

Factsheet: DWS Top Dividende

Equity Funds - Global



January 2025As at 31/01/2025

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. The fund is actively managed.

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™

Global Equity Income

Ratings

(As at: 30/12/2024)

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LD



■ 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	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUR	5.0	13.6	16.8	28.6	482.7	5.0	5.3	5.2	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5

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

Volatility	8.81%	Maximum Drawdown	-8.46%	VAR (99%/10 days)	4.18%
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			
Financials	19.9	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd (Materials)	4.0
Health Care	14.1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Info	3.2
Energy	9.6	Shell PLC (Energy)	2.9
Industrials	8.4	Deutsche Telekom AG (Communication Services)	2.4
Information Technology	7.7	TotalEnergies SE (Energy)	2.3
Consumer Staples	7.7	NextEra Energy Inc (Utilities)	2.2
Utilities	6.9	Merck & Co Inc (Health Care)	2.1
Materials	6.1	Enbridge Inc (Energy)	2.1
Communication Services	3.3	Schlumberger NV (Energy)	2.0
Consumer Discretionary	1.3	Johnson & Johnson (Health Care)	2.0
		Total	25.2
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.		Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	

Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
USA	30.7	Equities	85.2
Germany	9.8	Bonds	7.7
Canada	7.7	Commodities	6.6
France	7.6	Cash and other assets	0.5
Great Britain	6.5		
Switzerland	4.0		
Norway	3.8		
Taiwan	3.2		
Japan	2.1		
Ireland	1.9		
Finland	1.6		
Other Countries	6.4		
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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
United States dollar	50.4
Euro	26.9
Swiss franc	4.0
Norwegian krone	3.9
Pound sterling	3.6
Taiwan dollar - new -	3.2
Canadian dollar	3.1
Japanese yen	2.1
Swedish krona	1.1
South Korean won	0.9
Danish krone	0.8
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positive figures reflect expected currency developments.	

Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
> 10 Bn.	83.6
> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.	1.1
> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	0.5
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.	

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets			
Number of Shares	68	Dividend Yield (in %)	3.4
		Ø Market Cap	194,566.6 Mio. EUR

Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2021	2022	2023	2024
FD	5.0	14.2	18.8	32.2	141.4	5.0	5.9	5.7	23.0	1.0	1.8	10.1
LC	5.0	13.6	16.8	28.6	53.5	5.0	5.3	5.2	22.2	0.5	1.3	9.5
LD	5.0	13.6	16.8	28.6	482.7	5.0	5.3	5.2	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5
LDQ	5.0	13.5	16.8	28.5	65.4	5.0	5.3	5.1	22.2	0.4	1.3	9.5
RC	5.0	13.6	17.0	28.9	54.0	5.0	5.4	5.2	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5
TFC	5.1	14.3	19.1	32.8	57.8	5.1	6.0	5.8	23.0	1.1	2.0	10.2
TFD	5.1	14.3	19.1	32.9	59.6	5.1	6.0	5.8	23.1	1.1	1.9	10.2

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Portfolio Manager	Dr. Thomas-P Schuessler	Assets	20,550.4 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	30/09/2025
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	All-in-Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance-related fee p.a.	Minimum Investment Amount
FD	EUR	DE000DWS1VB9	DWS 1VB	Distribution	0.00%	162.51	162.51	0.900%	0.90% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	DE000DWS1U90	DWS 1U9	Accumulation	5.00%	194.06	184.82	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	DE0009848119	984 811	Distribution	5.00%	152.05	144.81	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LDQ	EUR	DE000DWS18N0	DWS 18N	Distribution	5.00%	152.56	145.30	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
RC	EUR	DE000DWS2PA1	DWS 2PA	Accumulation	5.00%	184.03	175.26	1.400%	1.40% (1)	--	500,000,000
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS18Q3	DWS 18Q	Accumulation	0.00%	191.83	191.83	0.800%	0.80% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SL2	DWS 2SL	Distribution	0.00%	129.47	129.47	0.800%	0.80% (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 portions of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective target funds will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year, which ended on 30/09/2024. They are subject to change from year to year.

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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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# Fund Management's Comment: DWS Top Dividende

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

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### Performance Review

Following on from the previous year's decent gains, global equity markets kicked off 2025 on a positive note. With the inauguration of the new administration in the US, the market was focusing on a more favorable economic stance from the perspective of US companies, even though the new US president immediately launched into harsh rhetoric regarding trade policy. In Europe, the ECB cut its reference interest rate for the fifth time in a row, as expected. The US Federal Reserve, on the other hand, took a break after the rate cuts and left the key interest rate unchanged. Sharp price fluctuations in the IT sector were triggered by the announcement of the Chinese start-up DeepSeek. The company said it had developed a competitive AI model that is also significantly more resource efficient. The start of the reporting season also delivered share price relevant news. The Euro remained unchanged against the US dollar over the course of the month. Commodities, on the other hand, saw significant price movements: Gold closed January 6.6% higher, copper rose 6.3% and iron ore gained 4.9%.

In January, the strongest sectors were Communication Services and Financials, while Information Technology and Consumer Staples underperformed. Our defensive strategy DWS Top Dividende outperformed the broad equity market (MSCI World-Index: no official benchmark, for comparison purpose only). During January, the DWS Top Dividende was up 5.00%.

### Performance Attribution

Top 5 single stock contributions came from Agnico Eagle Mines, Deutsche Telekom, Medtronic, Abbott and Shell.

Agnico Eagle Mines: Strong performance was driven by rising gold prices.  
Deutsche Telekom: Positive performance due to T-Mobile US delivering a solid quarter, beating expectations on almost all metrics.  
Medtronic: Medtronic benefited from the rotation into the health care sector as well as from strong results from peers.

Bottom 5: On a single stock level Tokio Marine, Dell Technologies, Mondelez, Colgate-Palmolive and Diageo lagged during the month.

Tokio Marine: Shares were under pressure due to lingering concerns about LA wildfires.  
Dell: Weakness is attributable to concerns about a slowdown in AI servers (due to DeepSeek) and the fear of the introduction of tariffs, particularly against China.  
Mondelez: Weak performance was driven by higher cocoa costs.

On a sector level, Materials and Energy contributed positively to the overall performance of the fund, while Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services contributed negatively.

### Current Positioning

No major portfolio changes were implemented in the past month. The portfolio management team reduced the weighting in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sector.  
In return, the fund management team increased their position in the Consumer Staples and Materials sector. Currently, companies of the Financials and Health Care sector have the highest weighting in the fund of roughly 13 to 20 percent, closely followed by equities from the sectors Energy and Industrials. The fund has the lowest weightings in the sectors Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services. There were hardly any changes on the country level in the past months: US equities still represent the largest stake with about 36 percent, followed by a high proportion in Germany and France. The number of stocks currently stands at around 67. The investment level is currently around 92 percent.

### Outlook

The economic outlook for this year remains uncertain given the mixed feedback from macroeconomic data. Personal consumption trends remain healthy and supportive for economic growth which is backed by strong data from the labor market. In contrast, data on corporate investment levels and manufacturing activity show a more muted picture. The mixed economic landscape creates a difficult setup for central banks to adequately calibrate the level of policy rates. We expect less interest cuts going forward compared to twelve months ago since the economy is holding up better than expected at the time. Earnings growth continued to be in the high-single digit territory for global equity indices throughout the past year. However, this has been dominated by the U.S. - especially by a few large technology companies. We expect the trend of positive earnings growth to continue but to broaden across sectors and themes. While the investment theme of Artificial Intelligence should remain front and center, valuations for broad global equity indices, which are dominated by US companies, have priced in a decent amount of optimism. Equity markets outside of the United States offer lower valuation levels and accordingly a more meaningful dividend return.  
Higher valuations confirm our expectation of more moderate equity returns over the medium to long term. We consequently remain valuation conscious in our stock selection and emphasize the focus on sound balance sheets, high free cash flow and dividend sustainability. Further, we strongly believe that the importance of dividend distributions for the total return increases further and expect the contribution of dividends to the return of the investment to be above historic averages.

### 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 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.
- 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](http://www.dws.com).

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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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When the custodian sets the price on the last trading day of the month there can be a difference of up to ten hours between the times at which the fund price and the benchmark are calculated. In the event of strong market movements during this period, this may result in the over- or understatement of the Fund's performance relative to the benchmark at the end of the month (this is referred to as the "pricing effect").

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The gross-performance calculated (BVI method) considers all costs on the Funds/Sub-Funds level (e.g. Management Fee). In addition, the net-performance considers a contingent Upfront Sales Charge.

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DWS Investment GmbH, 2025

## 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.

## Coupon

The coupon is the portfolio's average weighted coupon.

## 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.

## 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.

## Weighted Average Life

The weighted average life of the times of the principal repayments of a liability, i.e. a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

## 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.