DWS Group – Q4 & FY 2023 preliminary results

February 01, 2024

FY 2023 Key Achievements



DWS amongst the fastest organically growing Asset Managers



Adjusted revenues of €2.6bn, slightly down versus 2022



Adjusted cost-income-ratio of 64.0%, well within guidance of <65%



Total net flows of 28.3bn, driven by Passive including Xtrackers



Strong 3- and 5-year outperformance ratio of 71% and 78%



DWS Executive Board will propose an ordinary dividend of €2.10 per share¹⁾

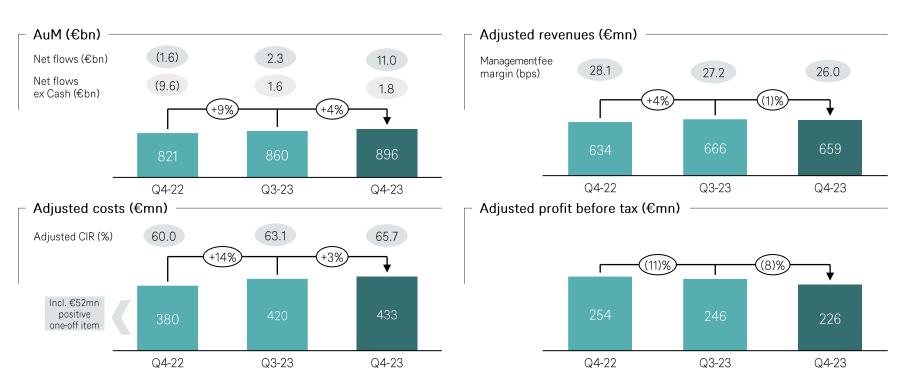


Extraordinary dividend proposal of €4.00 per share¹⁾ in 2024

Financial performance snapshot – Q4 2023



Strong AuM development, mainly driven by positive markets and net flows

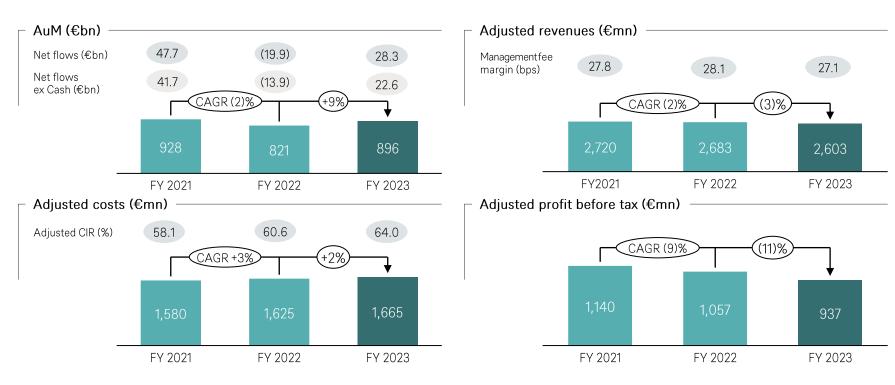


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Financial performance snapshot – FY 2023



Positive net flows ex cash throughout all four quarters of the year

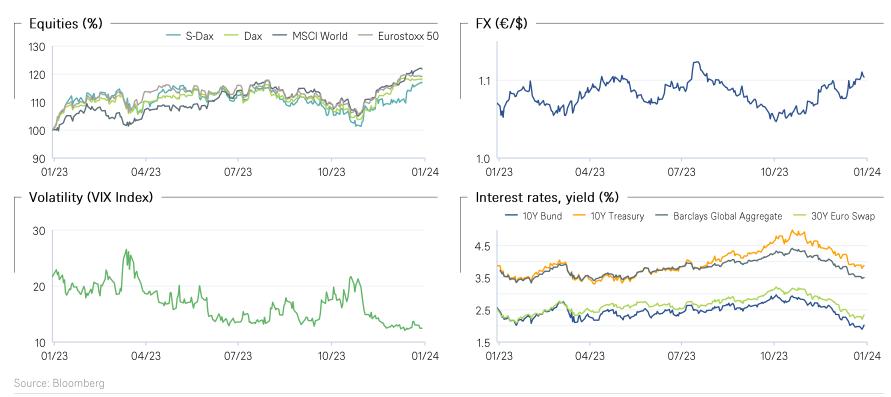


Note: CAGR, compound annual growth rate over the period FY 2021 to FY 2023

Market environment



A year dominated by rising interest rates ended with a bond and equity rally



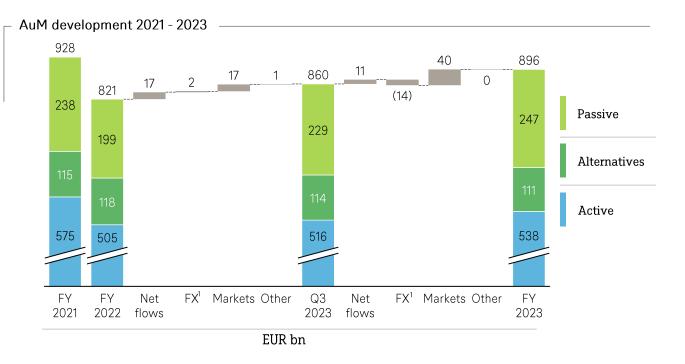
AuM development



Almost back to record year 2021, supported by inflows and positive market impact

Q4 / FY Highlights

- AuM increased to €896bn in Q4
- Positive market impact of €40bn in Q4, partly offset by negative €/\$ exchange rate movements in Q4
- €11bn of net flows in Q4, predominantly driven by Passive and Cash products
- In FY 2024 AuM increased by €75bn supported by positive markets and strong inflows



¹ Represents FX impact from non-Euro denominated products; excludes performance impact from FX

AUM and net flows by asset class & region

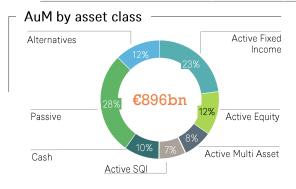


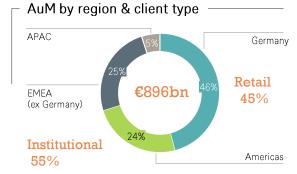
Return to inflows in 2023, driven by significant flow recovery for Passive, incl. Xtrackers

FY / Q4 Highlights

- Net flows of €11.0bn in Q4 were particularly driven by Passive including Xtrackers as well as Cash
- Continued strong inflows in Passive totaling €4.4bn including €5.9bn inflows into Xtrackers ETFs, partly offset by institutional mandate outflows
- Strong UCITS ETF performance led to an increase in our EMEA ETF market share to 10.2%
- Net outflows of €0.9bn in Alternatives, resulting from Real Estate and LRA, partly offset by continued client demand for Infrastructure products
- Positive net flows across Active, Passive and Alternatives in all four regions

Net flows breakdown, €bn Q4-22 Q3-23 Q4-23 FY-22 **FY-23** Active Equity 0.3 (1.6)(0.4)(0.8)(2.1)5.9 (1.0)(1.2)(0.4)4.4 Active Multi Asset Active SQI¹ (0.3)(0.6)(0.5)(0.3)(1.5)Active Fixed Income (5.2)0.2 (0.4)(12.2)0.3 6.2 Passive (0.5)4.4 (7.1)21.2 (2.9)(1.3)(0.9)0.6 0.3 Alternatives Total ex Cash (9.6)16 18 (13.9)226 Cash 8.0 0.6 9.3 (6.0)5.7 2.3 Total (1.6)11.0 (19.9)28.3





¹Systematic and Quantitative Investments

Double digit increase in funds greater than €1bn

margin of new funds

(bps)



New funds attract strong net inflows into Passive, Alternatives and Fixed Income



Note: Not all DWS products and services are offered in all jurisdictions and availability is subject to local regulatory restrictions and requirements

See Cautionary Statement for ESG product classification framework explanation on p. 21. Examples, subject to demand assessments, approvals and successful transaction execution.

DWS Invest Net Zero Transition

60%

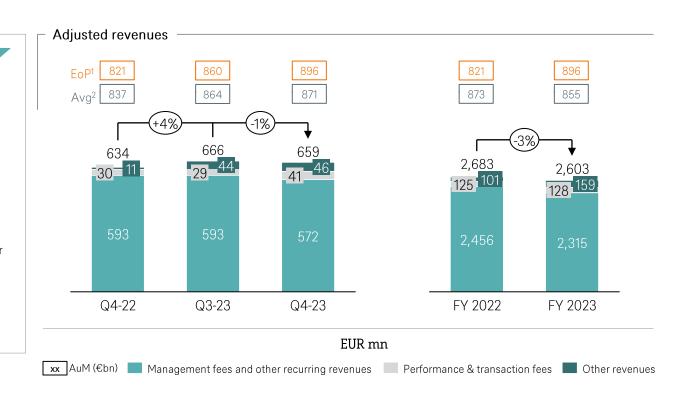
Revenue development



Revenues broadly stable despite lower management fees in Q4

Q4 Highlights

- Total adjusted revenues of €659mn, supported by a €12mn increase in performance and transaction fees, particularly from Concept Kaldemorgen
- Management fees negatively impacted by one-off items and Q3 market effects
- Average AuM almost stable, higher AuM at the end of 2023 with a full impact on fees in 2024
- Other revenues continued to benefit from the interest rate environment



Note: ¹End of period. ² Monthly average

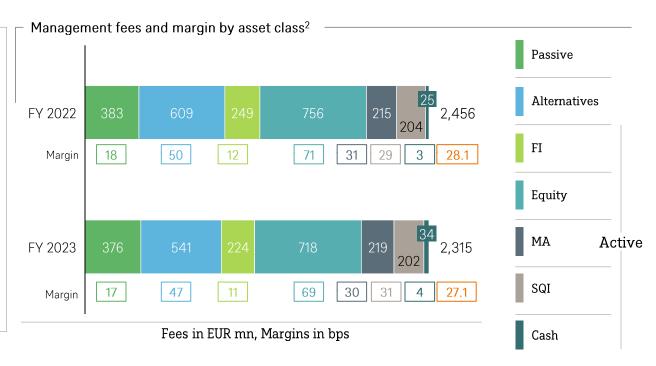
Management fee and margin development



Challenging markets and shift in product mix resulted in reduced fee income

FY Highlights

- Overall management fee margin decreased by ~1bps to 27.1bps y-o-y in line with guidance
- Management fees were impacted by negative market performance in 2022 combined with a demanding environment for Alternatives throughout 2023 as well as FX
- Reduced fees due to divestment of sub-scale businesses and fund platform
- We continue to expect ~1bps annual margin compression going forward



¹ Calculated by dividing the annualized management fees (considering the number of days in a specific quarter) for a period by average AuM for the same period

² Management fees and other recurring revenues, non-product related management fees of €2m in 2023 and €15m in 2022 excluded in asset class breakdown

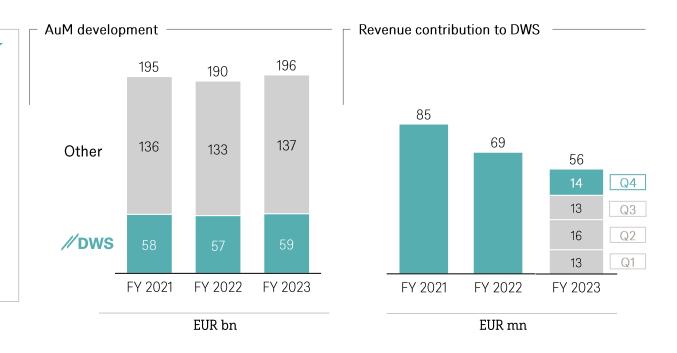
Harvest Fund Management



Strong performance and AuM positioning Harvest as sixth largest AM in China

FY / Q4 Highlights

- Revenue contribution of €14mn in Q4 and €56m in FY 2023 almost stable despite fee cap in H2 2023
- AuM of €196bn increased by 1% in Q4 as a result of positive flows, offset by combined impact of CNY depreciation against EUR and negative market movements
- Harvest elevated its positioning amongst largest Asset Mangers in China from #9 to #6¹



Note: Preliminary and unaudited numbers provided by Harvest Fund Management Co., Ltd; DWS holding 30% of HFM, Other shareholders: Lixin Investment 30%, China Credit Trust 40% ¹ In terms of mutual fund size excluding money market fund (Q3 2023 ranking published by the Asset Management Association of China)

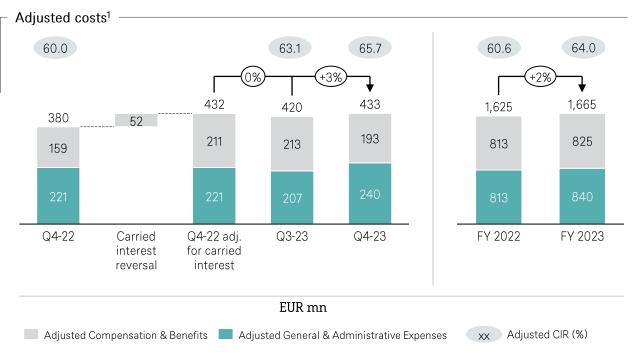
Cost development



Adjusted CIR increased to 64.0%, well within guidance of below 65% in 2023

FY / Q4 Highlights

- Total adjusted costs of €433mn increased q-o-q, driven by higher AuM related service charges and regulatory costs, partly offset by lower adjusted compensation and benefits
- Strict cost discipline in high inflationary environment continued
- The total adjusted cost base excludes €99mn of investments into our infrastructure platform transformation in FY 2023



¹ Non-interest expenses adj. for severance payments, restructuring activities, impairments of goodwill & other intangible assets, material non-recurring expenses, transformational charges and litigation

Financial Outlook 2024



Preparing the ground towards our strategic targets

Keeping the pace in 2024 to outperform the industry									
	Adjusted Revenues	– Expected to stay essentially flat vs. 2023							
	Adjusted Costs	– Expected to stay broadly in line with 2023							
	Adjusted Profit before Tax	– Expected to stay flat in 2024							
	Net Flows	– Expected to be higher in 2024, particularly supported by Xtrackers							

Note: Subject to geopolitical uncertainty and if economic conditions normalize

Writing the next chapter of DWS in the 2020s



Focus on continued delivery of our strategy, underlined by various priorities for 2024 and beyond

Overarching priorities 2024

SOLVE SELF-INFLICTED ISSUES

Overcome challenges of transformation project, enhance processes and controls, and leave behind legacy of ESG investigations

TOP 3 ORGANIC GROWTH

Retain position amongst fastest growing asset managers (excluding Cash), driven by targeted growth areas of Xtrackers and Alternatives

ALPHA CREATION FOR CLIENTS

Maintain high levels of investment outperformance achieved in 2023 by strengthening focus on Active asset management to outpace markets

Overarching priorities for the next 3 years

GATEWAY TO EUROPE

Leverage global franchise and roots in Europe to become the first point of contact for global investors wanting to invest in Europe

TOP 5 IN THE TOP 5

Rank amongst the leading asset managers in the 5 largest economies by defending #1 position in Germany and expanding in the US and APAC

FUTURE OF FINANCE

Play a role in building the future of finance by managing and leading the disruption caused by digital distribution channels, blockchain and artificial intelligence





Our
Financial
Targets
2025

	2022	Guidance 2023	Refined Targets 2025
Earnings per share			EUR 4.50
Adjusted CIR	~60%	<65%	<59%
Xtrackers AuM Grow	/th		>12% (CAGR 2022-2025)
Alternatives AuM Gr	rowth		>10% (CAGR 2022-2025)

Note: Targets 2025 assuming stable market conditions Source: DWS Capital Markets Day 2022 on December 9, 2022

DWS financial performance



Profit & Loss and other key p	performance measures
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In €mn,	unless stated otherwise	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	Q4 2023 vs Q3 2023	Q4 2023 vs Q4 2022	FY 2023 vs FY 2022
	Management fees and other recurring revenues	572	593	593	2,315	2,456	(4)%	(4)%	(6)%
	Performance and transaction fees	41	29	30	128	125	40%	36%	2%
	Other revenues	44	44	40	171	131	1%	8%	31%
	Net revenues	657	666	663	2,614	2,712	(1)%	(1)%	(4)%
	Revenue adjustments	(2)	0	30	12	30	N/M	N/M	N/M
	Adjusted revenues	659	666	634	2,603	2,683	(1)%	4%	(3)%
	Adjusted Compensation & Benefits	193	213	159	825	813	(9)%	22%	2%
	Adjusted General & administrative expenses	240	207	221	840	813	15%	8%	3%
	Adjusted cost base	433	420	380	1,665	1,625	3%	14%	2%
Profit & Loss	Severance & Restructuring	13	5	23	34	37	141%	(43)%	(6)%
	Litigation	(0)	2	13	22	26	N/M	(100)%	(18)%
	Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets	(0)	(0)	68	(0)	68	N/M	N/M	N/M
	Transformational charges	31	26	17	99	58	21%	79%	71%
	Other material non-recurring expenses	(3)	1	6	2	32	N/M	(144)%	(92)%
	Total noninterest expenses	475	454	508	1,823	1,847	4%	(7)%	(1)%
	Profit before tax	182	211	155	791	866	(14)%	17%	(9)%
	Adjusted profit before tax	226	246	254	937	1,057	(8)%	(11)%	(11)%
	Net income	137	147	107	567	595	(7)%	28%	(5)%
	Reported CIR	72.3%	68.2%	76.6%	69.7%	68.1%	4.0 ppt	(4.3) ppt	1.6 ppt
	Adjusted CIR	65.7%	63.1%	60.0%	64.0%	60.6%	2.6 ppt	5.7 ppt	3.4 ppt
	FTE (#)	4,378	4,329	3,657	4,378	3,657	1%	20%	20%
Other Key	AuM (in €bn)	896	860	821	896	821	4%	9%	9%
Performance	Net flows (in €bn)	11.0	2.3	(1.6)	28.3	(19.9)			
Measures	Net flows ex Cash (in €bn)	1.8	1.6	(9.6)	22.6	(13.9)			
	Management fee margin (bps - annualized)	26.0	27.2	28.1	27.1	28.1			
	Earnings per share (in €)	0.68	0.73	0.53	2.83	2.97	(7)%	29%	(5)%

Historical net flows and AuM development



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	FY 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	FY 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	FY 2023		FY 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	FY 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	F 20
Net flows by asset class												AuM by asset class											
Active Equity	(0.7)	0.3	0.7	(2.1)	0.3	(0.8)	0.4	(0.6)	(1.6)	(0.4)	(2.1)	Active Equity	116	112	102	97	99	99	103	106	104	107	
Active Multi Asset	3.8	6.8	0.6	(0.5)	(1.0)	5.9	5.6	0.5	(1.2)	(0.4)	4.4	Active Multi Asset	70	74	69	67	68	68	75	76	75	76	
Active SQI ¹	2.3	(0.1)	0.4	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.8)	0.4	(0.6)	(0.5)	(1.5)	Active SQI ¹	77	72	66	64	64	64	64	66	63	66	
Active Fixed Income	4.6	(2.7)	(0.1)	(4.1)	(5.2)	(12.2)	0.5	0.0	0.2	(0.4)	0.3	Active Fixed Income	227	215	208	205	194	194	196	196	197	203	2
Passive incl. Xtrackers	25.9	0.5	(3.3)	(3.8)	(0.5)	(7.1)	4.4	6.2	6.2	4.4	21.2	Passive incl. Xtrackers	238	230	207	198	199	199	213	225	229	247	
Alternatives	6.0	1.0	1.6	1.0	(2.9)	0.6	(1.4)	3.9	(1.3)	(0.9)	0.3	Alternatives	115	120	123	126	118	118	113	115	114	111	
Total ex Cash	41.7	5.7	(0.3)	(9.8)	(9.6)	(13.9)	8.8	10.4	1.6	1.8	22.6	Total ex Cash	843	824	777	756	741	741	764	783	781	811	
Active Cash	5.9	(6.8)	(24.8)	17.6	8.0	(6.0)	(3.1)	(1.1)	0.6	9.3	5.7	Active Cash	84	79	56	77	80	80	77	76	78	85	
OWS Group	47.7	(1.0)	(25.0)	7.7	(1.6)	(19.9)	5.7	9.3	2.3	11.0	28.3	DWS Group	928	902	833	833	821	821	841	859	860	896	
Net flows by region Americas	7.5	(3.7)	(20.8)	17.4	(5.9)	(13.1)	(3.8)	6.6	2.7	5.5	11.0	AuM by region Americas	230	226	206	229	209	209	204	209	214	218	
EMEA excl. Germany	15.7	(4.4)	(2.7)	(7.6)	5.2	(9.6)	1.1	(3.9)	(1.0)	4.5	0.7	EMEA excl. Germany	245	235	219	209	204	204	210	210	209	222	
Germany	24.3	8.5	(0.3)	(1.5)	(0.6)	6.1	8.9	5.0	(0.4)	0.8	14.3	Germany	405	396	365	354	368	368	385	398	393	411	
Asia Pacific	0.1	(1.4)	(1.2)	(0.5)	(0.2)	(3.4)	(0.5)	1.7	1.0	0.1	2.3	Asia Pacific	48	46	43	41	41	41	41	42	43	45	_
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Net flows by client chann	el											AuM by client channel											
Retail	31.7	4.6	3.5	(5.9)	(2.2)	0.0	3.1	1.1	4.6	2.5	11.3	Retail	421	414	387	371	367	367	381	388	390	407	
nstitutional	16.0	(5.7)	(28.5)	13.6	0.6	(19.9)	2.6	8.2	(2.3)	8.6	17.0	Institutional	507	489	446	463	454	454	460	471	470	489	
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Change in AuM																							
Total net flows	47.7	(1.0)	(25.0)	7.7	(1.6)	(19.9)	5.7	9.3	2.3	11.0	28.3												
FX	25.8	8.7	20.7	22.8	(30.4)	21.9	(6.6)	(19)	10.6	(14 4)	(12.2)												

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Markets

Total change in AuM

Other

0.4

135.0 (25.2) (69.3)

60.1 (33.3) (65.1) (31.1)

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0.6

21.4 (108.2)

0.1

(1.1)

0.0 (11.6) (106.1)

18.8

1.2

19.1

11.2 (12.6)

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¹ Systematic and Quantitative Investments

Q4 2023 detailed investment outperformance



		1Y	3Y	5`
Active Retail	Equity	53%	60%	749
Active Retail	Multi Asset ²	29%	22%	229
	SQI ²	28%	83%	599
	Fixed Income	69%	90%	969
	Cash ²	100%	100%	1009
	Total	58%	70%	79'
Active Institutional	Equity ²	44%	46%	589
Active institutional	Multi Asset	45%	42%	47'
	SQI	57%	77%	76'
	Fixed Income	74%	73%	77
	Cash ²	87%	53%	95'
	Total	70%	69%	749
Active Total	Equity	52%	58%	739
Active rotal	Multi Asset	44%	40%	45'
	SQI	50%	78%	719
	Fixed Income	74%	76%	79
	Cash	92%	77%	97'
	Total	66%	70%	76'
Alternatives	Direct Real Estate	27%	91%	919
7 iitorria ervos	Liquid Real Assets	39%	74%	989
	Other Alternatives ²	52%	52%	529
	Total	34%	81%	899
otal D W S		61%	71%	789

¹ Aggregate asset-weighted gross outperformance of Active and Alternatives products that have benchmark spreads (gross and net) available over respective periods (Active and Liquid Real Assets as of Dec 31, 2023, Direct Real Estate and Other Alternatives as of Sep 30, 2023)

² <10bn AuM with BM and hence ratios not representative

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Cautionary statement (1/2)



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The DWS ESG Framework (formerly DWS ESG Product Classification Framework) ("ESG Framework") was introduced in 2021, taking into account relevant legislation (including SFDR), market standards and internal developments and was further described in our Annual Report 2021. Based on the further evolution of the regulatory environment, we incorporated some refinements into the ESG Framework in the fourth quarter of 2022. Besides liquid passively managed funds (ETFs) which apply a screen comparable to the "DWS ESG Investment Standard" filter or have a "sustainable investment objective", as well as other liquid passively managed funds which have been labelled as ESG and/or seek to adhere to an ESG investment strategy, now also liquid passively managed funds (ETFs) which track indices that comply with the EU Benchmark Regulation on EU Climate Transition Benchmark and EU Paris-Aligned Benchmark are considered as ESG. Further details can be found in our Annual Report 2022.

We will continue to develop and refine our ESG Framework in accordance with evolving regulation and market practice. The aforementioned definitions apply to the entire presentation.

This presentation contains alternative performance measures (APMs). For a description of these APMs, please refer to the Interim Report, which is available at https://group.dws.com/ir/reports-and-events/financial-results/

Cautionary statement (2/2)



To measure outperformance, each fund or mandate of DWS which has a benchmark and where both gross and net outperformance is available has its performance (gross of fees) measured against that benchmark. In certain cases, for Illiquid portfolios where no benchmark is available but a target return is defined, we use this target return instead of a benchmark for outperformance calculation. Where a fund or mandate outperforms its benchmark, the AuM held by such fund or mandate is included in the total proportion of our AuM included in outperformance figures. Fund of Funds are counted as products, e.g. when showing the absolute or relative number of products but are accounted with zero AuM for the purpose of AuM-based outperformance figures. Performance data is based on our internal performance review database and measured gross of fees.

The outperformance ratio is defined as the AuM of all funds and mandates of DWS that outperformed their benchmark over the respective period divided by the AuM of all funds and mandates that have a benchmark assigned and performance data available.

Outperformance is only one factor among many that influences the levels of our AuM, and the levels of our AuM are only one factor that contributes to our results of operations and financial position. Historical outperformance statistics should not be considered a substitute for financial information and trends in outperformance do not correlate with changes in net income.