

Factsheet: DWS Top Dividende



Equity Funds - Global

September 2019

As at 30/09/2019

Fund Data

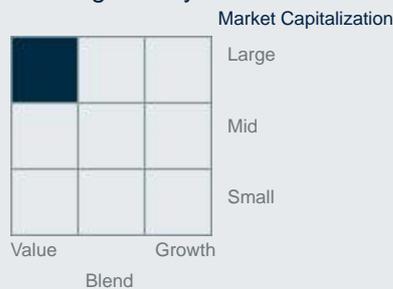
Investment Policy

DWS Top Dividende offers an equity investment with the opportunity for current income. Management invests globally in equities, primarily highly-capitalized companies, that it expects to offer dividend yields higher than the market average.

Fund Management's Comment

You can find the Fund management's detailed commentary in DWS Flagship Fund Reporting and on the individual pages of the factsheets.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Morningstar Category™

Global Equity Income

Ratings

(As at: 30/08/2019)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

FERI Fund Rating: (C)

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance - Share Class LD

(in %)



Fund

Calculation of performance is based on the time-weighted return and excludes front-end fees. Individual costs such as fees, commissions and other charges have not been included in this presentation and would have an adverse impact on returns if they were included. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Cumulative performance (in %) - share class LD

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2015	2016	2017	2018
EUR	3.2	9.3	17.6	42.3	336.0	16.6	5.5	7.3	12.7	7.3	0.6	-2.9

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

Volatility	7.45%	Maximum Drawdown	-9.73%	VAR (99%/10 days)	5.77%
Sharpe Ratio	0.80	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Sector (Equities) (in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities) (in % of fund volume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI	
Financials 14.6	NextEra Energy Inc (Utilities) 3.2
Health Care 13.1	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp (Communicat) 3.0
Consumer Staples 12.9	Unilever NV (Consumer Staples) 3.0
Energy 10.9	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Info) 3.0
Communication Services 9.4	Verizon Communications Inc (Communication Ser) 2.8
Utilities 9.1	Merck & Co Inc (Health Care) 2.6
Information Technology 6.8	Royal Dutch Shell PLC (Energy) 2.5
Industrials 5.3	TC Energy Corp (Energy) 2.5
Materials 4.6	WEC Energy Group Inc (Utilities) 2.4
Consumer Discretionary 1.8	Wells Fargo & Co (Financials) 2.4
Other Sectors 0.6	Total 27.4
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Country (Equities) (in % of fund volume)

USA 35.9
Germany 7.0
Canada 6.5
Netherlands 6.1
Japan 6.0
Great Britain 5.2
France 5.1
Switzerland 5.0
Norway 4.1
Taiwan 3.5
Ireland 1.4
Other Countries 3.3

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Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities 89.1
Bonds 8.5
Cash and other assets 2.4

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
United States dollar	46.6	> 10 Bn.	84.7
Euro	19.9	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	3.1
Japanese yen	7.4	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	0.8
Canadian dollar	6.5	< 1 Bn.	0.5
Pound sterling	5.3		
Swiss franc	5.2		
Norwegian krone	4.1		
Taiwan dollar - new -	3.0		
South Korean won	1.4		
Swedish krona	0.7		

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

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Number of Shares	64	Dividend Yield (in %)	4.0	Ø Market Cap	103,134.8 Mio. EUR
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Cumulative performance (in %)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2015	2016	2017	2018
FD	3.2	9.9	19.5	46.3	75.4	17.1	6.1	7.9	13.3	7.9	1.2	-2.4
LC	3.2	9.3	--	--	14.8	16.6	--	--	--	--	--	-2.9
LD	3.2	9.3	17.6	42.3	336.0	16.6	5.5	7.3	12.7	7.3	0.6	-2.9
LDQ	3.2	9.3	17.6	--	23.8	16.6	5.5	--	--	7.3	0.6	-3.0
RD	3.2	9.4	--	--	14.9	16.7	--	--	--	--	--	-2.9
TFC	3.2	10.0	--	--	14.1	17.2	--	--	--	--	--	-2.3
TFD	3.2	10.0	--	--	15.3	17.2	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Portfolio Manager	Dr. Thomas-P Schuessler	Assets	20,120.2 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	05/10/2005	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	28/04/2003
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	30/09/2019
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	Fund		
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load	Issue Price	Redemption Price	Interim Gains	All-in-Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance-related fee	Minimum Investment Amount
FD	EUR	DE000DWS1VB9	DWS 1VB	Distribution	0.00%	142.55	142.55		0.900%	0.90% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	DE000DWS1U90	DWS 1U9	Accumulation	5.00%	145.22	138.30		1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	DE0009848119	984 811	Distribution	5.00%	137.44	130.89		1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LDQ	EUR	DE000DWS18N0	DWS 18N	Distribution	5.00%	136.60	130.09		1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
RD	EUR	DE000DWS2PA1	DWS 2PA	Distribution	5.00%	141.20	134.47		1.400%	1.40% (1)	--	500,000,000
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS18Q3	DWS 18Q	Accumulation	0.00%	138.66	138.66		0.800%	0.80% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SL2	DWS 2SL	Distribution	0.00%	112.94	112.94		0.800%	0.80% (2)	--	--

(1) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. If the Fund invests a substantial part of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective funds and payments received by them will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year which ended on 30/09/2018. They are subject to change from year to year.

(2) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. The total expenses listed here represent an estimate since the Fund was launched on (TFD:02/01/2018). Actual expenses will be calculated and published once the first financial year has ended. The annual report for each financial year will contain the expense details with their precise calculation.

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Note

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

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Performance Review

In September, global equity markets recovered well from the losses of the previous month. The MSCI World index was up +3.16% in EUR terms. Currency moves between the USD and the EUR had a positive impact on investment performance for EUR investors during the month. Japan was the strongest performing region with the Japanese Nikkei 225 up +4.80% in EUR terms. The Eurozone outperformed as well, with the EURO STOXX 50 being up +4.29% and the UK FTSE 100 and the German DAX being up +4.78% and +4.09% respectively in EUR terms. Emerging Markets were weaker on a relative basis and ended the month up just +2.70% in EUR. The weakest region was the US, as the S&P 500 could only gain +2.67% in EUR.

On a sector level, in September Financials were the strongest performing sector (+6.26%), with European Banks being especially strong. The Energy sector also outperformed (+5.52%) due to the sharp, but only temporary, oil price increase in the wake of the attack on Saudi Arabian oil infrastructure. The largest underperformers of the month on a relative basis were Communication Services and Health Care, being up only +0.95% and +0.71% respectively in EUR terms.

The US Dollar gained +0.47% in September (measured by the US Dollar Index). In terms of other currencies, the Euro depreciated against the US Dollar (-0.76%) and the British Pound (-1.91%), while gaining +0.83% against the Japanese Yen. The oil price (WTI) was down in September by -1.10% in Euro terms. During September the DWS Top Dividende was up by +3.66%.

Performance Attribution

From a sector allocation point of view, positive contributions came from our over-weights in Energy and Utilities. Furthermore, stock selection in Information Technology and Communication Services were positive contributors to relative return. The largest negative contributions to the relative return, measured against the broad market, was obtained by our stock selection in Consumer Staples and Materials. Although we refer to relative returns and weightings, the broad market should not be considered as the benchmark for the fund.

From a single stock level perspective, the largest positive contributions came from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, NextEra Energy Inc. and Wells Fargo. On the other hand, Novartis AG, Unilever N.V. and Imperial Brand plc were a drag to performance.

Current Positioning

During September we have increased our exposure to Financials and Energy. On the other hand, we have reduced our exposure especially to Consumer Staples and Materials. Over the last month, our cash position is slightly down. However, the investment exposure in the fund did not change materially. Overall, our current cash level is still relatively high (around 11% including bonds which we use as a cash substitute) and we are waiting for further opportunities to increase our investment level.

Outlook

Throughout recent quarters more and more uncertainties emerged around the globe and have impacted the expectation for global economic growth. Among others, the Sino-American conflict regarding trade deficits and potential tariffs, the planned exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union and future budget deficits in Italy have taken a toll on sentiment. First and foremost, cyclical industries relying heavily on exports (e.g. the automobile sector) already moderated their outlook. Despite these macro-economic headwinds we still expect low-single digit economic growth supported by surprisingly dovish central banks. However, the trade dispute and even more the struggle for technological supremacy will probably keep markets and companies worried for even longer. Further, after the strong rally at the first half of the year, we consider equities to be fairly valued overall and see only modest upside potential. On a company level, operating margins in developed markets are unlikely to expand further, nevertheless, this should still translate into mid-single digit earnings growth on both sides of the Atlantic. For Emerging Market equities we expect to see some further operating leverage and therefore expect high-single digit earnings growth. Bearing in mind the current valuation level of the equity market, we are still cautious and see very limited scope for multiple expansion. Consequently, we still strongly believe that the importance of dividend payments for the total return increases further. We once more expect their contribution to the return of the investment to be above historic averages. Therefore, we abide only moderate price appreciation at the global equity markets that should translate into low to mid-single digit returns.

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

• The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases. • The seeks to generate income from dividends, i.e. from expected distributions per equity. If a company distributes a smaller dividend than expected or no dividend at all, this can have a negative impact on the value of equities or derivatives. • The fund may also invest in assets that are not denominated in euro. This can result in your investment falling in value if the euro exchange rate against these currencies increases. • Due to its composition/the techniques used by the Fund management, the investment fund has elevated volatility, i.e. the share price may be subject to significant fluctuations up or down within short periods of time. The share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share at any time.

Important note on the investor profile:

Investor profile: Growth-oriented

The sub-fund is designed for growth-oriented investors who wish to achieve capital appreciation primarily through equity gains and exchange rate movements. Expected earnings are offset by high equity, interest rate and currency risks as well as creditworthiness risks and the possibility of heavy losses of the invested capital, up to the total amount invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss, and does not prioritize capital preservation.

The Company provides additional information relating to the profile of the typical investor or target customer group for this financial product to distribution agents and distribution partners. If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by the Company's distribution agents or distribution partners, or if they act as brokers in the purchase of units, they may also provide the investor additional information that also relates to the profile of the typical investor.

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

Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box™ illustrates the Fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks contained in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, neutral or growth). For bond funds the vertical axis shows the average credit quality of the bonds in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by the maturity of a bond (short, medium or long).

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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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First digit = Total Return; second digit = Consistent Return; third digit = Preservation; fourth digit = Expense

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Alpha

A measure of the difference between the risk-adjusted return on an investment and a benchmark. The alpha measures the part of the performance that cannot be explained by market movements or market risk, but rather is derived from the selection of securities within the market. Alpha is a way of measuring the active contribution to performance made by the portfolio manager. It is also a good yardstick to use when comparing several funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Average dividend yield

Measures the average dividend amount, based on the current share price. This figure is calculated based on the shares (including ADRs/GDRs - > Depository receipts) and REITs contained in a fund.

Average market capitalization

Measures the average market capitalization of the shares, REITs and ADRs/GDRs (depository receipts) contained in a fund. The market capitalization represents the total market value of a company as determined by multiplying the number of shares issued by the current share price.

Beta factor

A measure of sensitivity - given as the average percentage change in the price of a fund when the market (benchmark) rises or falls by 1%. A value over (under) 1 means that on average the fund exhibits more (less) volatility than the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Correlation coefficient

Describes the degree to which two values (fund versus benchmark) move in the same direction. The value of the correlation coefficient is between -1 and +1. A correlation of +1 means that the fund generally moves in the same direction as the benchmark, while -1 indicates that the fund generally moves in the opposite direction. A correlation of 0 means that there is no relation between the price movements of the fund and the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Current interest yield

The current interest yield differs from the nominal interest rate because securities are bought at a price that can be higher or lower than their nominal value. Since interest is always paid on the nominal value, the following calculation is used: $(\text{interest rate} \times 100) / \text{price} = \text{effective yield}$.

Duration (in years/in months)

A measure of the sensitivity of an investment to changes in interest rates. Duration, which was developed by Frederick Macaulay, is the average period for which invested capital is committed. Because of the interest payable over time on the invested capital, duration is shorter than -> maturity. This version of duration is used in DWS Top Reporting and refers to invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

Information ratio

The information ratio measures the difference between the annualized average return of the fund and that of the benchmark, divided by the Tracking error. The higher this value is, the more the investor compensated for the risk in the fund. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Maturity (in years/in months)

The amount of time until the maturity of an obligation, such as a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

Maximum drawdown

The maximum drawdown is the largest percentage drop in value in a given period of time. It measures the amount the fund falls from its highest point to its lowest point in the selected timeframe. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Modified duration (in years/in months)

Serves as a measure of interest-rate sensitivity. Modified duration indicates the percentage change in price of a bond (in a portfolio) when the market interest rate changes by 1%. In order to calculate the percentage change in the bond price, the modified duration of the bond is multiplied by the percentage change in the interest rate. This figure helps investors assess the risks and opportunities of a bond at a glance.

Sharpe ratio

A measure of risk developed by William F. Sharpe, defined as the excess return on an investment over that of a risk-free investment in relation to the risk of the investment. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the higher the return the investor receives for the risk the investment carries (expressed in volatility). The Sharpe ratio can be used to compare multiple funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

Tracking error

The tracking error is the standard deviation of the yield differential between a fund and its benchmark. This makes it a measure of how well the fund manager tracks the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

VaR (Value at Risk)

A measure of risk that indicates the maximum fund losses with a given probability for a given period of time (holding period). VaR is calculated on the basis of the daily prices of the individual securities contained in the portfolio for a year.

Yield

The yield is the annual return on a capital investment, measured as the actual interest earned (effective yield) on the capital invested. It is based on the fund's income (e.g., interest, dividends, realized capital gains) and change in the price of the assets held in the fund. The yield of a fund is

derived from the invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings") and is presented as a "gross" figure, i.e., before the deduction of total expenses/fee.

Volatility
Volatility expresses the degree to which the yield on an investment (the price performance of a fund, for example) varies from a mean value in a specific period of time. This makes it a measure of fund risk. The greater the variation from the mean, the higher the volatility. Knowing the volatility allows investors to assess how uncertain the return potential of an investment is. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.