

Factsheet: DWS Invest II European Top Dividend



Equity Funds - Europe

May 2021

As at 31/05/2021

Fund Data

Investment Policy

DWS Invest II European Top Dividend provides an equity investment with opportunity for current income. The management invests primarily in the shares of European blue chips that have both above-average dividend yields that are expected to increase and a reasonable payout ratio (percentage of annual profits distributed as dividends). However, investments are not made entirely on the basis of dividends – the companies also have to have solid fundamentals like quality balance sheets and business models. Only shares that pass this additional test have the chance to be included in the portfolio.

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™



Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Europe Equity Income

Ratings

(As at: 30/04/2021)

Morningstar Overall Rating™: **AAA**

Lipper Leaders:

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Performance

Performance - Share Class LC(EUR)

(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 LC(EUR)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2017	2018	2019	2020
EUR	2.3	19.8	14.6	27.5	87.3	10.6	4.6	5.0	8.2	-10.5	18.8	-3.2

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

Volatility	15.96%	Maximum Drawdown	-19.69%	VAR (99%/10 days)	10.32%
Sharpe Ratio	0.32	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	
Materials	BHP Group PLC (Materials) 4.0
Financials	Deutsche Telekom AG (Communication Services) 2.8
Consumer Staples	Vonovia SE (Real Estate) 2.8
Health Care	Porsche Automobil Holding SE (Consumer Discreti) 2.7
Consumer Discretionary	Enel SpA (Utilities) 2.6
Energy	Euronext NV (Financials) 2.5
Utilities	Unilever PLC (Consumer Staples) 2.4
Communication Services	Royal Dutch Shell PLC (Energy) 2.4
Industrials	Polymetal International PLC (Materials) 2.3
Real Estate	Nestle SA (Consumer Staples) 2.3
Other Sectors	Total 26.8
	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

Germany	22.5
Great Britain	18.1
France	9.1
Switzerland	6.7
Norway	6.5
Netherlands	6.4
Sweden	6.0
Russia	4.1
Finland	3.7
Italy	3.6
Spain	2.6
Other Countries	6.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume)

Equities	96.0
Cash and other assets	4.0

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
Euro	51.3	> 10 Bn.	70.3
Pound sterling	22.2	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	13.2
Swedish krona	7.0	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	10.8
Swiss franc	7.0	< 1 Bn.	1.8
Norwegian krone	6.9		
United States dollar	1.8		
Danish krone	1.7		
Polish zloty	1.1		
Czech koruna	0.9		

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	79	Dividend Yield (in %)	4.1	Ø Market Cap	44,737.0 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	2017	2018	2019	2020
CHF LDH (P)(CHF)	2.0	17.6	11.6	28.9	25.9	8.6	3.7	5.2	7.4	-13.8	11.7	-5.0
FC(EUR)	2.3	20.6	17.1	32.3	23.7	10.9	5.4	5.8	9.0	-9.8	19.6	-2.4
FD(EUR)	2.3	20.7	17.2	32.4	23.8	10.9	5.4	5.8	6.1	-12.7	15.8	-5.7
LC(EUR)	2.3	19.8	14.6	27.5	87.3	10.6	4.6	5.0	8.2	-10.5	18.8	-3.2
LD(EUR)	2.3	19.8	14.6	27.5	87.3	10.6	4.6	5.0	5.2	-13.4	14.9	-6.5
LDH (P)(EUR)	2.1	17.8	13.1	32.1	29.3	8.7	4.2	5.7	8.0	-13.3	12.2	-4.5
NC(EUR)	2.2	18.9	12.2	23.1	75.6	10.3	3.9	4.2	7.5	-11.2	17.9	-3.8
ND(EUR)	2.2	18.9	12.2	23.1	75.5	10.3	3.9	4.3	4.5	-14.0	14.1	-7.1
TFC(EUR)	2.3	20.6	17.5	--	14.8	10.9	5.5	--	--	--	19.7	-2.4
TFD(EUR)	2.3	20.7	17.2	--	14.5	10.9	5.4	--	--	--	16.0	-5.8
XC(EUR)	2.4	21.2	18.8	35.6	107.5	11.2	5.9	6.3	9.6	-9.4	20.2	-2.0
XD(EUR)	2.4	21.2	18.8	35.6	51.9	11.2	5.9	6.3	6.6	-12.3	16.3	-5.3

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Portfolio Manager	Stephan Werner	Assets	324.3 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/10/2016	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Launch Date	02/07/2012
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2021
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV		
Custodian	State Street Bank GmbH, 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
CHF LDH (P)	CHF	LU1322113702	DWS 2E1	Distribution	5.00%	112.51	106.88		1.500%	1.64% (1)	--	--
FC	EUR	LU1241941308	DWS 2AU	Accumulation	0.00%	123.66	123.66		0.750%	0.87% (1)	--	2,000,000
FD	EUR	LU1242509609	DWS 2AV	Distribution	0.00%	104.47	104.47		0.750%	0.82% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	LU0781237614	DWS 1D8	Accumulation	5.00%	197.18	187.32		1.500%	1.61% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	LU0781237705	DWS 1D9	Distribution	5.00%	152.54	144.91		1.500%	1.61% (1)	--	--
LDH (P)	EUR	LU1322113884	DWS 2E2	Distribution	5.00%	115.62	109.83		1.500%	1.66% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU0781237887	DWS 1EA	Accumulation	3.00%	181.04	175.61		2.000%	2.31% (1)	--	--
ND	EUR	LU0781237960	DWS 1EB	Distribution	3.00%	142.66	138.38		2.000%	2.31% (1)	--	--
TFC	EUR	LU1663960000	DWS 2R2	Accumulation	0.00%	114.77	114.77		0.750%	0.88% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	LU1663960182	DWS 2R3	Distribution	0.00%	103.11	103.11		0.750%	0.89% (1)	--	--
XC	EUR	LU0781238000	DWS 1EC	Accumulation	0.00%	207.54	207.54		0.300%	0.39% (1)	--	2,000,000
XD	EUR	LU0781238182	DWS 1ED	Distribution	0.00%	125.32	125.32		0.300%	0.39% (1)	--	2,000,000

(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 31/12/2020. They are subject to change from year to year.

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Note

¹ Based on the gross investment.

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Data in relation to the fund or the leading unit class.

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Performance Review

May was another good month for the European equity market. The MSCI Europe appreciated by 2.1%. Strongest country was Italy gaining 4.2%, followed by Spain being up 4.0% and Switzerland appreciating 3.2%, while the Netherlands (+0.4%) and Norway (+0,6%) were laggards. The EURO was stronger gaining 1.72% versus the USD, while the oil price (Brent) was also stronger being up 1.4%.

From a sector perspective Consumer Discretionary (4.3%) and Consumer Staples (2.9%) were outperforming, while the sectors Information Technology (-0.3%), Utilities (+0.2%) and Telecommunication Services (+1.0%) were laggards.

During May DWS Invest II European Top Dividend gained 2.27%.

Performance Attribution

The sectors with the highest contribution have been Consumer Discretionary, Materials and Financials, whereas Real Estate and Information Technology had a negative contribution.

From a single stock perspective key positive contributors have been Polymetal International, Deutsche Post and Polyus, while on the other side Antofagasta, Vonovia and Lunding Mining had a negative contribution.

Current Positioning

We increased our exposure to and Communication Services and Consumer Staples, while we decreased our exposure to Materials and Healthcare. Our cash level at the end of the month was around 3%.

Outlook

The attention of financial markets has still been almost entirely dominated by the news on COVID-19 and new vaccines, which roll-outs has been slow but steady. Corporate earnings, especially from the cyclical sectors and rising commodity prices have surprised to the upside. Our large holdings in Materials and Energy (combined ca. 25% of the fund) are a reflection of this trend. On top, massive monetary and fiscal stimulus support the global economy. Improving economic indicators have led to optimism in financial markets. In this volatile market environment we once again emphasize our strict selection process and focus on clean balance sheets, high free cash flow and dividend sustainability. With an increase in economic activity we observe an increase in inflation expectation and rising yields, but we still believe stocks will remain necessary and attractive in the long term due to the lack of investment alternatives. This should at least strategically add support to stock markets. Further, we still strongly believe that the importance of dividend payments for the total return increases, as the low interest environment will persist. We expect the contribution of dividends to the return of the investment to be above historic averages.

Regarding the dividend season in Europe we see solid growth after a very disappointing 2020, in which many companies have cut their dividend for regulatory and/or pandemic related reasons. Currently we expect a double digit dividend growth number for our portfolio in 2021.

(All performance data in EUR)

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

• The fund invests its assets in selected regions or sectors. This increases the risk that the fund may be negatively influenced by the economic and political conditions in the respective regions or sectors. • The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases. • The fund 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. • 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 - > 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 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.