and outflows did not exceed the relevant threshold previously defined.

### Footnotes

Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist.

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

Statement of income and expenses (incl	. income a	djustment)
for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 3, 20	024	
I. Income		
Dividends (before withholding tax)	EUR	280 720.31
(before withholding tax)	EUR	40 773.03
Income from investment certificates	EUR EUR	2 396.00 -43 450.03
5. Other income	EUR	6 520.79
Total income	EUR	286 960.10
II. Expenses		
Interest on borrowings and negative interest		
on deposits and similar expenses	EUR	-204.65
thereof: Commitment fees EUR -202.79		
2. Management fee	EUR	-336 603.12
thereof:		
All-in fee EUR -336 603.12	EUR	-19 552.66
3. Other expenses	EUK	-13 332.00
Legal and consulting expenses EUR -6 830.91		
Taxe d'abonnement EUR -12 721.75		
Total expenses	EUR	-356 360.43
III. Net investment income	EUR	-69 400.33
IV. Sale transactions		
1. Realized gains	EUR	13 434 882.26
2. Realized losses	EUR	-10 871 206.46
Capital gains/losses	EUR	2 563 675.80
V. Realized net gain/loss for the shortened fiscal year	EUR	2 494 275.47
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	-9 382 922.73
2. Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	8 457 706.14
VI. Unrealized net gain/loss for the shortened fiscal year	EUR	-925 216.59
VII. Net gain/loss for the shortened fiscal year	EUR	1 569 058.88

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 shortened 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.

### BVI total expense ratio (TER)

The total expense ratio was 1.16% 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 for a given fiscal year.

### Transaction costs

The transaction costs paid in the reporting period amounted to EUR 30 758.02.

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

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

I. Value of the fund's net assets at the beginning of the shortened fiscal year	EUR	33 731 536.41
of the shortened fiscal year	EUK	33 /31 330.41
1. Distribution for the previous year	EUR	-509 180.05
2. Net inflows	EUR	-2 877 639.54
a) Inflows from subscriptions	EUR	31 417.95
b) Outflows from redemptions	EUR	-2 909 057.49
3. Income adjustment	EUR	72 871.77
4. Net gain/loss for the shortened fiscal year	EUR	1569 058.88
thereof:		
Net change in unrealized appreciation	EUR	-9 382 922.73
Net change in unrealized depreciation	EUR	8 457 706.14
II. Value of the fund's net assets at the end		
of the shortened fiscal year	EUR	31 986 647.47

Summary of gains/losses		
Realized gains (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	13 434 882.26
from: Securities transactions	EUR EUR	13 362 574.32 72 307.94
Realized losses (incl. income adjustment)	EUR	-10 871 206.46
from: Securities transactions	EUR EUR	-10 858 286.45 -12 920.01
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	EUR	-925 216.59
from: Securities transactions (Forward) currency transactions	EUR EUR	-925 220.44 3.85

### Details on the distribution policy\*

The income for the shortened fiscal year is reinvested.

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

	Net assets at the end of the (shortened) fiscal year EUR	Net asset value per share EUR
December 3, 2024 (liquidation date)	31 986 647.47 33 731 536.41 42 859 138.76	13 822.55 13 377.59 12 563.19

### 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Additional information is provided in the sales prospectus.

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat SICAV – December 31, 2024

Portfolio composition (in EUR)			
	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat SICAV Consolidated	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) <sup>2</sup>	DB ESG Growth
Securities portfolio	841 662 543.86	-	57 119 411.51
Interest rate derivatives	- 1 243 200.00	-	- 35 280.00
Currency derivatives	19 072.72	-	-
Cash at bank	12 169 578.30	-	562 872.85
Other assets	9 212 055.69	-	204 006.29
Receivables from share certificate transactions	109 974.91	-	-
Total assets <sup>1</sup>	863 173 225.48	-	57 886 290.65
Loan liabilities	- 25 029.74	-	-
Other liabilities	- 888 202.38	-	- 55 306.82
Liabilities from share certificate transactions	- 32 333.59	-	-
= Net assets	860 984 459.77	-	57 795 703.83

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Does not include positions with a negative balance, if such exist. <sup>2</sup> The sub-fund DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) was liquidated effective December 3, 2024.

	DD Vormögenefer de	DB Warm a gangfan	DB ESG Growth
	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat SICAV Consolidated	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) <sup>2</sup>	DB ESG Growth
Dividends (before withholding tax)	3 268 606.60	280 720.31	719 868.50
Interest from securities (before withholding tax)	17 225 137.36	-	337 248.32
Interest from investments of liquid assets (before withholding tax)	424 910.08	40 773.03	56 878.18
Income from investment certificates	737 598.60	2 396.00	92 035.31
Income from securities loans and repurchase agreements	109 721.19	-	9 294.84
Deduction for foreign withholding tax	- 326 047.03	- 43 450.03	- 73 006.32
Other income	795 683.92	6 520.79	6 614.02
= Total income	22 235 610.72	286 960.10	1148 932.85
Interest on borrowings and negative interest on deposits and			
similar expenses	- 8 278.89	- 204.65	- 387.84
Management fee	- 9 413 205.92	- 336 603.12	- 544 630.33
Other expenses	- 487 677.54	- 19 552.66	- 34 153.51
= Total expenses	- 9 909 162.35	- 356 360.43	- 579 171.68
= Net investment income	12 326 448.37	- 69 400.33	569 761.17

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DB ESG Balanced	DB ESG Conservative	DB ESG Fixed Income
173 423 481.46	106 287 037.10	504 832 613.79
- 246 960.00	- 203 840.00	- 757 120.00
11 838.24	7 234.48	-
816 712.99	1134 353.12	9 655 639.34
951 637.12	827 209.47	7 229 202.81
-	-	109 974.91
175 203 669.81	108 255 834.17	521 827 430.85
- 25 029.74	-	-
- 152 608.56	- 85 950.40	- 594 336.60
-	-	- 32 333.59
174 779 071.51	107 966 043.77	520 443 640.66

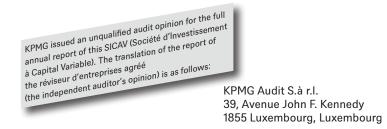
DB ESG Balanced	DB ESG Conservative	DB ESG Fixed Income
1 630 106.46	637 911.33	-
1738 912.63	1 516 446.23	13 632 530.18
87 824.73	63 182.53	176 251.61
363 115.27	280 052.02	-
29 827.35	17 808.96	52 790.04
- 165 659.81	- 64 195.07	20 264.20
64 918.69	32 688.91	684 941.51
3 749 045.32	2 483 894.91	14 566 777.54
- 1 031.80	- 3 702.25	- 2 952.35
- 1 476 845.94	- 821 479.30	- 6 233 647.23
- 96 427.12	- 58 275.58	- 279 268.67
- 1574 304.86	- 883 457.13	- 6 515 868.25
2 174 740.46	1 600 437.78	8 050 909,29

### DB Vermögensfondsmandat SICAV – December 31, 2024

	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat SICAV Consolidated	DB Vermögensfonds- mandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) <sup>2,3</sup>	DB ESG Growth
Value of the fund's net assets at the beginning of the fiscal year	700 814 725.55	33 731 536.41	52 014 205.82
Distribution for the previous year	- 8 566 364.57	- 509 180.05	- 801 014.46
Interim distribution(s)	- 519 343.99	-	-
Net inflows	123 244 245.51	- 34 864 287.01	572 888.08
Income adjustment	- 521101.46	72 871.77	- 108 648.64
Net gain/loss for the fiscal year	46 532 298.73	1 569 058.88	6 118 273.03
thereof:			
Net change in unrealized appreciation	11 067 196.25	- 9 382 922.73	3 562 578.83
Net change in unrealized depreciation	11 715 703.77	8 457 706.14	428 508.80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The sub-fund DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation) was liquidated effective December 3, 2024. <sup>3</sup> Includes the distribution of the liquidation proceeds based on the redemption of shares with the value date December 3, 2024, in the amount of EUR 31986 647.47.

DB ESG Balanced	DB ESG Conservative	DB ESG Fixed Income
174 967 278.93	108 447 470.18	331 654 234.21
- 2768 609.30	- 1740 396.94	- 2 747 163.82
-	-	- 519 343.99
- 13 257 381.75	- 6 037 716.59	176 830 742.78
144 102.92	70 211.06	- 699 638.57
15 693 680.71	7 226 476.06	15 924 810.05
7 348 541.65	1899689.84	7 639 308.66
2 110 045.63	1704175.56	- 984 732.36
174 779 071.51	107 966 043.77	520 443 640.66



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### REPORT OF THE RÉVISEUR D'ENTREPRISES AGRÉÉ

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

### **Audit opinion**

We have audited the annual financial statements of DB Vermögensfondsmandat, SICAV and its respective subfunds ("the Fund"), which comprise the statement of net assets, including the statement of investments in the securities portfolio and other net assets as of December 31, 2024, the statement of income and expenses and the statement of changes in net assets for the Fund for the fiscal year ended on that date, as well as notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of DB Vermögensfondsmandat, SICAV and its respective sub-funds as of December 31, 2024, 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 accordance with the Law of July 23, 2016, on the audit profession ("Law of July 23, 2016") and with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as adopted for Luxembourg by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF"). Our responsibilities under the Law of July 23, 2016, and the ISAs as adopted in Luxembourg by the CSSF are further described in the "Responsibilities of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé for the audit of the financial statements" section. We are also independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards, ("IESBA Code") as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Other information

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our report of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé thereon.

Our audit opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the financial statements

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors of the Fund determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for assessing the ability of the Fund and of its respective sub-funds to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors of the Fund intends either to liquidate the Fund or close any of its individual sub-funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Responsibilities of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé for the audit of the financial statements

The objective of our audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a report of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Law of July 23, 2016, and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Law of July 23, 2016, and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

### We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors of the Fund.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use by the Board of Directors of the Fund of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Fund or of any of its individual sub-funds to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the report of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the report of the réviseur d'entreprises agréé. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund or any of its individual sub-funds to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Luxembourg, April 4, 2025

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

Jan Jansen

Other information – Not covered by the audit opinion on the annual report

# Supplementary information

## Fees and investments of the members of the Board of Directors

### Fees and investments of the members of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Upon the approval of the shareholders at the general meeting of the company on April 15, 2024, the annual remuneration of the independent member of the Board of Directors based on the number of sub-funds of the company at the end of the fiscal year was approved. The independent member of the Board of Directors, who was also the chair, received EUR 12 500 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The external member of the Board of Directors received EUR 5 000 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

The remuneration of the independent members of the Board of Directors is paid by the Management Company.

To clarify: Non-independent members of the Board of Directors do not receive remuneration for their function as members of the Board of Directors or other contributions in kind from the company or the Management Company.

### Fees and investments of the members of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

The general meeting of the shareholders of the company, which is to take place on April 15, 2025, will approve the annual remuneration for the independent and the external member of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The amount earmarked for the independent member of the Board of Directors, who was also the chair until November 12, 2024, is EUR 12 500 and is based on the number of sub-funds at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The amount earmarked for the external member of the Board of Directors is EUR 5 000 and is based on the number of sub-funds at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

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### 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 2024 these were: Adjusted Cost Income Ratio ("CIR"), long-term 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 2024

The DWS Compensation Committee has monitored the affordability of VC for 2024 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 2024 variable compensation granted in March 2025, 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 90,0% for 2024.

### **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 2024<sup>1</sup>

Number of employees on an annual average		106	
Total Compensation <sup>2</sup>	EUR 1	16,564,921	
Fixed Pay	EUR	13,170,723	
Variable Compensation	EUR	3,394,198	
Thereof: Carried Interest	EUR	0	
Total Compensation for Senior Management <sup>3</sup>	EUR	1,689,020	
Total Compensation for other Material Risk Takers <sup>4</sup>	EUR	0	
Total Compensation for Control Function employees	EUR	2,422,471	

<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>&</sup>lt;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.).

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.

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### Aggregate Compensation Information for the Company for 20241

Number of employees on an annual average	424
Total Compensation	EUR 87,621,310
Fixed Pay	EUR 50,090,899
Variable Compensation	EUR 37,530,411
Thereof: Carried Interest	EUR 0
Total Compensation for Senior Management <sup>2</sup>	EUR 5,648,841
Total Compensation for other Material Risk Takers	EUR 7,856,650
Total Compensation for Control Function employees	EUR 2,168,139

<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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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.

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	Securities lending	Repurchase agreements	Total return swaps
Stated in fund currency	•		·
	1. Assets used		
Absolute	4 041 959.04	-	-
In % of the fund's net assets	3.74	-	-
	2. Top 10 counterparties		
1. Name	Morgan Stanley Europe S.E., Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	1 262 807.00		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
2. Name	Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin		
Gross volume of open transactions	1127 577.00		
Country of registration	Ireland		
3. Name	Nomura Financial Products Europe GmbH, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	1 016 355.34		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
4. Name	UniCredit Bank AG, Munich		
Gross volume of open transactions	451348.80		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
5. Name	Goldman Sachs AG, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	183 870.90		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
6. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
7. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
8. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
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9. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
10. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
	3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing		
(e.g., bilateral, tri-party, central counterparty)	Bilateral	-	
	4. Transactions classified by term to r	naturity (absolute amounts)	
Less than 1 day	-	-	
1 day to 1 week	-	-	
1 week to 1 month	-	-	
1 to 3 months	-	-	
3 months to 1 year	-	-	
More than 1 year	-	-	
No fixed maturity	4 041 959.04	-	
	5. Type(s) and quality/qualities of coll	lateral received	
	Type(s):		
Bank balances	302735.04	-	
Bonds	3 156 772.79	-	
Equities	1249 094.56	-	
Other	-	-	
	Quality/Qualities:		
		everse repurchase agreements or transaction teral in one of the following forms is provided	
	of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first	k deposits, money market instruments accord t-demand guarantees that are issued by top-ra member country or its local authorities or by lless of their term to maturity;	ted credit institutions not affiliated with the
	- Units of a collective investment undertakin a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;	ng investing in money market instruments tha	at calculates a net asset value daily and has
	- Units of a UCITS that invests predominant	ly in the bonds and equities listed under the r	ext two indents;
	- Bonds, regardless of their term to maturity	y, that have a minimum rating of low investme	ent-grade;
	- Equities admitted to or traded in a regulate member country, provided that these equi	ed market in a member state of the European ties are included in a major index.	Union or on an exchange in an OECD
		ht to restrict the permissibility of the aforeme serves the right to deviate from the aforemen	
	Additional information on collateral requirer	ments can be found in the sales prospectus fo	or the fund/sub-fund.

Absolute

### 6. Currency/Currencies of collateral received EUR; USD; NOK; GBP; DKK Currency/Currencies 7. Collateral classified by term to maturity (absolute amounts) Less than 1 day 1 day to 1 week 1 week to 1 month 1 to 3 months 3 months to 1 year More than 1 year No fixed maturity 4708602.39 8. Income and cost portions (before income adjustment)\* Income portion of the fund 12 738.36 Absolute In % of gross income 70.00 Cost portion of the fund Income portion of the Management Company Absolute 5 458.96 30.00 In % of gross income Cost portion of the **Management Company** Income portion of third parties Absolute In % of gross income Cost portion of third parties If the (sub-)fund has carried out securities lending, the (sub-)fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Of the 30%, the Management Company retains 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing securities lending and borrowing. For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending or repurchase agreement transactions, the respective (sub-)fund retains 100% of the gross revenues, less the transaction costs that the (sub-)fund pays as direct costs to an external service provider. The Management Company is a related party to DWS Investment GmbH. $The \ respective \ (sub-) fund \ is \ currently \ conducting \ only \ simple \ reverse \ repurchase \ agreement \ transactions, \ and \ no \ other \ (reverse)$ repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions will be used, the sales prospectus will be updated accordingly. The respective (sub-)fund will then pay up to 30% of the gross revenues generated from (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions as costs/fees to the Management Company and retain at least 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the maximum of 30% the Management Company will retain 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. The costs will be allocated to the individual (sub-)funds. If costs relate to several or all sub-funds, these costs will be charged to the relevant sub-funds in proportion to their net asset value. 9. Income for the fund from reinvestment of cash collateral, based on all SFTs and total return swaps

<sup>r</sup> otal Chare	4 041 959.04		
Share			
	3.80		
	11. Top 10 issuers, based on all SFTs ar	nd total return swaps	
Name	Austria, Republic of		
lume of collateral received bsolute)	1 095 930.19		
Name	Hessen, Land		
lume of collateral received osolute)	596 658.00		
Name	French Republic		
lume of collateral received osolute)	225 302.40		
Name	Netherlands, Kingdom of the		
lume of collateral received bsolute)	184 178.33		
Name	Lloyds Banking Group PLC		
lume of collateral received osolute)	119 961.05		
Name	Iveco Group N.V.		
olume of collateral received bsolute)	119 960.53		
Name	Edwards Lifesciences Corp.		
olume of collateral received	119 920.55		
Name	Citigroup Inc.		
blume of collateral received bsolute)	119 898.41		
Name	Rockwool A/S		·
lume of collateral received	119 724.00		
bsolute)			
. Name	America, United States of		
olume of collateral received bsolute)	119 598.60		

	13. Custody type of provided collatera (In % of all provided collateral from SFTs	•	
Segregated cash/custody accounts	-		-
Pooled cash/custody accounts	-		-
Other cash/custody accounts	-		-
Recipient determines custody type	-		-
	14. Depositaries/Account holders of ro	eceived collateral from SFTs and total	return swaps
Total number of depositaries/ account holders	1	-	-
1. Name	State Street Bank International GmbH (Custody Operations)		
Amount held in custody (absolute)	4708 602.39		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Any deviations from the corresponding information in the detailed statement of income and expenses are based on effects due to income adjustment.

### **DB ESG Balanced**

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	Securities lending	Repurchase agreements	Total return swaps
Stated in fund currency	occurrace renamy	Kopuronado agreemente	Total Total II offapo
	1. Assets used		
Absolute	7 826 535.66	-	-
In % of the fund's net assets	4.48	-	-
	2. Top 10 counterparties		
1. Name	Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin		
Gross volume of open transactions	6 609 143.00		
Country of registration	Ireland		
2. Name	Nomura Financial Products Europe GmbH, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	1217 392.66		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
3. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
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Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
8. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			

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9. Name				
Gross volume of open transactions				
Country of registration				
10. Name				
Gross volume of open transactions				
Country of registration				
	3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing			
(e.g., bilateral, tri-party, central counterparty)	Bilateral	-		
	4. Transactions classified by term to r	naturity (absolute amounts)		
Less than 1 day	-	-		
1 day to 1 week	-	-		
1 week to 1 month	-	-		
1 to 3 months	_	_		
3 months to 1 year	_	-		
More than 1 year	_	_		
No fixed maturity	7 826 535.66	_		
No fixed maturity	, 628 638.68			
	5. Type(s) and quality/qualities of coll	ateral received		
	Type(s):			
Bank balances	1 292 676.17	-	-	
Bonds	6 955 722.72	-	-	
Equities	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	
	Quality/Qualities:			
		everse repurchase agreements or transactions ceral in one of the following forms is provided		
	of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first counterparty, or bonds issued by an OECD	- Liquid assets such as cash, short-term bank deposits, money market instruments according to the definition in Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first-demand guarantees that are issued by top-rated credit institutions not affiliated with the counterparty, or bonds issued by an OECD member country or its local authorities or by supranational institutions and authorities at local, regional or international level, regardless of their term to maturity;		
	- Units of a collective investment undertaking a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;	- Units of a collective investment undertaking investing in money market instruments that calculates a net asset value daily and has a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;		
	- Units of a UCITS that invests predominant	- Units of a UCITS that invests predominantly in the bonds and equities listed under the next two indents;		
	- Bonds, regardless of their term to maturity	y, that have a minimum rating of low investme	nt-grade;	
	- Equities admitted to or traded in a regulat member country, provided that these equi	ed market in a member state of the European ties are included in a major index.	Union or on an exchange in an OECD	
	The Management Company reserves the rig	ht to restrict the permissibility of the aforeme serves the right to deviate from the aforemen		
		ments can be found in the sales prospectus fo	•	

### **DB ESG Balanced**

Currency/Currencies	6. Currency/Currencies of collateral re	eceived		
Currency/Currencies				
	7. Collateral classified by term to maturity (absolute amounts)			
Less than 1 day	-	-		
1 day to 1 week	-	-		
1 week to 1 month	-	-		
1 to 3 months	-	-		
3 months to 1 year	-	-		
More than 1 year	-	-		
No fixed maturity	8 248 398.89	-		
	8. Income and cost portions (before in	ncome adjustment)*		
	Income portion of the fund			
Absolute	21 605.07	-		
In % of gross income	70.00	-		
Cost portion of the fund	-	-		
	Income portion of the Management C	Company	I	
Absolute	9 258.99	-		
In % of gross income	30.00	-		
Cost portion of the Management Company	-	-		
	Income portion of third parties			
Absolute	-	-		
In % of gross income	-	-		
Cost portion of third parties	-	-		
	as costs/fees to the Management Company the Management Company retains 5% for its collateral management costs) to external set costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Invocates and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Invocates and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Invocates and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Invocates agreement transaction costs that the (sub-)fund pays as The Management Company is a related part:  The respective (sub-)fund is currently condure purchase agreement transactions. In case will be updated accordingly. The respective chase agreement transactions as costs/fees from such transactions. Out of the maximum tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transamount (after deduction of the Management preparing and executing (reverse) repurchas	citing only simple reverse repurchase agreem other (reverse) repurchase agreement transa (sub-)fund will then pay up to 30% of the grost to the Management Company and retain at In of 30% the Management Company will retais saction and collateral management costs) to t Company costs and the direct costs) is paid se agreement transactions.	ated from such transactions. Of the 30%, will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and deduction of the Management Company executing securities lending and borrowing. The securities lending and borrowing securities lending and borrowing securities lending and borrowing securities lending and borrowing. The securities lending and borrowing securities lending and borrowing securities lending and borrowing securities and securities lending and securities lending securities and no other (reverse) repureast 70% of the gross revenues generated in 5% for its own coordination and oversight external service providers. The remaining to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating,	
The costs will be allocated to the individual (sub-)funds. If costs relate to several or all sub-funds, these costs will be charged to the relevant sub-funds in proportion to their net asset value.				

Absolute

## **DB ESG Balanced**

11. Top 10 issuers, based on all SFTs and total return swaps  1. Name French Republic 1288 050.20  2. Name Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AliBib) (AliBib) (AliBib) (AliBib) (AliBib) (ESF)  3. Name European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)  4. Name European Investment Bank (EIB) (AliBib) (A			7 826 535.66	Total Total
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Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Name  Asian Development Bank (ESM)  Name  European Stability Mechanism (ESM)  Name  European Stability Mechanism (ESM)  Name  Name  Name  Name  Name  Name  Netherlands, Kingdom of the olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land				. Name
olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  European Investment Bank (EIB)  626 766.59  Name  Asian Development Bank (ADB)  olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  European Stability Mechanism (ESM)  olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  Name  Netherlands, Kingdom of the olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  Netherlands, Kingdom of the olume of collateral received absolute)  Name  Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land			627 885.70	
Asian Development Bank (EIB)  Name Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Name Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Learn Stability Mechanism (ESM)  Colume of collateral received absolute)  Name Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Name European Stability Mechanism (ESM)  Colume of collateral received absolute)  Name Netherlands, Kingdom of the Colume of collateral received absolute)  Name Netherlands, Kingdom of the Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land				. Name
Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Asian Development Bank (ADB)  Colume of collateral received absolute)  European Stability Mechanism (ESM)  Colume of collateral received absolute)  Netherlands, Kingdom of the Colume of collateral received absolute)  Netherlands, Kingdom of the Methanism (ESM)  Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land			627 785.65	
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Colume of collateral received absolute)  Netherlands, Kingdom of the Colume of collateral received absolute)  Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land			626 497.51	
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			311 961.95	
			Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land	. Name
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. Name Spain, Kingdom of			Spain, Kingdom of	. Name
olume of collateral received absolute) 297751.50				olume of collateral received
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folume of collateral received absolute) 297 417.30			297 417.30	

## **DB ESG Balanced**

	(In % of all provided collateral from SFT		
Segregated cash/custody accounts	-		-
Pooled cash/custody accounts	-		-
Other cash/custody accounts	-		-
Recipient determines custody type	-		-
	14. Depositaries/Account holders of r	eceived collateral from SFTs and total	return swaps
Total number of depositaries/ account holders	1	-	-
1. Name	State Street Bank International GmbH (Custody Operations)		
Amount held in custody (absolute)	8 248 398.89		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Any deviations from the corresponding information in the detailed statement of income and expenses are based on effects due to income adjustment.

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	Securities lending	Repurchase agreements	Total return swaps
Stated in fund currency			
	1. Assets used		
Absolute	307 521.00	-	-
In % of the fund's net assets	0.53	-	-
	2. Top 10 counterparties		
1. Name	Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin		
Gross volume of open transactions	307 521.00		
Country of registration	Ireland		
2. Name			
Gross volume			
of open transactions			
Country of registration			
3. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
4.50			
4. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
5. Name			
Gross volume			
of open transactions			
Country of registration			
6. Name			
Gross volume			
of open transactions			
Country of registration			
7. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
0.14			
8. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			

DB ESG Growth			
9. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
10. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
	3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing		
(e.g., bilateral, tri-party, central counterparty)	Bilateral	-	-
	4. Transactions classified by term to r	naturity (absolute amounts)	
Less than 1 day	-	-	-
1 day to 1 week	-	-	-
1 week to 1 month	-	-	-
1 to 3 months	-	-	-
3 months to 1 year	-	-	-
More than 1 year	-	-	-
No fixed maturity	307 521.00	-	-
	5. Type(s) and quality/qualities of coll	lateral received	
	Type(s):	I	T
Bank balances	51664.68	-	-
Bonds	272 670.96	-	-
Equities	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	Quality/Qualities:		
		everse repurchase agreements or transaction teral in one of the following forms is provided	
	of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first	k deposits, money market instruments accord t-demand guarantees that are issued by top-re member country or its local authorities or by bless of their term to maturity;	ited credit institutions not affiliated with the
	- Units of a collective investment undertaking a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;	ng investing in money market instruments tha	at calculates a net asset value daily and has
	- Units of a UCITS that invests predominant	ly in the bonds and equities listed under the r	next two indents;
	- Bonds, regardless of their term to maturity	y, that have a minimum rating of low investme	ent-grade;
	- Equities admitted to or traded in a regulat member country, provided that these equi	ed market in a member state of the European ities are included in a major index.	Union or on an exchange in an OECD
		tht to restrict the permissibility of the aforement serves the right to deviate from the aforement	
	Additional information on collateral requires	ments can be found in the sales prospectus fo	or the fund/sub-fund.

Absolute

Currency/Currencies	EUR	-	
,			
	7. Collateral classified by term to mate	urity (absolute amounts)	
Less than 1 day	-	-	
1 day to 1 week	-	-	
1 week to 1 month	-	-	
1 to 3 months	-	-	
3 months to 1 year	-	-	
More than 1 year	-	-	
No fixed maturity	324 335.64	-	
	8. Income and cost portions (before in	come adjustment)*	
	Income portion of the fund		
Absolute	6 312.35	-	
In % of gross income	70.00	-	
Cost portion of the fund	-	-	
	Income portion of the Management C	Company	
Absolute	2704.07	-	
In % of gross income	30.00		
Cost portion of the Management Company	-	-	
	Income portion of third parties		
Absolute	-	-	
In % of gross income	-	-	
Cost portion of third parties	-	-	
	the Management Company retains 5% for its collateral management costs) to external ser costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Inv.  For simple reverse repurchase agreement tra	and retains 70% of the gross revenues general own coordination and oversight tasks and wervice providers. The remaining amount (after westment GmbH for initiating, preparing and cansactions, i.e., those which are not used to remaining are not used to remaining.	ated from such transactions. Of the 30%, ill pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction an deduction of the Management Company executing securities lending and borrowing einvest cash collateral received under
	transaction costs that the (sub-)fund pays as	·	is 100% of the gross revenues, less the
	The Management Company is a related party	•	contitrangantians, and no other (roys)
	repurchase agreement transactions. In case will be updated accordingly. The respective chase agreement transactions as costs/fees from such transactions. Out of the maximum tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., trans	cting only simple reverse repurchase agreem other (reverse) repurchase agreement transa (sub-)fund will then pay up to 30% of the grosto the Management Company and retain at I of 30% the Management Company will retain saction and collateral management costs) to Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to agreement transactions.	actions will be used, the sales prospectus ss revenues generated from (reverse) repu east 70% of the gross revenues generated in 5% for its own coordination and oversigl external service providers. The remaining
	The costs will be allocated to the individual ( relevant sub-funds in proportion to their net	(sub-)funds. If costs relate to several or all sub- asset value.	o-funds, these costs will be charged to the

Total Total	307 521.00		
nare	0.54		
	11. Top 10 issuers, based on all SFTs ar	id total return swaps	
lame	European Stability Mechanism (ESM)		
ume of collateral received solute)	46 997.86		
ame	Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt/Main		
ume of collateral received solute)	30 616.83		
lame	NRW.BANK		
ume of collateral received solute)	29 211.04		
Name	Netherlands, Kingdom of the		
lume of collateral received osolute)	29 187.79		
Name	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
lume of collateral received solute)	28 996.38		
Name	European Investment Bank (EIB)		
lume of collateral received osolute)	28 967.07		
lame	DZ HYP AG		
ume of collateral received solute)	28 234.42		
Name	Nordrhein-Westfalen, Land		
ume of collateral received solute)	12 942.09		
lame	European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)		
ume of collateral received solute)	10 279.91		
Name	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIBIb)		
ume of collateral received solute)	9 387.00		

	13. Custody type of provided collatera (In % of all provided collateral from SFT		
Segregated cash/custody accounts	-		-
Pooled cash/custody accounts	-		-
Other cash/custody accounts	-		-
Recipient determines custody type	-		-
	14. Depositaries/Account holders of re	eceived collateral from SFTs and total	return swaps
Total number of depositaries/ account holders	1	-	-
1. Name	State Street Bank International GmbH (Custody Operations)		
Amount held in custody (absolute)	324 335.64		

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	Securities lending	Repurchase agreements	Total return swaps
Stated in fund currency	•		•
	1. Assets used		
Absolute	21 409 211.00	-	-
In % of the fund's net assets	4.11	-	-
	2. Top 10 counterparties		
1. Name	Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Dublin		
Gross volume of open transactions	9 435 229.00		
Country of registration	Ireland		
2. Name	Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	6 013 078.00		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
3. Name	Zürcher Kantonalbank, Zurich		
Gross volume of open transactions	4 305 764.00		
Country of registration	Switzerland		
4. Name	UniCredit Bank AG, Munich		
Gross volume of open transactions	1029 220.00		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
5. Name	Goldman Sachs AG, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume			
of open transactions	426 980.00		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
6. Name	J.P. Morgan SE, Frankfurt/Main		
Gross volume of open transactions	198 940.00		
Country of registration	Federal Republic of Germany		
7. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			
,			
8. Name			
Gross volume of open transactions			
Country of registration			

#### DR FSG Fixed Income

ne		
3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing		
Bilateral	-	
4. Transactions classified by term to n	naturity (absolute amounts)	
-	-	
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	
-	-	
-	-	
21 409 211.00	-	
5. Type(s) and quality/qualities of coll	ateral received	
Type(s):	4.0141.10001704	
2 329 499.49	-	-
16 677 683.01	-	
5 172 538.96	-	
-	-	
Quality/Qualities:		
of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first	-demand guarantees that are issued by top-ra	ted credit institutions not affiliated with the
local, regional or international level, regard		sapramational motifications and detriorities at
local, regional or international level, regard		
local, regional or international level, regard  – Units of a collective investment undertakin a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;	lless of their term to maturity;	t calculates a net asset value daily and has
local, regional or international level, regard  - Units of a collective investment undertakir a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;  - Units of a UCITS that invests predominantl	lless of their term to maturity; ng investing in money market instruments tha	t calculates a net asset value daily and has ext two indents;
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	3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing  Bilateral  4. Transactions classified by term to mean of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first of settlement and clearing  Bilateral  4. Transactions classified by term to mean classified by t	3. Type(s) of settlement and clearing    Bilateral   -

	6. Currency/Currencies of collateral r	eceived				
Currency/Currencies	EUR; CHF	-	-			
	7. Collateral classified by term to maturity (absolute amounts)					
Less than 1 day	-	-	-			
1 day to 1 week	-	-	-			
1 week to 1 month	-	-	-			
1 to 3 months	-	-	-			
3 months to 1 year	-	-	-			
More than 1 year	-	-	-			
No fixed maturity	24 179 721.46	-	-			
	8. Income and cost portions (before in	acome adjustment)*				
	Income portion of the fund	icome adjustment/				
Absolute	33 817.19	-	-			
In % of gross income	70.00	-	-			
Cost portion of the fund	-	-	-			
	Income portion of the Management	Company				
Absolute	14 492.75	Company	_			
In % of gross income	30.00	-	_			
Cost portion of the						
Management Company	-	-	-			
	Income portion of third parties					
Absolute	-	-	-			
In % of gross income	-	-	-			
Cost portion of third parties	-	-	-			
	If the (sub-)fund has carried out securities lending, the (sub-)fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Of the 30%, the Management Company retains 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing securities lending and borrowing. For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending or repurchase agreement transactions, the respective (sub-)fund retains 100% of the gross revenues, less the transaction costs that the (sub-)fund pays as direct costs to an external service provider.  The Management Company is a related party to DWS Investment GmbH.  The respective (sub-)fund is currently conducting only simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, and no other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions will be used, the sales prospectus will be updated accordingly. The respective (sub-)fund will then pay up to 30% of the gross revenues generated from (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions as costs/fees to the Management Company and retain at least 70% of the gross revenues generated					
Absolute	tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g., tran amount (after deduction of the Managemen preparing and executing (reverse) repurcha	(sub-)funds. If costs relate to several or all su asset value.	external service providers. The remaining to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, o-funds, these costs will be charged to the			
Appointe						

	10. Lent securities in % of all lendable	assets of the fund	
Total	21 409 211.00		
Share	4.24		
	11. Top 10 issuers, based on all SFTs a	nd total return swaps	
1. Name	UBS Group AG		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	4708 692.24		
2. Name	Crédit Agricole S.A.		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	3 138 301.12		
3. Name	Banco Santander Totta S.A.		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	1 4 4 2 2 5 7 . 7 4		
4. Name	LfA Förderbank Bayern		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	1138 078.26		
5. Name	Lettland, Republik		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	1119 063.98		
6. Name	Vonovia SE		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	955 917.65		
7. Name	European Investment Bank (EIB)		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	908 343.92		
8. Name	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	895 373.02		
9. Name	Lithuania, Republic of		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	838 456.32		
10. Name	European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)		
Volume of collateral received (absolute)	816 687.73		
	12. Reinvested collateral in % of colla	teral received, based on all SFTs and t	total return swaps
Share			-

	13. Custody type of provided collatera (In % of all provided collateral from SFT	•	
Segregated cash/custody accounts	-		-
Pooled cash/custody accounts	-		-
Other cash/custody accounts	-		-
Recipient determines custody type	-		-
	14. Depositaries/Account holders of r	eceived collateral from SFTs and total	return swaps
Total number of depositaries/ account holders	1	-	-
1. Name	State Street Bank International GmbH (Custody Operations)		
Amount held in custody (absolute)	24 179 721.46		

<sup>\*</sup> Any deviations from the corresponding information in the detailed statement of income and expenses are based on effects due to income adjustment.

## DB Vermögensfondsmandat High Conviction Equity (in liquidation)

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.

# Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

#### Sustainable

investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Product name: DB ESG Conservative

Legal entity identifier: 54930050LN478E4P0084

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Yes	No X No
it made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments.
in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
	with a social objective
It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%	X It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The ecological and social characteristics were promoted in that at least 51% of the net assets of the sub-fund were invested in investments (e.g., investment funds, equities or bonds) that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB. MSCI analyzed different environmental and social characteristics in order to assign a specific ESG rating. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics of the investments was assessed using MSCI ESG data as described in more detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

In addition to the minimum MSCI ESG rating, the investment advisor and the sub-fund manager applied exclusion criteria based on the data provided by MSCI. To clarify: These exclusion criteria did not apply to cash, cash equivalents and derivatives.

- The sub-fund excluded companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Investments in investment funds that invested in investments that violated the principals of the UN Global Compact were also excluded.
- The sub-fund excluded investments in investment funds that, according to MSCI data, invested in controversial sectors that generated turnover in excess of specific threshold values. For this exclusion assessment, only the fund holdings relevant and available for MSCI were assessed. This was why the sub-fund could invest in investment funds with holdings for which there was no MSCI data available. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that the above-mentioned exclusion criteria did not apply to investment funds that principally invested in financial instruments of government issuers.
- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that this exclusion did not apply to financial instruments issued by governments.

The details of the methodology for assessing the characteristics mentioned above were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

No derivatives were used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the subfund. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics was evaluated on the basis of MSCI ESG data. This methodology applied a great variety of evaluation approaches that were used as sustainability indicators for assessing attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics. These included:

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.18%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 8.95%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

The details of the methodology for assessing attainment of the individual environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Please see the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?" for a description of the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted, including the exclusion criteria, and the assessment methodology for determining whether and to what extent assets met the defined environmental and/or social characteristics (including the turnover thresholds defined for the exclusions). This section contains further information on the sustainability indicators.

The values from the DWS front office system are used to calculate the sustainability indicators. This means that there may be minor deviations from the other market values that appear in the annual report, which are derived from the fund accounting system.

Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics at portfolio level was measured in the previous year on the basis of the following sustainability indicators:

#### **DB ESG Conservative**

Indicators Performance

29/12/2023

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.3%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 0%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the
  extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover
  Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets threshold.

DB ESG Conservative		
Indicators	Description	Performance
Sustainability indicators		
ESG quality assessment	The sub-fund invests in investment instruments with a MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB	99,5% of assets
Fossil fuel based exclusion	The Sub-Fund excludes issuers whose fossil fuel activities generate more than a certain revenue threshold	0% of assets
Norm-based exclusions	The sub-fund excluded issuers that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0% of assets
Involvement in controversial weapons	The sub-fund excluded issuers with exposure to controversial arms deals	0% of assets

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The disclosure of the sustainability indicators has been revised compared with previous reports. The assessment methodology is unchanged. Additional information on the currently valid sustainability indicators is provided in the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?". Information about taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is provided in the section entitled "How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?"

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union Criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The sub-fund management took into account the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- · Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of the UNGC principles and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons) (no. 14).

The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were taken into account for investments in the sub-fund by selecting investments that (i) exclude issuers that generated more than a specific revenue threshold from activities in the area of fossil fuels as specifically described in the "Production of thermal coal" exclusions (sustainability factors in connection with the indicators for principal adverse impacts nos. 2, 3 and 4), (ii) exclude issuers that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 10), and (iii) exclude issuers that had exposure in controversial weapons (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 14).

The above-mentioned exclusion criteria were described in detail in the section with the title "What were the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social objectives promoted by this financial product?".

DB ESG Conservative		
Indicators	Description	Performance
Principal Adverse Impact		
PAII - 02. Carbon Footprint - EUR	The carbon footprint is expressed as tonnes of CO2 emissions per million EUR invested. The CO2 emissions of an issuer are normalised by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC)	269.36 tCO2e / million EUR
PAII - 03. Carbon Intensity	Weighted average carbon intensity scope 1+2+3	754.11 tCO2e / million EUR
PAII - 04. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	11.26 % of assets
PAII - 10. Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	8.95 % of assets
PAII - 14. Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	0 % of assets

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The Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIIs) are calculated on the basis of the data in the DWS back office and front office systems, which are primarily based on the data of external ESG data providers. If there is no data on individual PAIIs for individual securities or their issuers, either because no data is available or the PAII is not applicable to the particular issuer or security, these securities or issuers are not included in the calculation of the PAII. With target fund investments, a look-through of the target fund holdings is performed if appropriate data is available. The calculation method for the individual PAI indicators may change in subsequent reporting periods due to evolving market standards, a change in the treatment of securities of certain types of instruments (such as derivatives) or as a result of regulatory clarifications.

Moreover, improved data availability may have an effect on the reported PAIIs in subsequent reporting periods.



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Largest investments	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of average portfolio volume	Breakdown by country
iShares II-EUR High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF	K - Financial and insurance activities	4.3 %	Ireland
DWS ESG Glo Emerging Markets Balanced ID	K - Financial and insurance activities	3.3 %	Luxembourg
AXA 14/und. MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	2.2 %	France
UBS Group 23/11.01.2031	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.9 %	Switzerland
Bnppe-Msci Jap.Ex Cw Uece	NA - Other	1.9 %	Luxembourg
Commerzbank 23/13.06.2033MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.8 %	Germany
Mapfre 17/31.03.47	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.7 %	Spain
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 22/14.01.29	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.7 %	Spain
Infineon Technologies 19/Und.	C - Manufacturing	1.7 %	Germany
Hessen 23/04.07.2033	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.5 %	Germany
AIS-AMUNDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF	NA - Other	1.4 %	Luxembourg
Amcor UK Finance 20/23.06.27	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.4 %	Australia
Optus Finance 19/20.06.29 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.4 %	Australia
Citigroup 18/24.07.26 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.4 %	United States
Societe Generale 20/22.09.28 Mtn	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.4 %	France

for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The proportion of sustainability-related investments as of the reporting date was 99.18% of portfolio assets.

Proportion of sustainablility-related investments for the previous years:

29/12/2023: 99.30 % 30/12/2022: 99.50 %

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific

assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

This sub-fund invested 99.18% of its net assets in investments that were aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

0.82% of the investments did not comply with these characteristics (#2 Other).



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S** characteristics covers:

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S** characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

#### **DB ESG Conservative**

NACE- Code	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of portfolio volume	
С	Manufacturing	13.8 %	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.6 %	
F	Construction	0.9 %	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.8 %	
Н	Transporting and storage	0.5 %	
1	Accommodation and food service activities	0.2 %	
J	Information and communication	4.8 %	
K	Financial and insurance activities	59.4 %	
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	7.6 %	
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3.6 %	
NA	Other	7.8 %	
Exposure to cactive in the f	ompanies ossil fuel sector	11.3 %	

As of: December 30, 2024



X No

To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund did not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the promoted minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities were aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are economic activities for yet low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or	nuclear energy related activities complying	ηg
with the EU Taxonomy¹?		

Yes:

In fossil gas

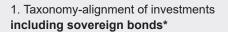
In nuclear energy

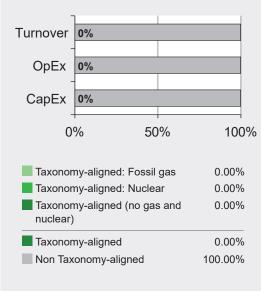
The sub-fund did not take into account the taxonomy-conformity of investments in the fossil gas and/or nuclear energy sectors. Nevertheless, it might have occured that as part of the investment strategy the sub-fund also invested in issuers that were also active in these areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

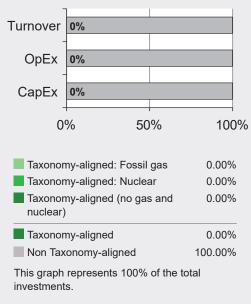
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting the green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund did not have a minimum share of investments in transitional or enabling activities, as it did not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How did the percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

The promoted proportion of environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) was 0% of the fund's assets in the current as well as previous reference periods. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were nevertheless aligned with an environmental objective of the Taxonomy Regulation.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of socially sustainable investments



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promoted a predominant allocation of assets in investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, this sub-fund invested 0.82% in investments that were not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These other investments could comprise all the asset classes provided for in the relevant investment policy, including cash, cash equivalents and derivatives, that were classified as #2 Other.

Consistent with the market positioning of this sub-fund, these other investments were intended to provide investors with the opportunity to participate in investments that were not aligned with ESG and, at the same time, to ensure that the predominate part of the participation involved investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics. The other investments could be used by the portfolio management to optimize the investment performance and for diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund did not take into account any environmental or social minimum safeguards for the other investments.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

This sub-fund followed a multi-asset strategy as the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund invested worldwide in the entire spectrum of permissible investments. The sub-fund could invest 0– 100% of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, convertible bonds, shares in money market and bond funds, deposits with credit institutions, zero-coupon bonds, warrant-linked bonds and dividend-right certificates, as well as in certificates on investments whose underlyings are bonds. Furthermore, no more than 40% of the sub-fund's assets could be invested in equities, equity fund shares, certificates whose underlyings were equities, ADRs and GDRs in the emerging markets segment, equities and equity-like securities, inflation-indexed investments, currency transactions, certificates and derivatives on hedge fund, commodity and commodity futures indices. Please refer to the special section of the sales prospectus for further details of the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets were primarily invested in assets that fulfilled the defined standards for the promoted environmental and social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the subfund in relation to the promoted environmental and social characteristics was an integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and was continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund management and the investment advisor relied on data from the external ESG (environmental, social, corporate governance) data provider MSCI when conducting fundamental analysis of the investment universe in order to take ESG criteria into account in the selection of issuers of financial instruments or target funds. The sub-fund management included the results of this analysis and the investment recommendations of the investment advisor based on it in its own investment decisions.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets were invested in investment funds and securities of issuers that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB and that fulfilled the defined minimum standards with regard to ESG criteria. Furthermore, instruments (e.g., investment funds, equities and bonds) without an MSCI ESG rating could be acquired.

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- Protection of natural resources
- Climate action
- Avoidance of environmental pollution and waste

#### Social

- General human rights
- Ban on child labor and forced labor
- Mandatory non-discrimination
- Careful handling of human capital
- Social opportunities

Corporate governance:

- Corporate governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network
- Principles of combating corruption according to the UN Global Compact

ESG rating for sovereigns and sovereign-related issuers:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for issuers such as governments, local authorities and sovereign-related issuers that took into account the ESG risk factors in the value chain of the respective country. The focus was on the responsible stewardship of resources, the right to basic services and environmental performance. Natural, financial and human resources were different from country to country, which is why they led to different points of departure for the production of industrial goods and performance of services. Other factors, such as a government and justice system that was recognized and effective from an ESG perspective, a low level of susceptibility to environmental impacts or other external factors, and favorable general economic conditions could also influence the use of these resources.

The sub-fund manager assessed possible investments using the available MSCI ESG rating. The ESG assessment methodology was not used for cash, cash equivalents and derivatives.

In addition to the minimum MSCI ESG rating, the investment advisor and the sub-fund manager applied exclusion criteria based on the data provided by MSCI. To clarify: These exclusion criteria did not apply to cash, cash equivalents and derivatives.

The sub-fund excluded companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Investments in investment funds that invested in investments that violated the principals of the UN Global Compact were also excluded.

• The sub-fund excluded investments in investment funds that, according to MSCI data, invested in controversial sectors that generated turnover in excess of specific threshold values. For this exclusion assessment, only the fund holdings relevant and available for MSCI were assessed. This was why the sub-fund could invest in investment funds with holdings for which there was no MSCI data available. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that the above-mentioned exclusion criteria did not apply to investment funds that principally invested in financial instruments of government issuers.

Turnover thresholds\* for fund exclusions:

Production of thermal coal: 15% Controversial weapons: 0% Nuclear weapons: 0% Conventional weapons: 10%

Firearms: 10%

Tobacco production: 5%

- \* These turnover thresholds applied to fund holdings in accordance with MSCI data
- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below.

Turnover thresholds for exclusions for companies:

Production of thermal coal: 5%

Unconventional oil and gas extraction: 5%

Controversial weapons: 0% Nuclear weapons: 0% Conventional weapons: 5%

Firearms: 5%

Tobacco production: 5% Uranium mining: 0%

Nuclear power generation: 5%

Gambling: 5%

Adult entertainment: 5% Production of biocides: 5%

Genetically modified organisms: 0% Palm oil from uncertified sources: 0%

The ESG investment strategy used did not provide for a mandatory minimum reduction of the extent of the investments.

To the extent that the sub-fund directly invested in financial instruments other than investment funds, the following applied:

The procedure for assessing good governance practices on the part of the investee companies was based on the analysis of the governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network – anti-corruption principles according to the UN Global Compact.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference sustainable benchmark?

This sub-fund has not designated a specific reference benchmark to determine its alignment with the environmental and/or social characteristics it promoted.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

# Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

#### Sustainable

investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Product name: DB ESG Balanced

Legal entity identifier: 549300IWSO6V5Y0IGW26

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?			
Yes	No X No		
it made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments.		
in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		
in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		
	with a social objective		
It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%	X It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments		



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The ecological and social characteristics were promoted in that at least 51% of the net assets of the sub-fund were invested in investments (e.g., investment funds, equities or bonds) that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB. MSCI analyzed different environmental and social characteristics in order to assign a specific ESG rating. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics of the investments was assessed using MSCI ESG data as described in more detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

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- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that this exclusion did not apply to financial instruments issued by governments.

The details of the methodology for assessing the characteristics mentioned above were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

No derivatives were used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the subfund. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics was evaluated on the basis of MSCI ESG data. This methodology applied a great variety of evaluation approaches that were used as sustainability indicators for assessing attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics. These included:

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.90%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 1.25%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

The details of the methodology for assessing attainment of the individual environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Please see the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?" for a description of the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted, including the exclusion criteria, and the assessment methodology for determining whether and to what extent assets met the defined environmental and/or social characteristics (including the turnover thresholds defined for the exclusions). This section contains further information on the sustainability indicators.

The values from the DWS front office system are used to calculate the sustainability indicators. This means that there may be minor deviations from the other market values that appear in the annual report, which are derived from the fund accounting system.

Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics at portfolio level was measured in the previous years on the basis of the following sustainability indicators:

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#### Indicators Performance

29/12/2023

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.8%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 0%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

DB ESG Balanced		
Indicators	Description	Performance
Nachhaltigkeitsindikatoren		
ESG quality assessment	The sub-fund invests in investment instruments with a MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB	98,5% of assets
Fossil fuel based exclusion	The Sub-Fund excludes issuers whose fossil fuel activities generate more than a certain revenue threshold	0% of assets
Norm-based exclusions	The sub-fund excluded issuers that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0% of assets
Involvement in controversial weapons	The sub-fund excluded issuers with exposure to controversial arms deals	0% of assets

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The disclosure of the sustainability indicators has been revised compared with previous reports. The assessment methodology is unchanged. Additional information on the currently valid sustainability indicators is provided in the section entitled "What actions were taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?". Information about taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is provided in the section entitled "How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?"

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union Criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The sub-fund management took into account the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- · Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of the UNGC principles and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons) (no. 14).

The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were taken into account for investments in the sub-fund by selecting investments that (i) excluded issuers that generated more than a specific revenue threshold from activities in the area of fossil fuels as specifically described in the "Production of thermal coal" exclusions (sustainability factors in connection with the indicators for principal adverse impacts nos. 2, 3 and 4), (ii) excluded issuers that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 10), and (iii) excluded issuers that had exposure in controversial weapons (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 14).

The above-mentioned exclusion criteria were described in detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

DB ESG Balanced			
Indicators	Description	Performance	
Principal Adverse Impact			
PAII - 02. Carbon Footprint - EUR	The carbon footprint is expressed as tonnes of CO2 emissions per million EUR invested. The CO2 emissions of an issuer are normalised by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC)	293.99 tCO2e / million EUR	
PAII - 03. Carbon Intensity	Weighted average carbon intensity scope 1+2+3	752.51 tCO2e / million EUR	
PAII - 04. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	14.03 % of assets	
PAII - 10. Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	1,25 % of assets	
PAII - 14. Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	0 % of assets	

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The Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIIs) are calculated on the basis of the data in the DWS back office and front office systems, which are primarily based on the data of external ESG data providers. If there is no data on individual PAIIs for individual securities or their issuers, either because no data is available or the PAII is not applicable to the particular issuer or security, these securities or issuers are not included in the calculation of the PAII. With target fund investments, a look-through of the target fund holdings is performed if appropriate data is available. The calculation method for the individual PAI indicators may change in subsequent reporting periods due to evolving market standards, a change in the treatment of securities of certain types of instruments (such as derivatives) or as a result of regulatory clarifications.

Moreover, improved data availability may have an effect on the reported PAIIs in subsequent reporting periods.



#### **DB ESG Balanced**

Largest investments	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of average portfolio volume	Breakdown by country
DWS ESG Glo Emerging Markets Balanced ID	K - Financial and insurance activities	4.4 %	Luxembourg
Bnppe-Msci Jap.Ex Cw Uece	NA - Other	3.2 %	Luxembourg
iShares II-EUR High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF	K - Financial and insurance activities	3.0 %	Ireland
AIS-AMUNDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF	NA - Other	2.9 %	Luxembourg
NVIDIA Corp.	C - Manufacturing	2.0 %	United States
BNP Paribas 22/25.07.2028 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.7 %	France
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 22/14.01.29	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.6 %	Spain
Microsoft Corp.	J - Information and communication	1.6 %	United States
SAP	J - Information and communication	1.5 %	Germany
ASML Holding	M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.4 %	Netherlands
ENI 20/Und.	C - Manufacturing	1.3 %	Italy
UBS Group 23/11.01.2031	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.2 %	Switzerland
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (C.R.)	M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.2 %	France
Coöperatieve Raboban 22/27.01.2028 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.2 %	Netherlands
Covestro 22/15.11.2028	C - Manufacturing	1.1 %	Germany

for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024



### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The proportion of sustainability-related investments as of the reporting date was 99.90% of portfolio assets.

Proportion of sustainablility-related investments for the previous years:

29/12/2023: 99.80% 30/12/2022: 98.50%

## Asset allocation describes the share of

investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

This sub-fund invested 99.90% of its net assets in investments that were aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

0.10% of the investments did not comply with these characteristics (#2 Other). Please refer to the special section of the Sales Prospectus for a more detailed presentation of the exact asset allocation of this sub-fund.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments. The category **#1 Aligned with E/S** characteristics covers:

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S** characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

#### **DB ESG Balanced**

NACE- Code	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of portfolio volume	
С	Manufacturing	17.5 %	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.9 %	
F	Construction	0.4 %	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.6 %	
Н	Transporting and storage	0.4 %	
1	Accommodation and food service activities	0.3 %	
J	Information and communication	6.9 %	
K	Financial and insurance activities	48.9 %	
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	9.6 %	
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2.1 %	
NA	Other	11.4 %	
Exposure to cactive in the f	companies ossil fuel sector	14.0 %	

As of: December 30, 2024



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to the lack of reliable data, the sub-fund did not commit to targeting a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. For this reason, the proportion of environmentally sustainable investments that conformed to the EU Taxonomy was 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may have been the case that some of the economic activities that the investments were based on were aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are economic activities for yet low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

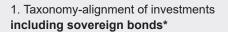
	Yes:	
	In fossil gas	In nuclear energy
Χ	No	

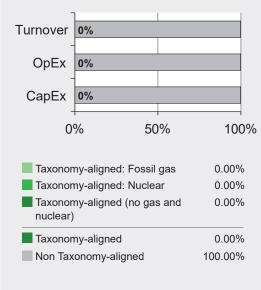
The sub-fund did not take into account the taxonomy-conformity of investments in the fossil gas and/or nuclear energy sectors. Nevertheless, it might have occured that as part of the investment strategy the sub-fund also invested in issuers that were also active in these areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

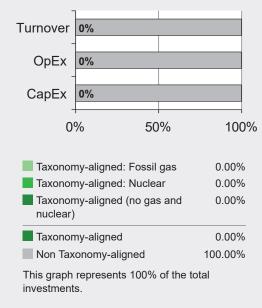
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting the green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments **excluding sovereign bonds**\*



\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund did not have a minimum share of investments in transitional or enabling activities, as it did not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How did the percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

The promoted proportion of environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) was 0% of the fund's assets in the current as well as previous reference periods. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were nevertheless aligned with an environmental objective of the Taxonomy Regulation.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of socially sustainable investments



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promoted a predominant allocation of assets in investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, this sub-fund invested 0.10% in investments that were not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These other investments could comprise all the asset classes provided for in the relevant investment policy, including cash, cash equivalents and derivatives, that were classified as #2 Other.

Consistent with the market positioning of this sub-fund, these other investments were intended to provide investors with the opportunity to participate in investments that were not aligned with ESG and, at the same time, to ensure that the predominate part of the participation involved investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics. The other investments could be used by the portfolio management to optimize the investment performance and for diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund did not take into account any environmental or social minimum safeguards for the other investments.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

This sub-fund followed a multi-asset strategy as the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund invested worldwide in the entire spectrum of permissible investments, such as equities and interest-bearing securities (which could also include high-yield interest-bearing securities), investment funds, cash, deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments and other asset classes (e.g., commodities-based and alternative investments). At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets were invested in equities.

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The sub-fund's assets were primarily invested in assets that fulfilled the defined standards for the promoted environmental and social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the sub-fund in relation to the promoted environmental and social characteristics was an integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and was continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the sub-fund.

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- Climate action
- Avoidance of environmental pollution and waste

## Social

- General human rights
- Ban on child labor and forced labor
- Mandatory non-discrimination
- Careful handling of human capital
- Social opportunities

# Corporate governance:

- Corporate governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network

- Principles of combating corruption according to the UN Global Compact

ESG rating for sovereigns and sovereign-related issuers:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for issuers such as governments, local authorities and sovereign-related issuers that took into account the ESG risk factors in the value chain of the respective country. The focus was on the responsible stewardship of resources, the right to basic services and environmental performance. Natural, financial and human resources were different from country to country, which is why they led to different points of departure for the production of industrial goods and performance of services. Other factors, such as a government and justice system that was recognized and effective from an ESG perspective, a low level of susceptibility to environmental impacts or other external factors, and favorable general economic conditions could also influence the use of these resources.

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Production of thermal coal: 15% Controversial weapons: 0% Nuclear weapons: 0% Conventional weapons: 10%

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Nuclear power generation: 5%

Gambling: 5%

Adult entertainment: 5% Production of biocides: 5%

Genetically modified organisms: 0% Palm oil from uncertified sources: 0%

The ESG investment strategy used did not provide for a mandatory minimum reduction of the extent of the investments.

To the extent that the sub-fund directly invested in financial instruments other than investment funds, the following applied:

The procedure for assessing good governance practices on the part of the investee companies was based on the analysis of the governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network – anti-corruption principles according to the UN Global Compact.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference sustainable benchmark?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. This sub-fund has not designated a specific reference benchmark to determine its alignment with the environmental and/or social characteristics it promoted.

# Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

## Sustainable

investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

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Product name: DB ESG Growth

Legal entity identifier: 549300U8IW3UE93FIR44

# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

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Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The ecological and social characteristics were promoted in that at least 51% of the net assets of the sub-fund were invested in investments (e.g., investment funds, equities or bonds) that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB. MSCI analyzes different environmental and social characteristics in order to assign a specific ESG rating. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics of the investments was assessed using MSCI ESG data as described in more detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

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- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that this exclusion did not apply to financial instruments issued by governments.

The details of the methodology for assessing the characteristics mentioned above were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

No derivatives were used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the subfund Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics was evaluated on the basis of MSCI ESG data. This methodology applied a great variety of evaluation approaches that were used as sustainability indicators for assessing attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics. These include:

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.24%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 2.07%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invest in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

The details of the methodology for assessing attainment of the individual environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product were available in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Please see the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?" for a description of the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted, including the exclusion criteria, and the assessment methodology for determining whether and to what extent assets met the defined environmental and/or social characteristics (including the turnover thresholds defined for the exclusions). This section contains further information on the sustainability indicators.

The values from the DWS front office system are used to calculate the sustainability indicators. This means that there may be minor deviations from the other market values that appear in the annual report, which are derived from the fund accounting system.

Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics at portfolio level was measured in the previous years on the basis of the following sustainability indicators:

# **DB ESG Growth**

Indicators Performance

29/12/2023

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99.6%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 0.01%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments. Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

DB ESG Growth		
Indicators	Description Per	formance
Sustainable Indicators		
ESG-Quality Assessment	The sub-fund investments in instruments that have at least an MSCI ESG Rating of BBB	99.7 % of assets
Fossil Fuel-based exclusions	The sub-fund excludes issuers actie` in the fossil fuel sector that exceed a predefined turnover threshold	0 % of assets
Norm-based exclusions	The sub-fund excludes issuers actie` in the fossil fuel sector that exceed a predefined turnover threshold	0 % of assets
Exposure to Weapons	The sub-fund excludes issuers that have exposure to controversial weapons	0 % of assets

As of: December 31, 2022

The disclosure of the sustainability indicators has been revised compared with previous reports. The assessment methodology is unchanged. Additional information on the currently valid sustainability indicators is provided in the section entitled "What actions were taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?"Information about taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is provided in the section entitled "How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?"

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union Criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The sub-fund management took into account the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- · Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of the UNGC principles and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons) (no. 14).

The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were taken into account for investments in the sub-fund by selecting investments that (i) excluded issuers that generated more than a specific revenue threshold from activities in the area of fossil fuels as specifically described in the "Production of thermal coal" exclusions (sustainability factors in connection with the indicators for principal adverse impacts nos. 2, 3 and 4), (ii) excluded issuers that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 10), and (iii) excluded issuers that had exposure in controversial weapons (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 14).

The above-mentioned exclusion criteria were described in detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Indicators	Description	Performance
Principal Adverse Impact		
PAII - 02. Carbon Footprint - EUR	The carbon footprint is expressed as tonnes of CO2 emissions per million EUR invested. The CO2 emissions of an issuer are normalised by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC)	269.82 tCO2e / million EUR
PAII - 03. Carbon Intensity	Weighted average carbon intensity scope 1+2+3	756.63 tCO2e / million EUR
PAII - 04. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	15.06 % of assets
PAII - 10. Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	2.07 % of assets
PAII - 14. Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	0 % of assets

As of: December 30, 2024

The Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIIs) are calculated on the basis of the data in the DWS back office and front office systems, which are primarily based on the data of external ESG data providers. If there is no data on individual PAIIs for individual securities or their issuers, either because no data is available or the PAII is not applicable to the particular issuer or security, these securities or issuers are not included in the calculation of the PAII. With target fund investments, a look-through of the target fund holdings is performed if appropriate data is available. The calculation method for the individual PAI indicators may change in subsequent reporting periods due to evolving market standards, a change in the treatment of securities of certain types of instruments (such as derivatives) or as a result of regulatory clarifications.

Moreover, improved data availability may have an effect on the reported PAIIs in subsequent reporting periods.



## DB ESG Growth

Largest investments	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of average portfolio volume	Breakdown by country
AIS-AMUNDI MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders ETF	NA - Other	5.6 %	Luxembourg
Bnppe-Msci Jap.Ex Cw Uece	NA - Other	4.9 %	Luxembourg
DWS ESG Glo Emerging Markets Balanced ID	K - Financial and insurance activities	3.5 %	Luxembourg
NVIDIA Corp.	C - Manufacturing	2.8 %	United States
Microsoft Corp.	J - Information and communication	2.1 %	United States
SAP	J - Information and communication	1.9 %	Germany
ASML Holding	M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.7 %	Netherlands
iShares II-EUR High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.6 %	Ireland
AIS-AMUND.MSCI EM ASIA Sri.Cl.Par.Alien.U.ETF	NA - Other	1.6 %	Luxembourg
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (C.R.)	M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.5 %	France
Schneider Electric	M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.3 %	France
The Home Depot	G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.3 %	United States
iShares IV PLC - iShares MSCI Japan SRI UCITS ETF	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.3 %	Ireland
Allianz	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.2 %	Germany
AXA	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.2 %	France

for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The proportion of sustainability-related investments as of the reporting date was 99.24% of portfolio assets.

Proportion of sustainablility-related investments for the previous years:

29/12/2023: 99.60 % 30/12/2022: 99.70 %

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

What was the asset allocation?

This sub-fund invested 99.24% of its net assets in investments that were aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

0.76% of the investments did not comply with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed presentation of the exact asset allocation of this sub-fund was given in the special section of the sales prospectus.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments. The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

NACE- Code	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of portfolio volume	
С	Manufacturing	18.8 %	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.4 %	
F	Construction	0.2 %	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2.2 %	
1	Accommodation and food service activities	0.6 %	
J	Information and communication	8.9 %	
K	Financial and insurance activities	40.6 %	
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	11.3 %	
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.1 %	
NA	Other	16.0 %	
xposure to c	ompanies ossil fuel sector	15.1 %	

As of: December 30, 2024



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund did not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the promoted minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities were aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are economic activities for yet low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

**X** No

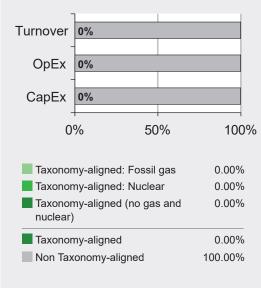
The sub-fund did not take into account the taxonomy-conformity of investments in the fossil gas and/or nuclear energy sectors. Nevertheless, it might have occured that as part of the investment strategy the sub-fund also invested in issuers that were also active in these areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

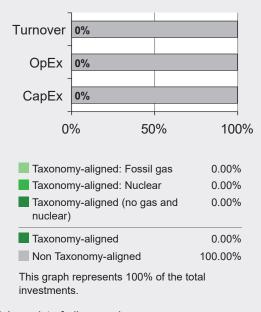
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting the green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

# 1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments **excluding sovereign bonds**\*



\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund did not have a minimum share of investments in transitional or enabling activities, as it did not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How did the percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

The promoted proportion of environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) was 0% of the fund's assets in the current as well as previous reference periods. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were nevertheless aligned with an environmental objective of the Taxonomy Regulation.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of socially sustainable investments



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promoted a predominant allocation of assets in investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, this sub-fund also invested 0.76% in investments that were not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These other investments could comprise all the asset classes provided for in the relevant investment policy, including cash, cash equivalents and derivatives, that were classified as #2 Other.

Consistent with the market positioning of this sub-fund, these other investments were intended to provide investors with the opportunity to participate in investments that were not aligned with ESG and, at the same time, to ensure that the predominate part of the participation involved investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics. The other investments could be used by the portfolio management to optimize the investment performance and for diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund did not take into account any environmental or social minimum safeguards for the other investments.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

This sub-fund followed a multi-asset strategy as the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund invested worldwide in the entire spectrum of permissible investments, such as equities and interest-bearing securities (which could also include high-yield interest-bearing securities), investment funds, cash, deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments and other asset classes (e.g., commodities-based and alternative investments). At least 51% of the sub-fund's assets were invested in equities. Please refer to the special section of the sales prospectus for further details of the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets were primarily invested in assets that fulfilled the defined standards for the promoted environmental and social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the sub-fund in relation to the promoted environmental and social characteristics was an integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and was continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund management and the investment advisor relied on data from the external ESG (environmental, social, corporate governance) data provider MSCI when conducting fundamental analysis of the investment universe in order to take ESG criteria into account in the selection of issuers of financial instruments or target funds. The sub-fund management included the results of this analysis and the investment recommendations of the investment advisor based on it in its own investment decisions.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets were invested in investment funds and securities of issuers that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB and that fulfilled the defined minimum standards with regard to ESG criteria. Furthermore, instruments (e.g., investment funds, equities and bonds) without an MSCI ESG rating could be acquired.

MSCI assigned ESG ratings of AAA (highest rating) to CCC (lowest rating). The MSCI ESG rating was intended to make the ESG characteristics more transparent and measurable.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets met the sub-fund's ESG criteria at the time of purchase. If the sub-fund's investments no longer met the sub-fund's minimum ESG standards, the sub-fund could hold these investments until such time as it was possible and practicable (from the point of view of the sub-fund manager) to sell the position, provided that at least 51% of the net assets of the sub-fund met the ESG criteria.

# ESG rating for funds:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for a fund, including an ETF, based on the weighted average of the individual ESG ratings of the fund holdings in accordance with the last published holdings. The process did not take positions of cash, cash equivalents and specific derivatives into account. The ESG rating of the fund could change due to changes in the ESG ratings of the securities in the fund or due to a change in the composition of the analyzed fund. MSCI assigned an ESG rating to funds if a specific percentage of the listed fund holdings were rated for ESG purposes.

# ESG rating for companies:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for companies such that the ESG performance of a company was assessed on the basis of various ESG criteria, independently of its financial success.

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for companies whereby the ESG performance of any company was assessed on the basis of various ESG criteria, independently of its financial success. These ESG criteria were related to the following topics, among others:

## Environment

- Preservation of biodiversity
- Protection of natural resources
- Climate action
- Avoidance of environmental pollution and waste

## Social

- General human rights
- Ban on child labor and forced labor
- Mandatory non-discrimination
- Careful handling of human capital
- Social opportunities

# Corporate governance:

- Corporate governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network
- Principles of combating corruption according to the UN Global Compact

ESG rating for sovereigns and sovereign-related issuers:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for issuers such as governments, local authorities and sovereign-related issuers that took into account the ESG risk factors in the value chain of the respective country. The focus was on the responsible stewardship of resources, the right to basic services and environmental performance. Natural, financial and human resources were different from country to country, which is why they led to different points of departure for the production of industrial goods and performance of services. Other factors, such as a government and justice system that was recognized and effective from an ESG perspective, a low level of susceptibility to environmental impacts or other external factors, and favorable general economic conditions could also influence the use of these resources.

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Legal entity identifier: 549300B89YS7TH2AZE20

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- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that this exclusion did not apply to financial instruments issued by governments.

The details of the methodology for assessing the characteristics mentioned above were described in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

No derivatives were used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the subfund. Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics was evaluated on the basis of MSCI ESG data. This methodology applied a great variety of evaluation approaches that were used as sustainability indicators for assessing attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics. These included:

- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in the investment funds and securities of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 98.32%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact.
   Performance: 0%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments.
   Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund that involved direct investments in companies (to the extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

The details of the methodology for assessing attainment of the individual environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product were available in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Please see the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?" for a description of the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted, including the exclusion criteria, and the assessment methodology for determining whether and to what extent assets met the defined environmental and/or social characteristics (including the turnover thresholds defined for the exclusions). This section contains further information on the sustainability indicators.

The values from the DWS front office system are used to calculate the sustainability indicators. This means that there may be minor deviations from the other market values that appear in the annual report, which are derived from the fund accounting system.

Attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics at portfolio level was measured in the previous years on the basis of the following sustainability indicators:

## **DB ESG Fixed Income**

## Indicatoren Performance

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- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund t at was invested in the investment funds and securities
  of issuers whose investment instruments had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB.
   Performance: 99,7%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund t at was issued by companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and percentage of the investment funds that violated the principles of the UN Global Compact. Performance: 0%
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund t at was invested in investments funds that invested in controversial sectors, whose turnover exceeded a pre-defined turnover threshold, with the exception of investment funds that primarily invested in investment instruments issued by governments. Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets
- Percentage of the net assets of the sub-fund t at involved direct investments in companies (to the
  extent applicable) from controversial sectors whose turnover generated a pre-defined turnover
  threshold.

Performance: No investments in suboptimal assets

DB ESG Fixed Income		
Indicators	Description	Performance
Sustainability indicators		
ESG-Quality Assessment	The sub-fund invests in instruments that have at least an MSCI ESG Rating of BBB	100% of portfolio volume
Fossil Fuel-based exclusion	The sub-fund excludes issuers active in the fossil fuel sector that exceed a predefined turnover threshold	0% of portfolio volume
Norm-based exclusions	The sub-fund excludes issuers that are in violation of the UN Glob Compact principles or the OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises	al 0% of portfolio volume
Controversial Weapons	The sub-fund excludes issuers that have exposure to controversia weapons	al 0% of portfolio volume

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The disclosure of the sustainability indicators has been revised compared with previous reports. The assessment methodology is unchanged. Additional information on the currently valid sustainability indicators is provided in the section entitled "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

Information about taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is provided in the section entitled "How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?"

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union Criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The sub-fund management took into account the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of the UNGC principles and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons) (no. 14).

The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were taken into account for investments in the sub-fund by selecting investments that (i) excluded issuers that generated more than a specific revenue threshold from activities in the area of fossil fuels as specifically described in the "Production of thermal coal" exclusions (sustainability factors in connection with the indicators for principal adverse impacts nos. 2, 3 and 4), (ii) excluded issuers that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 10), and (iii) excluded issuers that had exposure in controversial weapons (sustainability factors in connection with the indicator for principal adverse impacts no. 14).

The above-mentioned exclusion criteria were described in detail in the section with the title "What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?".

DB ESG Fixed Income				
Indicators	Description	Performance		
Principal Adverse Impact				
PAII - 02. Carbon Footprint - EUR	The carbon footprint is expressed as tonnes of CO2 emissions per million EUR invested. The CO2 emissions of an issuer are normalised by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC)	372.54 tCO2e / million EUR		
PAII - 03. Carbon Intensity	Weighted average carbon intensity scope 1+2+3	774.57 tCO2e / million EUR		
PAII - 04. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	15.45 % of assets		
PAII - 10. Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0 % of assets		
PAII - 14. Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	0 % of assets		

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The Principal Adverse Impact Indicators (PAIIs) are calculated on the basis of the data in the DWS back office and front office systems, which are primarily based on the data of external ESG data providers. If there is no data on individual PAIIs for individual securities or their issuers, either because no data is available or the PAII is not applicable to the particular issuer or security, these securities or issuers are not included in the calculation of the PAII. With target fund investments, a look-through of the target fund holdings is performed if appropriate data is available. The calculation method for the individual PAI indicators may change in subsequent reporting periods due to evolving market standards, a change in the treatment of securities of certain types of instruments (such as derivatives) or as a result of regulatory clarifications.

Moreover, improved data availability may have an effect on the reported PAIIs in subsequent reporting periods.



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Largest investments	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of average portfolio volume	Breakdown by country
Cdp Financial 22/06.04.27	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.3 %	Canada
Ontario Teachers Finance Tst 22/03.05.32 Regs	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.1 %	Canada
Macquarie Group 23/23.01.2030 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	1.0 %	Australia
Statkraft 23/13.12.2031 MTN	D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.0 %	Norway
Mizuho Financial Group 23/20.05.2028 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	Japan
Royal Bank of Canada 22/26.04.29 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	Canada
Toronto-Dominion Bank 22/03.08.2027 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	Canada
Signify 20/11.05.27	C - Manufacturing	0.9 %	Netherlands
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield 23/11.12.2030 MTN	F - Construction	0.9 %	France
Barclays Bank 21/22.03.31 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	United Kingdom
Valéo 23/12.04.2029 MTN	C - Manufacturing	0.9 %	France
Societe Generale 20/22.09.28 Mtn	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	France
Standard Chartered 20/09.09.30 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	United Kingdom
Svenska Handelsbanken 22/01.11.2027 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	Sweden
Citigroup 19/08.10.27 MTN	K - Financial and insurance activities	0.9 %	United States

for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 31, 2024



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The proportion of sustainability-related investments as of the reporting date was 98.32% of portfolio assets.

Proportion of sustainablility-related investments for the previous years:

29/12/2023: 99.70% 30/12/2022: 100.00%

# Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific

assets.

What was the asset allocation?

This sub-fund invested 98.32% of its net assets in investments that were aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

1.68% of the investments did not comply with these characteristics (#2 Other).



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments. The category **#1 Aligned with E/S** characteristics covers:

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S** characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

## **DB ESG Fixed Income**

NACE- Code	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of portfolio volume	
С	Manufacturing	10.1 %	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3.3 %	
F	Construction	0.8 %	
Н	Transporting and storage	0.6 %	
J	Information and communication	3.2 %	
K	Financial and insurance activities	62.5 %	
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	9.9 %	
N	Administrative and support service activities	1.7 %	
NA	Other	7.9 %	
Exposure to cactive in the f	ompanies ossil fuel sector	15.5 %	

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X No

To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund did not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the promoted minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities were aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are economic activities for yet low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

Yes:

In fossil gas

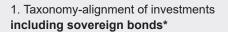
In nuclear energy

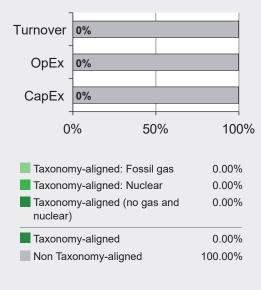
The sub-fund did not take into account the taxonomy-conformity of investments in the fossil gas and/or nuclear energy sectors. Nevertheless, it might have occured that as part of the investment strategy the sub-fund also invested in issuers that were also active in these areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

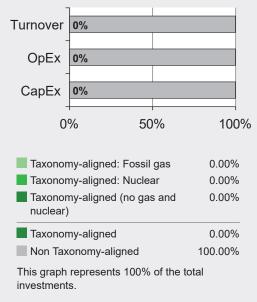
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. - capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting the green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund did not have a minimum share of investments in transitional or enabling activities, as it did not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How did the percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

The promoted proportion of environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) was 0% of the fund's assets in the current as well as previous reference periods. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were nevertheless aligned with an environmental objective of the Taxonomy Regulation.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

In 2024 and previous years, the sub-fund did not promote a minimum share of socially sustainable investments.



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promoted a predominant allocation of assets in investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, this sub-fund invested 1.68% in investments that were not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These other investments could comprise all the asset classes provided for in the relevant investment policy, including cash, cash equivalents and derivatives, that were classified as #2 Other.

Consistent with the market positioning of this sub-fund, these other investments were intended to provide investors with the opportunity to participate in investments that were not aligned with ESG and, at the same time, to ensure that the predominate part of the participation involved investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics. The other investments could be used by the portfolio management to optimize the investment performance and for diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund did not take into account any environmental or social minimum safeguards for the other investments.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

This sub-fund followed a bond strategy as the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund could invest worldwide in fixed- and floating-rate securities, convertible bonds, shares in money market and bond funds, deposits with credit institutions, zero-coupon bonds, warrant-linked bonds and dividend-right certificates, as well as certificates on investments whose underlyings were bonds such as bond indices and bond baskets. The special section of the sales prospectus contained further details of the principal investment strategy. The assets of the sub-fund were primarily invested in assets that fulfilled the defined standards for the promoted environmental and social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the sub-fund in relation to the promoted environmental and social characteristics was an integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and was continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund management and the investment advisor relied on data from the external ESG (environmental, social, corporate governance) data provider MSCI when conducting fundamental analysis of the investment universe in order to take ESG criteria into account in the selection of issuers of financial instruments or target funds. The sub-fund management included the results of this analysis and the investment recommendations of the investment advisor based on it in its own investment decisions.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets were invested in investment funds and securities of issuers that had an MSCI ESG rating of at least BBB and that fulfilled the defined minimum standards with regard to ESG criteria. Furthermore, instruments (e.g., investment funds, equities and bonds) without an MSCI ESG rating could be acquired.

MSCI assigns ESG ratings of AAA (highest rating) to CCC (lowest rating). The MSCI ESG rating was intended to make the ESG characteristics more transparent and measurable.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets met the sub-fund's ESG criteria at the time of purchase. If the sub-fund's investments no longer met the sub-fund's minimum ESG standards, the sub-fund could hold these investments until such time as it was possible and practicable (from the point of view of the sub-fund manager) to sell the position, provided that at least 51% of the net assets of the sub-fund met the ESG criteria.

# ESG rating for funds:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for a fund, including an ETF, based on the weighted average of the individual ESG ratings of the fund holdings in accordance with the last published holdings. The process did not take positions of cash, cash equivalents and specific derivatives into account. The ESG rating of the fund could change due to changes in the ESG ratings of the securities in the fund or due to a change in the composition of the analyzed fund. MSCI assigned an ESG rating to funds if a specific percentage of the listed fund holdings were rated for ESG purposes.

# ESG rating for companies:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for companies such that the ESG performance of a company was assessed on the basis of various ESG criteria, independently of its financial success.

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for companies whereby the ESG performance of any company was assessed on the basis of various ESG criteria, independently of its financial success. These ESG criteria were related to the following topics, among others:

# Environment

- Preservation of biodiversity
- Protection of natural resources
- Climate action
- Avoidance of environmental pollution and waste

# Social:

- General human rights
- Ban on child labor and forced labor
- Mandatory non-discrimination
- Careful handling of human capital
- Social opportunities

# Corporate governance:

- Corporate governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network
- Principles of combating corruption according to the UN Global Compact

ESG rating for sovereigns and sovereign-related issuers:

MSCI assigned an ESG rating for issuers such as governments, local authorities and sovereign-related issuers that took into account the ESG risk factors in the value chain of the respective country. The focus was on the responsible stewardship of resources, the right to basic services and environmental performance. Natural, financial and human resources were different from country to country, which is why they led to different points of departure for the production of industrial goods and performance of services. Other factors, such as a government and justice system that was recognized and effective from an ESG perspective, a low level of susceptibility to environmental impacts or other external factors, and favorable general economic conditions could also influence the use of these resources.

The sub-fund manager assessed possible investments using the available MSCI ESG rating. The ESG assessment methodology was not used for cash, cash equivalents and derivatives.

In addition to the minimum MSCI ESG rating, the investment advisor and the sub-fund manager applied exclusion criteria based on the data provided by MSCI. To clarify: These exclusion criteria did not apply to cash, cash equivalents and derivatives.

The sub-fund excluded companies that were identified as violating the principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Investments in investment funds that invested in investments that violated the principals of the UN Global Compact were also excluded.

• The sub-fund excluded investments in investment funds that, according to MSCI data, invested in controversial sectors that generated turnover in excess of specific threshold values. For this exclusion assessment, only the fund holdings relevant and available for MSCI were assessed. This was why the sub-fund could invest in investment funds with holdings for which there was no MSCI data available. For the purposes of clarification, it was set out that the above-mentioned exclusion criteria did not apply to investment funds that principally invested in financial instruments of government issuers.

Turnover thresholds\* for fund exclusions:

Production of thermal coal: 15% Controversial weapons: 0% Nuclear weapons: 0% Conventional weapons: 10%

Firearms: 10%

Tobacco production: 5%

- \* These turnover thresholds applied to fund holdings in accordance with MSCI data
- The sub-fund excluded direct investments in financial instruments that were issued by companies (to the extent applicable) whose turnover exceeded the threshold values mentioned below.

Turnover thresholds for exclusions for companies:

Production of thermal coal: 5%

Unconventional oil and gas extraction: 5%

Controversial weapons: 0% Nuclear weapons: 0% Conventional weapons: 5%

Firearms: 5%

Tobacco production: 5% Uranium mining: 0%

Nuclear power generation: 5%

Gambling: 5%

Adult entertainment: 5% Production of biocides: 5%

Genetically modified organisms: 0% Palm oil from uncertified sources: 0%

The ESG investment strategy used did not provide for a mandatory minimum reduction of the extent of the investments.

To the extent that the sub-fund directly invested in financial instruments other than investment funds, the following applied:

The procedure for assessing good governance practices on the part of the investee companies was based on the analysis of the governance principles according to the International Corporate Governance Network – anti-corruption principles according to the UN Global Compact.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference sustainable benchmark?

This sub-fund has not designated a specific reference benchmark to determine its alignment with the environmental and/or social characteristics it promoted.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

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