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# DWS Invest CROCI US

## Quarterly review

3Q 2025



# DWS INVEST CROCI US

## Performance in USD (Net Returns)

### Commentary for 3Q 2025

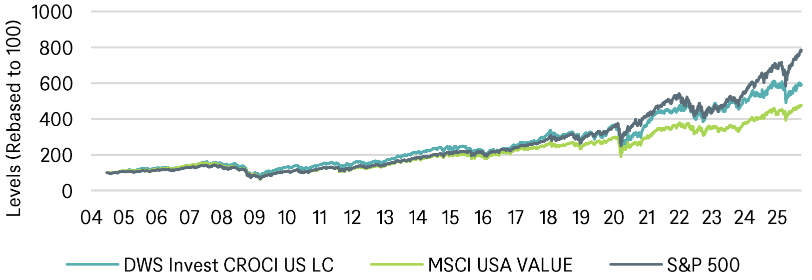
In Q3, DWSI CROCI US outperformed the MSCI USA Value Index by +2.5%, while marginally underperformed the broader market by -0.5%.

July and August saw strong outperformance of both benchmarks, but the style factor leadership shift in September saw some of those gains pared.

The biggest sector detractor was Consumer Staples but this was largely offset by the positive contribution from the Health Care overweight.

Stock selection was the primary driver of positive active returns, adding +2.9%, largely thanks to picks in Comm. Services and Consumer Discretionary.

### Cumulative Fund Performance Net (Jun. 2004 – Sep. 2025)



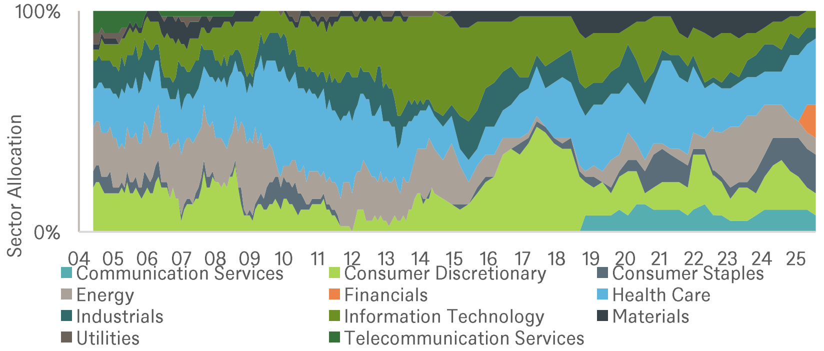

### Fund Performance (Net) Summary

| 25 Jun. 2004 - 30 Sep. 2025 | DWS Invest CROCI US LC | MSCI USA VALUE | S&P 500 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Compounded Annual Growth | 8.7% | 7.6% | 10.2% |
| Annualised Volatility (Daily) | 21.3% | 19.9% | 19.8% |
| Sharpe Ratio (1.82%) | 0.32 | 0.29 | 0.42 |
| Worst drawdown | -53.8% | -59.7% | -55.7% |
| Time to recovery (months) | 40 | 50 | 43 |

| Live since 25 Jun. 2004 | 1M | 3M | YTD | 1Y | 3Y | 5Y | 10Y | Since Live |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DWS Invest CROCI US LC | -0.9% | 7.5% | 2.2% | 2.9% | 15.1% | 13.7% | 10.9% | 8.7% |
| Rel. to MSCI USA VALUE | -2.6% | 2.5% | -9.4% | -4.9% | -0.7% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 1.1% |
| Rel. to S&P 500 | -4.5% | -0.5% | -11.8% | -14.2% | -9.3% | -2.3% | -3.8% | -1.5% |

*Return for the period of more than 1 year is annualized

### Historical Sector Allocation

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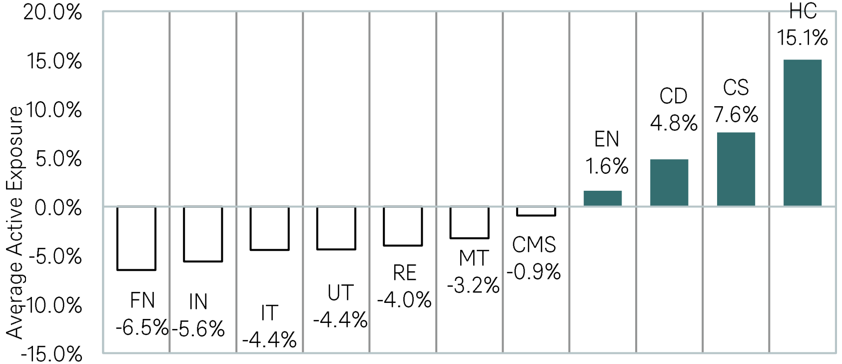
## Performance Attribution Relative to MSCI USA Value, in USD

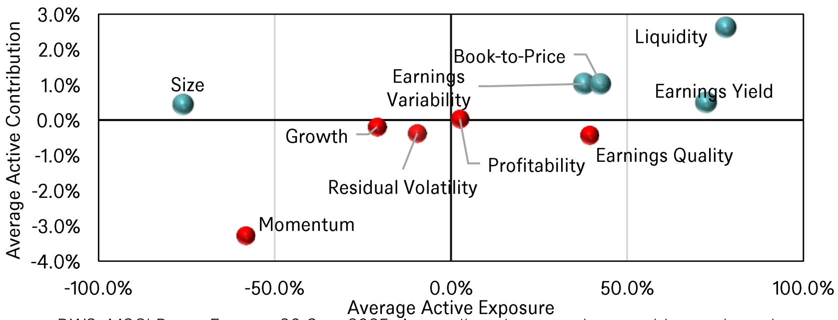
### Performance Attribution – 3Q 2025

| Source of Active Return | Sector Allocation | Stock Selection | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Communication Services | 0.1% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 0.2% | 0.7% | 0.9% |
| Consumer Staples | -0.6% | -0.1% | -0.7% |
| Energy | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Financials | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Health Care | 0.5% | -0.2% | 0.3% |
| Industrials | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| Information Technology | -0.2% | -0.4% | -0.5% |
| Materials | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Real Estate | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Utilities | -0.1% | 0.0% | -0.1% |
| **Total Active (Local Currency)** | **0.0%** | **2.9%** | **3.0%** |

### Average Sector Exposure – 3Q 2025




### Style Factors Exposure & Contribution – Trailing 12 Months




### Top & Bottom Stocks by Total Return Contrib. – 3Q 2025

| Leading Contributors | | Lagging Contributors | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stocks | Contribution | Stocks | Contribution |
| Warner Bros. Discovery | 1.91% | Constellation Brands | -0.43% |
| D.R. Horton | 0.80% | Bath & Body Works | -0.37% |
| Aptiv Holdings Ltd | 0.70% | Cognizant Technology Solutions | -0.34% |
| Tenet Healthcare | 0.59% | Comcast | -0.30% |
| Halliburton | 0.54% | Conagra Brands | -0.23% |

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# CROCI US STRATEGY

## Changes to portfolio, sector weight changes and attribution

### Changes to the portfolio, 3Q 2025

- There were 6 new stock entrants in total:
  - 2 from Health Care
  - 1 each from Consumer Discretionary, Energy, IT and Financials
- They replaced the following 6 stocks that left the portfolio:
  - 1 each from Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary, Energy, Health Care, Industrials and IT

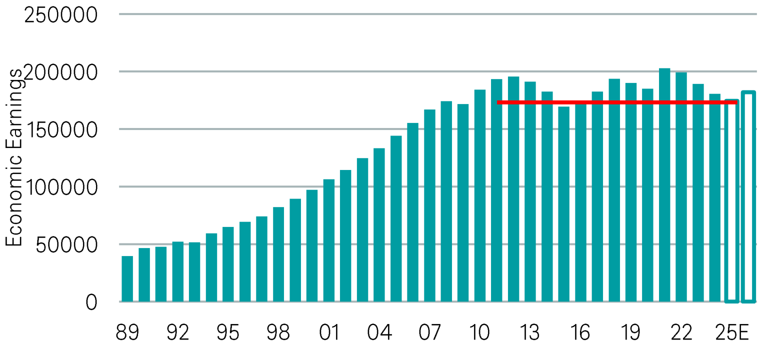
### Attribution explanation 3Q 2025

- Strong relative outperformance against the MSCI USA Value Index was primarily driven by stock selection, which contributed +290bps to active returns. Sector allocation had a near-neutral impact.
- Stock selection was a key driver of positive performance. Owning the Warner Bros. Discovery (Communication Services) was the most significant contributor, generating approximately +180bps of active returns. This was supported by favorable picks in the Consumer Discretionary sector, namely overweights in DR Horton and Aptiv, which combinedly added around +130bps. This strong performance was marginally offset by lack of exposure to AbbVie (Health Care), which detracted -70bps.
- The minimal impact from sector allocation on active returns stemmed from the offsetting effects of an overweight in Consumer Staples, which detracted -60bps, and an overweight in Health Care, which contributed positively by +50bps.

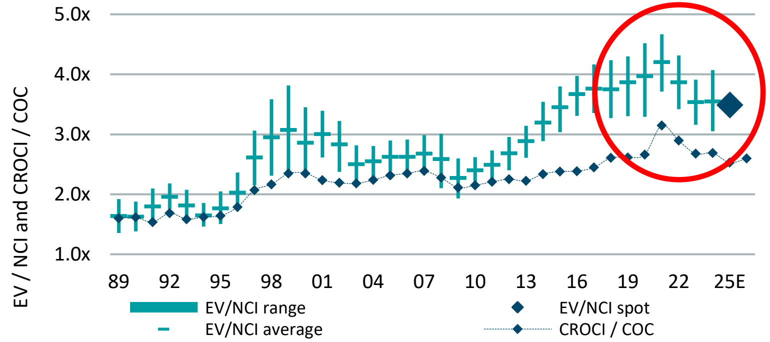
# DWS INVEST CROCI US

## Consumer Staples – Sector at a deep discount globally

DM Consumer Staples: Economic Earnings 1989-2026e




DM Consumer Staples: Value & Returns ex GW 1989-2026e




The CROCI US strategy sets out to hold the most attractive US companies based on CROCI's valuation approach. So far it has been a year where the two most attractive sectors have in fact performed the worst, including Consumer Staples.

Consumer Staples is out in the lead as one of the cheapest sectors globally. Its Economic PE is 32.8x 2025E, compared to global equities on 38.7x. This gives the sector's valuation a substantial cushion versus the wider market. The picture is similar in the US, with the sector trading at a more than a 10% discount to the wider US market.

As a defensive sector, it has had very stable earnings since the financial crisis, at around USD 200bn per year (a little over 100bn in the US). Its returns benefited substantially from the pandemic when they rose substantially, but after 2021 they quickly normalized to more long-term levels. Investors should recall too that the sector's defensive characteristics should also protect returns in the case of any market downturn.

Current forecasts suggest that cash returns may improve a little in the coming year from the levels that they reached thanks to the high inflation environment. Normally elevated inflation tends to hurt asset productivity, which has now fallen back to pre-pandemic levels. Consensus expectations now suggest a stabilization in asset productivity.

The high inflation environment and related supply chain disruptions which had impeded the sector's return on capital have now somewhat abated.

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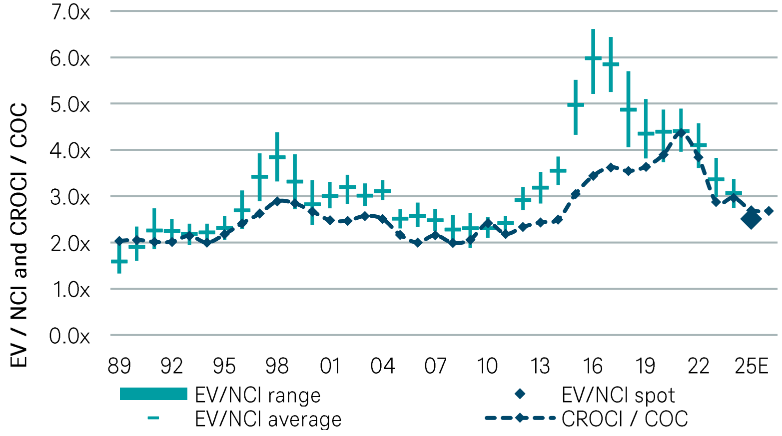
## US Packaged Food Industry vs US Retailers

US packaged food companies have not only seen their returns come back to levels closer to their pandemic-era bonanza. They are now even trading on an economic price-to-book value at a discount to the 2025E forecast levels of cash return, historically a rare occurrence. The CROCI US strategy owns four packaged food names, all priced at substantial discounts to the pared-back level of profitability and to the wider market.

US food retailers have already had a good run, experiencing increased footfall at attractively priced retailers thanks to more consumers looking for deals as they trade down. They now trade at too much of a premium to be owned by the strategy.

US Packaged Food Industry: Value & Returns ex GW 89-26e

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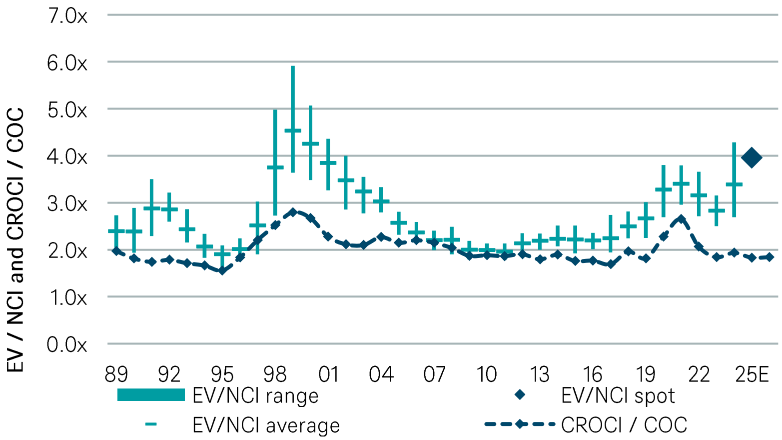


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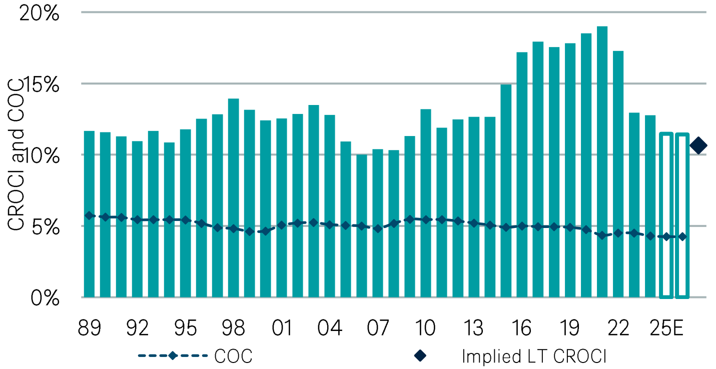
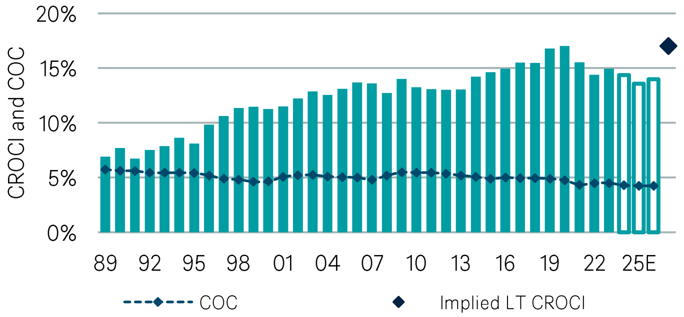
## The effects of trading down, US Packaged Food

US Packaged Food Industry: CROCI & Implied CROCI 89-26e




Household Products: CROCI & Implied CROCI 89-26e




In large part, the Staples sector's lower returns are the consequence of consumers trading down, moving from higher value items to less premium ones.

Most packaged food companies, for example, have not yet been able to pass on the whole of their cost inflation to consumers; they have also needed to spend more on advertising to retain volumes. This has brought returns on capital down past the pre-pandemic 10-year average. The good news is that valuations are already pricing materially below the current level of returns.

One of the more stable Staples subsectors have been Beverage companies: the CROCI returns have held up relatively well and currently stand at 12.4% vs a 10-year average of 13.4%. The strategy holds two such companies.

That picture also holds true for Household Products, from which there are two stocks in the portfolio. The cash returns of both those stocks reflect the stability of the wider subsector, whose returns have remained fairly stable over the past 4 years at a little over 13.5%. Its Economic PE is under 30x, so a large discount to the wider market.

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# Glossary: MSCI Risk Factors

| | |
|---|---|
| **Beta** | Measures stocks' sensitivities to market or systematic risk that cannot be explained by the market factor. |
| **Book-to-Price** | Measures book-to-price as the last reported book value of common equity divided by current market capitalization. |
| **Dividend Yield** | Measures dividend yield as stocks' trailing and predicted 12-month dividend to price ratios. |
| **Earnings Quality** | Measures earnings quality based upon the uncertainties of company operating fundamentals (sales, earnings, cash flows) and the accrual components of their earnings. |
| **Earnings Variability** | Measures earnings variability as variability in sales, earnings and cash flows using both historical measures and analysts' forecasts. |
| **Earnings Yield** | Measures earnings yield as various ratios of the companies' earnings relative to their prices. |
| **Growth** | Measures company growth as earnings growth and sales growth using both historical measures and analysts' forecasts. |
| **Investment Quality** | Measures investment quality as assets, net issuance, and capital expenditure growth. |
| **Leverage** | Measures leverage as various leverage ratios based upon debt, liabilities, equity and assets. |
| **Liquidity** | Measures stocks' liquidity based upon stock trading activities and the impact of trading on stock returns. |
| **Long-Term Reversal** | Explains common variation in returns related to a long-term (five years ex. recent thirteen months) stock price behavior |
| **Mid Capitalization** | Captures non-linearities in the payoff to the Size factor across the market-cap spectrum. |
| **Momentum** | Measures momentum as stock performance over the trailing 12 months. Also considers Industry and Region Momentum |
| **Profitability** | Measures profitability as firms' operations efficiencies and the abilities to generate revenues and earnings. |
| **Residual Volatility** | Measures residual volatility as realized volatilities from stock returns and implied volatilities from equity options. |
| **Size** | Measures size as logarithm of market capitalization. Differentiates between largecap and smallcap stocks. |

*Source: MSCI Barra; Data as of 30 Sep. 2025*

# ROLLING 12 MONTHS FUND PERFORMANCE, NET OF FEES

As of 30 Sep. 2025

| Name | Currency | 09/24 - 09/25 | 09/23 - 09/24 | 09/22 - 09/23 | 09/21 - 09/22 | 09/20 - 09/21 | 09/19 - 09/20 | 09/18 - 09/19 | 09/17 - 09/18 | 09/16 - 09/17 | 09/15 - 09/16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CROCI US LC | USD | 2.92% | 17.91% | 25.70% | -12.52% | 42.28% | -1.62% | -2.24% | 11.59% | 23.56% | 11.75% |

Source: DWS, Bloomberg. Past performance, whether live or simulated, is not a reliable indicator of future results. All returns include reinvested dividends and do not include fees that might be charged on an investment product. All pro-forma performance data before respective live dates is simulated and was calculated by means of retroactive application of the Strategy models. It is not possible to invest directly in a strategy or index. The performance shown here is for model portfolios. The performance of any actual investment products may differ significantly. DWS Invest CROCI US was launched on 28th August 2018.

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# FUND DATA & RISKS

As of 30 Sep. 2025

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Portfolio Manager | Adam Freeman | Assets | 163 mn USD |
| Portfolio Manager since | 01/07/2023 | Fund Currency | USD |
| Portfolio Management Company | DWS Investment GmbH & DWS Investments UK Ltd | Launch Date | 28/08/2018 |
| Portfolio Management Location | Multi-manager | Fiscal Year End | 31/12/2025 |
| Management Company | DWS Investment S.A. | Investor Profile | Risk-tolerant |
| Legal Structure | SICAV | Fund Domicile | Luxembourg |

Fund Risks

The fund reallocates investments between various asset classes depending on the market. Depending on the market phase and the reallocation of the fund's assets, it is therefore possible that the risk of the fund may vary. The risk/return profile can therefore fluctuate considerably within a short period of time. The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases. 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. In accordance with the investment policy.

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Source: DWS, Bloomberg

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