

Factsheet: DWS Invest China Bonds



Bond Funds - Emerging Markets/ High Yield Corporate Bonds

May 2021

As at 31/05/2021

Fund Data

Investment Policy

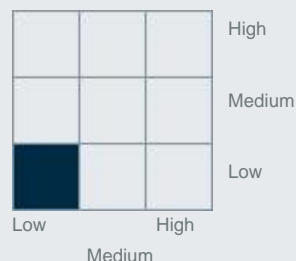
The investment policy of DWS Invest China Bonds is to achieve an above average return for the sub-fund by investing at least 60% of net assets in securities of issuers that have their head office or majority of their activity in the Greater China region.

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™

Credit Quality



Interest Rate Sensitivity

Morningstar Category™

RMB Bond

Ratings

(As at: 30/04/2021)

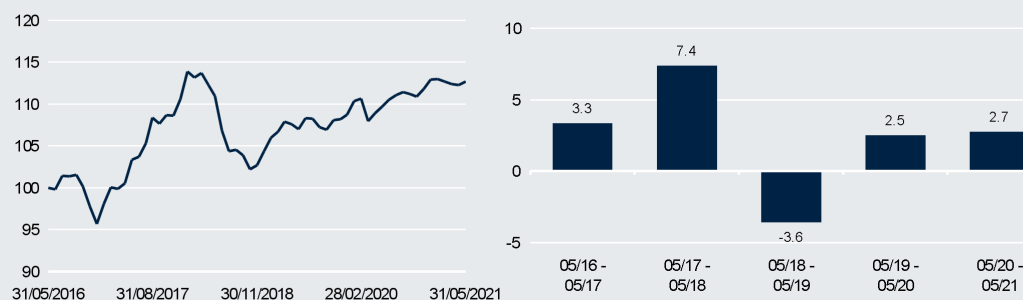
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Performance

Performance - Share Class USD LC(USD)

(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 USD LC(USD)

	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2017	2018	2019	2020
USD	0.4	2.7	1.6	12.7	30.1	-0.2	0.5	2.4	15.6	-5.7	4.2	3.9
EUR	-0.5	-6.4	-2.6	2.8	52.5	0.3	-0.9	0.5	2.2	-1.2	6.4	-5.2

The information regarding this product is based on USD. For this reason, the performance in Euros of this product may rise or fall on the basis of currency fluctuations.

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

Volatility	4.00%	Maximum Drawdown	-7.90%	VAR (99%/10 days)	0.65%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.25	Information Ratio	--	Correlation Coefficient	--
Alpha	--	Beta	--	Tracking Error	--

Portfolio Analysis

Portfolio Breakdown

(in % of fund volume)

Emerging markets corporates	64.2
Corporate Bonds	31.0
Emerging markets sovereigns	3.5
Cash equivalents	1.3

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Breakdown by Rating

(in % of bond holdings)

AA	6.1
A	50.6
BBB	25.8
BB	6.5
B	7.7
CCC	3.3

Asset Allocation

(in % of fund volume)

Bonds	98.7
Cash and other assets	1.3

The presentation of the structure of the bond credit ratings is based on both internal and external ratings.

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Breakdown by Country (Bonds)	(in % of fund volume)
China	50.2
Hongkong SAR	18.9
Japan	11.2
Korea	6.3
India	4.5
Indonesia	3.6
Taiwan	1.2
Vietnam	1.1
Philippines	0.7
Australia	0.5
Other Countries	0.5

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

Largest Individual Holdings	(in % of fund volume)
Smartone Finance 13/08.04.23	3.0
China 19/03.12.22	3.0
State Grid Overseas Inv.(16) 17/04.05.22 Reg S	3.0
Hongkong Land Finance 12/01.06.22 MTN	2.6
PCCW-HKT Capital No. 5 13/08.03.23 Reg S	2.5
NWD (MTN) 15/30.11.22 MTN	2.5
CDBI Treasure I 16/02.08.21 MTN	2.4
Sinopec Group Overseas Dev. 12/17.05.22 Reg S	2.4
Vanke Real Estate (Hong Kong) 16/14.10.21 MTN	2.3
Bank of China (Luxembourg Branch) 16/12.07.21 MTN	2.2
Total	25.9

Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
United States dollar	100.0

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

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

Yield (in %)	3.7	Current Interest Rate (in %)	3.4	
Duration (in years)	2.1	Modified Duration	2.1	Maturity (in years) 4.0
Number of Bonds	96	Average Rating	BBB	

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 FCH(CHF)	0.3	2.0	-4.6	1.5	8.9	-0.5	-1.6	0.3	13.2	-8.2	1.2	2.4
CHF LCH(CHF)	0.3	1.7	-6.0	-1.2	4.3	-0.6	-2.0	-0.2	12.5	-8.7	0.7	1.9
FCH(EUR)	0.3	2.4	-3.4	3.7	20.4	-0.3	-1.1	0.7	13.7	-7.9	1.7	2.8
FDH(EUR)	0.3	2.4	-3.3	3.9	7.2	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	13.6	-7.8	1.8	2.7
LCH(EUR)	0.3	1.9	-4.9	1.1	14.6	-0.6	-1.7	0.2	13.2	-8.3	1.1	2.3
LDH(EUR)	0.3	1.9	-4.9	1.2	14.7	-0.5	-1.7	0.2	13.2	-8.3	1.1	2.3
NC(EUR)	-0.7	-6.7	-4.2	1.0	26.5	0.3	-1.4	0.2	1.2	-1.7	6.1	-5.6
NCH(EUR)	0.3	1.4	-6.2	-1.0	10.4	-0.8	-2.1	-0.2	12.8	-8.7	0.7	1.8
NDH(EUR)	0.3	1.4	-6.2	-1.0	-1.6	-0.8	-2.1	-0.2	12.7	-8.6	0.6	1.9
NDQH(EUR)	0.3	1.4	-6.1	--	0.5	-0.7	-2.1	--	--	-8.6	0.7	1.8
RMB FC(CNY)	-1.1	-8.2	2.1	11.6	28.8	-2.2	0.7	2.2	8.7	0.2	5.9	-2.6
RMB FCH(CNY)	0.6	5.8	--	--	5.5	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
RMB LC(CNY)	-1.1	-8.7	0.8	9.0	24.1	-2.4	0.3	1.7	8.0	-0.3	5.7	-3.1
RMB LCH(CNY)	0.5	5.3	--	--	4.8	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
SEK FCH(SEK)	0.4	2.9	-3.1	3.6	3.4	-0.2	-1.0	0.7	13.6	-8.8	2.0	3.4
SEK LCH(SEK)	0.3	2.1	-3.6	2.4	2.0	-0.4	-1.2	0.5	12.9	-7.8	1.7	2.7
TFCH(EUR)	0.3	2.4	-3.6	--	-2.4	-0.3	-1.2	--	--	-7.9	1.6	2.7
USD FC(USD)	0.4	3.3	3.2	15.8	37.1	0.0	1.1	3.0	16.3	-5.1	4.8	4.4
USD FCH (P)(USD)	-1.3	-10.7	-1.7	0.8	1.0	-3.2	-0.6	0.2	4.8	-1.6	5.6	-4.0
USD LC(USD)	0.4	2.7	1.6	12.7	30.1	-0.2	0.5	2.4	15.6	-5.7	4.2	3.9
USD LDH (P)(USD)	-1.4	-11.2	-3.6	-2.6	-2.9	-3.5	-1.2	-0.5	3.9	-2.1	5.1	-5.0
USD LDMH (P)(USD)	-1.3	-11.1	-3.6	-2.2	-2.3	-3.5	-1.2	-0.4	4.2	-2.0	5.1	-4.9
USD TFC(USD)	0.4	3.3	3.2	--	5.8	0.0	1.1	--	--	-5.1	4.8	4.4

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Portfolio Manager	Henry Wong	Assets	207.4 Mio. USD
Portfolio Manager since	01/01/2018	Fund Currency	USD
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH & DWS Investments Hong Kong	Launch Date	16/08/2011
Portfolio Management Location	Hong Kong	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2021
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
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 FCH	CHF	LU0813328357	DWS 1G4	Accumulation	0.00%	108.93	108.93		0.600%	0.78% (1)	--	2,000,000
CHF LCH	CHF	LU0813327896	DWS 1G2	Accumulation	3.00%	107.55	104.33		1.100%	1.28% (1)	--	--
FCH	EUR	LU0632808951	DWS 08F	Accumulation	0.00%	120.39	120.39		0.600%	0.77% (1)	--	2,000,000
FDH	EUR	LU0740831374	DWS 1BG	Distribution	0.00%	87.99	87.99		0.600%	0.78% (1)	--	2,000,000
LCH	EUR	LU0632805262	DWS 08E	Accumulation	3.00%	118.15	114.60		1.100%	1.28% (1)	--	--
LDH	EUR	LU0740830996	DWS 1BF	Distribution	3.00%	89.94	87.24		1.100%	1.28% (1)	--	--
NC	EUR	LU0616855887	DWS 06J	Accumulation	1.50%	128.44	126.52		1.400%	1.57% (1)	--	--
NCH	EUR	LU0740831614	DWS 1BH	Accumulation	1.50%	112.10	110.41		1.400%	1.68% (1)	--	--
NDH	EUR	LU0740832000	DWS 1BJ	Distribution	1.50%	81.62	80.40		1.400%	1.68% (1)	--	--
NDQH	EUR	LU1054325771	DWS 1N4	Distribution	1.50%	94.10	92.69		1.400%	1.67% (1)	--	--
RMB FC	CNY	LU0813328860	DWS 1G7	Accumulation	0.00%	128.80	128.80		0.600%	0.68% (1)	--	2,000,000
RMB FCH	CNY	LU2093591621	DWS 250	Accumulation	0.00%	105.48	105.48		0.600%	0.74% (2)	--	2,000,000
RMB LC	CNY	LU0813328787	DWS 1G6	Accumulation	3.00%	127.96	124.12		1.100%	1.24% (1)	--	--
RMB LCH	CNY	LU2093593593	DWS 251	Accumulation	3.00%	108.00	104.76		1.100%	1.32% (2)	--	--
SEK FCH	SEK	LU1322112480	DWS 2EW	Accumulation	0.00%	1,034.15	1,034.15		0.600%	0.74% (1)	--	20,000,000
SEK LCH	SEK	LU1322112563	DWS 2EX	Accumulation	3.00%	1,052.05	1,020.49		1.100%	1.29% (1)	--	--
TFCH	EUR	LU1663839949	DWS 2PJ	Accumulation	0.00%	97.64	97.64		0.600%	0.70% (1)	--	--
USD FC	USD	LU0616856778	DWS 06N	Accumulation	0.00%	137.06	137.06		0.600%	0.74% (1)	--	2,000,000
USD LC	USD	LU0616856422	DWS 06M	Accumulation	3.00%	134.11	130.09		1.100%	1.24% (1)	--	--
USD TFC	USD	LU1663840103	DWS 2PL	Accumulation	0.00%	105.84	105.84		0.600%	0.74% (1)	--	--
USD FCH (P)	USD	LU1322112647	DWS 2EY	Accumulation	0.00%	101.01	101.01		0.600%	0.75% (1)	--	2,000,000
USD LDH (P)	USD	LU1322112720	DWS 2EZ	Distribution	3.00%	85.02	82.46		1.100%	1.32% (1)	--	--
USD LDMH (P)	USD	LU1322112993	DWS 2E0	Distribution	3.00%	79.64	77.25		1.100%	1.29% (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 31/12/2020. 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 (RMB FCH:31/01/2020, RMB LCH:31/01/2020). 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

¹ Based on the gross investment.

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

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Performance Review

The fund returned +0.39% for the USD share class in May. Markit iBoxx USD Asia ex-Japan China returned +0.4%. J.P. Morgan China Blended Spread Index widened by 6bps. RMB appreciated by 1.75% vs USD.

Market was broadly stable in May. US Inflation exceeded expectations with headline CPI at +0.8% yoy. This was largely due to base effect and some temporary factors. On the other hand, the rates market was tempered by weak US April retail sales data and the Fed's dovish stance. We expect the US rates market to be increasingly driven by discussions around inflation and upcoming Fed actions. An overheating housing market, pressure on construction costs, supply chain disruptions and high energy prices support the inflation story. More news on tapering is expected during the upcoming Jackson Hole meeting in Aug. Meanwhile, China, US and the Eurozone all recorded expansionary composite PMIs of 54.2, 68.1 and 56.9 respectively.

10Y UST yield dropped 3bps and traded range bound in May, supporting fixed income risk sentiment. Asian credit (Markit iBoxx USD indices) returned +0.5%. China returned +0.4%, with China Investment Grade and High Yield returning +0.3% and +0.6% respectively. India returned +0.8% while Indonesia returned +0.5%. Primary market was active last month and we have been selective in participating in new issues.

The PBoC announced a hike in foreign exchange reserve requirements for onshore commercial banks by 2ppts to 7%. The policy move shows that the PBoC would not tolerate the fast RMB appreciation that had accelerated after end-March. However, we believe the strong fundamental picture of RMB is still intact: (1) China's capital markets have become mostly open for foreign participation, and index inclusions have incentivized foreign institutional investors to allocate more to RMB assets; (2) attractive interest rate differential and with the PBoC more likely to engage in policy normalisation than other central banks; (3) strong trade balance.

Performance Attribution

The Fund does not have any US Treasury holdings at moment as we keep minimum duration exposure, while the portfolio continued to focus on Chinese, Taiwan and Hong Kong names denominated in USD (68.7% of outstanding bonds). Portfolio duration was lengthened slightly to 2.05 from 1.96. For country performance, India outperformed China and Indonesia.

Current Positioning

We have been selective in new IPOs as sentiment turned weaker. We are actively managing our duration risk amid the rapid rise in UST yields and remain defensive amid market volatility.

Outlook

We are constructive on the world economy in 2021 upon recent impressive economic data. Progress in the handling of Covid-19 is the basis for our constructive 2021 outlook but confirmation that vaccines are effective and will soon be available worldwide is transformative. For the first time, consumers and companies can see light at the end of the tunnel, and we expect the pandemic to be largely under control by the end of 2021. Central banks have made policy even looser which leads us to expect a low short-end interest rate environment for the couple of years ahead. We believe the Asian credit cycle has bottomed judging from recent rating actions and trends in credit metrics. Credit defaults might increase mildly with PBoC turning tighter. Ample global liquidity and less supply from the China high yield space will provide strong technical support that should more than compensate for a marginal waning in demand from China's onshore investors.

Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

Risks

• The fund invests in the People's Republic of China. Investments in the People's Republic of China are associated with risks resulting from the special legal, political and economic environment. The future political direction of the Chinese government is uncertain, there is the risk of negative performance due to government interventions and restrictions. • The fund invests in bonds, the value of which depends on whether the issuer is able to afford its payments. The deterioration of credit quality (ability and willingness to repay) may have an adverse effect on the value of the bond. • 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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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.