

Factsheet: DWS Invest Africa



Equity Funds - Emerging Markets

August 2018

As at 31/08/2018

Fund Data

Investment Policy

DWS Invest Africa is the Fund for the whole of Africa. The focus is currently on countries like South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria and Ghana. Selecting securities is based on a mix of the bottom-up approach, in which the fundamental data of companies is reviewed, and the top-down method, in which the focus is on the selection of countries and industries. In each case, Fund management follows the DWS maxim by which solid companies with strong growth are only bought at a price that Fund management views as sensible and reasonable.

Fund Management's Comment

August was dominated by a weakness in South African equities. ZAR declined 9.6% to 14.69 driven mainly by fears about land expropriation and concerns about contagion from Turkey. The headline inflation rate rose to a 10-month high of 5.1% y-o-y in July. In Nigeria GDP growth slowed to 1.5% YoY from 2.0% at the start of the year. In Egypt headline annual urban inflation rate declined from 14.4% to 13.5% y-o-y in July and Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) rose from 49.4 in June to 50.3 in July.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Morningstar Category™

Africa Equity

Ratings

(As at: 31/07/2018)

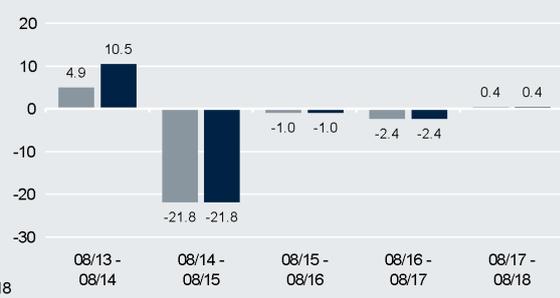
Morningstar Overall Rating™: **AA**

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance - Share Class LC(EUR)

(in %)



■ Fund (gross) ■ Fund (net)

Explanations and modeling techniques; assumption: an investor wishes to purchase units for EUR 1,000.00 With a maximum sales charge of 5.00% of the gross investment amount, the investor has to pay EUR 1,052.63. That corresponds to 5.26% of the net investment amount. The gross performance (BVI method) includes all costs incurred at the fund level, the net performance also includes the sales charge; additional costs may be incurred at the investor level (e.g. custody costs). Since the sales charge is only levied in the first year, the net/gross amount shown is different only in this year. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. (Source: Deutsche Asset Management)

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

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Launch	Ytd.	3 y Ø	5 y Ø	2014	2015	2016	2017
EUR	-5.3	0.4	-3.0	-16.2	-13.3	-6.3	-1.0	-3.5	-3.8	-15.4	1.0	6.8

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - Share Class LC(EUR)

Volatility	12.52%	Maximum Drawdown	-13.68%	VAR (99%/10 days)	4.68%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.04	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fundvolume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fundvolume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to MSCI			
Financials	37.7	Orascom Development Egypt (Consumer Discretio	6.4
Industrials	10.9	Guaranty Trust Bank Plc (Financials)	5.8
Consumer Discretionary	10.8	Safaricom PLC (Telecommunication Serv.)	5.0
Consumer Staples	10.7	SEPLAT Petroleum Development Co Plc (Energy)	4.3
Energy	8.3	Old Mutual Ltd (Financials)	4.2
Telecommunication Serv.	6.7	Zenith Bank PLC (Financials)	3.9
Real Estate	3.4	Orascom Construction Ltd/OLD (Industrials)	3.6
Materials	3.0	Talaat Moustafa Group (Real Estate)	3.4
Health Care	1.0	Barlworld Ltd (Industrials)	3.4
Utilities	1.0	Credit Agricole Egypt SAE (Financials)	3.3
Not classified to MSCI	0.1	Total	43.3
Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.		Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.	
Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fundvolume)	Investment Ratio	(in % of fundvolume)
Egypt	26.1	Equities	93.5
South Africa	21.4	Cash and other assets	6.5
Nigeria	18.9		
Kenya	8.2		
Morocco	4.7		
United Arab Emirates	3.6		
Zambia	3.0		
Cayman Islands	2.3		
Great Britain	1.5		
Ghana	1.2		
Togo	1.1		
Other Countries	1.5		
Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.			

Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fundvolume)
Egyptian pound	25.9
South African rand	19.4
Pound sterling	13.5
Nigerian naira	11.4
Kenyan schilling	9.0
United States dollar	8.9
Moroccan dirham	4.7
Euro	4.3
Canadian dollar	3.0

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

Market Capitalization	(in % of fundvolume)
> 10 Bn.	4.8
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	17.4
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	31.4
< 1 Bn.	40.0

Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives. The calculation is based on Euro.

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Number of Shares	47	Dividend Yield (in %)	3.7	Ø Market Cap	5,062.5 Mio. EUR
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Cumulative Performance (in %)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Launch	Ytd.	3 y Ø	5 y Ø	2014	2015	2016	2017
FC(EUR)	-5.2	1.4	0.1	-12.0	-3.8	-5.6	0.0	-2.5	-3.0	-14.5	2.1	7.9
LC(EUR)	-5.3	0.4	-3.0	-16.2	-13.3	-6.3	-1.0	-3.5	-3.8	-15.4	1.0	6.8
LD(EUR)	-5.3	0.4	-3.0	-16.3	-13.1	-6.3	-1.0	-3.5	-3.9	-15.4	1.0	6.8

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Portfolio Manager	Sebastian Kahlfeld	Assets	54.6 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/01/2011	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	Deutsche Asset Management Investment GmbH	Launch Date	10/07/2008
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2018
Management Company	Deutsche Asset Management S.A.	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
Legal Structure	SICAV		
Custodian	State Street Bank, Lux.		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load ¹ up to	Issue Price	Redemption Price	Interim Gains	Management Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance-related fee	Minimum Investment Amount
FC	EUR	LU0329759921	DWS 0QP	Accumulation	0.00%	96.23	96.23		0.850%	1.03% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	LU0329759764	DWS 0QM	Accumulation	5.00%	91.31	86.75		1.750%	2.05% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU0363465583	DWS 0SH	Distribution	5.00%	90.60	86.07		1.750%	2.05% (1)	--	--

(1) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. If the Fund invests 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 31/12/2017. They are subject to change from year to year.

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

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Note

Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund features a high level of volatility. In other words, unit prices may fluctuate significantly in either direction within short periods of time.

Figures subject to audit. The current sales prospectus which is legally binding for the purchase of fund units is available from your financial consultant or Deutsche Asset Management Investment GmbH. The sales prospectus contains detailed information about risk. Evaluations made in this report may change at any time without prior announcement. These statements are based on our assessment of the current legal and tax information.

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

- There is the risk of loss resulting from the inadequacy or failure of internal systems, processes or people and as a result of external events.
- The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases.
- The fund invests in emerging markets. Investing in assets from the emerging markets generally entails a greater risk (potentially including considerable legal, economic and political risks) than investing in assets from the markets of established countries.
- Due to its composition/the techniques used by the Fund management, the investment fund has significantly elevated volatility, i.e. the share price may be subject to significant fluctuations up or down within short periods of time. The share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share at any time.

Important note on the investor profile:

Investor profile: Risk-tolerant

The sub-fund is designed for risk-tolerant investors who seek high-return forms of investment and therefore accept large fluctuations in value as well as very high risks. The strong price fluctuations and high creditworthiness risks result in temporary or permanent declines in the value of units. The investor's high income expectations and risk appetite are offset by the possibility of heavy losses of the invested capital, up to the total amount invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss, and does not prioritize capital preservation.

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

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

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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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Calculation of the performance follows the BVI method (gross performance based).

The gross performance (BVI method) includes all costs incurred at the fund level, the net performance also includes the sales charge; additional costs may be incurred at the investor level (e.g. custody costs, fees, commissions or other expenses). Since the sales charge is only levied in the first year, the net/gross amount shown is different only in this year. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of the future performance of a fund.

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Alpha

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

Average dividend yield

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

Average market capitalization

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

Beta factor

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

Correlation coefficient

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

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 pays 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 yield 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 the profit and loss potential of an investment. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.