

DWS Top Dividende

Equity Funds - Global



April 2025

As at 30/04/2025

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™



Morningstar Category™

Global Equity Income

Ratings (As at: 31/03/2025)

Morningstar Overall Rating™: AAA

Lipper Leaders: 2 2 5 3

Performance

Performance (in %) - Share Class LD



Past performance is no indication of current or future performance, and the performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units.

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	-3.8	5.1	8.2	39.5	465.8	2.0	2.7	6.9	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5

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

Volatility	8.80%	Maximum Drawdown	-8.46%	VAR (99%/10 days)	8.79%
Sharpe Ratio	0.00	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 20.4	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd (Materials) 4.4
Health Care 12.6	Shell PLC (Energy) 2.7
Energy 8.7	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Info 2.6
Consumer Staples 8.3	TotalEnergies SE (Energy) 2.3
Utilities 7.3	Hannover Rueckversicherung SE (Financials) 2.3
Materials 7.3	AXA SA (Financials) 2.3
Industrials 7.1	Enbridge Inc (Energy) 2.1
Information Technology 6.0	AbbVie Inc (Health Care) 2.1
Communication Services 3.0	Nestle SA (Consumer Staples) 2.0
Consumer Discretionary 0.9	WEC Energy Group Inc (Utilities) 2.0
	Total 24.8
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 27.1	Equities 81.6
France 8.8	Bonds 9.7
Canada 8.5	Commodities 7.8
Germany 8.4	Cash and other assets 0.9
Great Britain 6.0	
Switzerland 4.3	
Norway 4.3	
Taiwan 2.6	
Japan 2.2	
Ireland 1.7	
Finland 1.6	
Other Countries 6.2	
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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of fund volume)
United States dollar	39.2
Euro	37.6
Norwegian krone	4.4
Swiss franc	4.4
Pound sterling	3.3
Canadian dollar	3.1
Taiwan dollar - new -	2.6
Japanese yen	2.3
Swedish krona	1.2
Danish krone	1.0
South Korean won	0.9
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative and positive figures reflect expected currency developments.	

Market Capitalization	(in % of fund volume)
> 10 Bn.	81.1
> 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	65	Dividend Yield (in %)	3.6
		Ø Market Cap	128,294.0 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	-3.7	5.7	10.0	43.4	134.8	2.2	3.2	7.5	23.0	1.0	1.8	10.1
LC	-3.8	5.1	8.2	39.5	49.0	2.0	2.7	6.9	22.2	0.5	1.3	9.5
LD	-3.8	5.1	8.2	39.5	465.8	2.0	2.7	6.9	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5
LDQ	-3.8	5.1	8.2	39.4	60.6	2.0	2.6	6.9	22.2	0.4	1.3	9.5
RC	-3.8	5.1	8.4	39.8	49.6	2.0	2.7	6.9	22.3	0.5	1.3	9.5
TFC	-3.7	5.8	10.3	44.1	53.5	2.2	3.3	7.6	23.0	1.1	2.0	10.2
TFD	-3.7	5.8	10.3	44.1	55.2	2.2	3.3	7.6	23.1	1.1	1.9	10.2

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Portfolio Manager	Dr. Thomas-P Schuessler	Assets	19,736.3 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	Fund Domicile	Germany
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	Swiss Sec. No.	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	22083079	Distribution	0.00%	158.03	158.03	0.900%	0.90% (1)	--	2,000,000
LC	EUR	DE000DWS1U90	38179024	Accumulation	5.00%	188.46	179.48	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LD	EUR	DE0009848119	1599223	Distribution	5.00%	147.66	140.62	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
LDQ	EUR	DE000DWS18N0	27237170	Distribution	5.00%	147.39	140.36	1.450%	1.45% (1)	--	--
RC	EUR	DE000DWS2PA1	38178924	Accumulation	5.00%	178.73	170.22	1.400%	1.40% (1)	--	500,000,000
TFC	EUR	DE000DWS18Q3	35236588	Accumulation	0.00%	186.59	186.59	0.800%	0.80% (1)	--	--
TFD	EUR	DE000DWS2SL2	39735562	Distribution	0.00%	125.93	125.93	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

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The rankings and ratings relating to German market.
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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.	April 2025	As at 30/04/2025
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Performance Review

April began with a shock to the global trade order when President Trump announced global tariffs on “Liberation Day”, with a base tariff of 10% on all US imports as well as significantly higher tariffs for partners deemed to be “bad actors”. Stock markets subsequently experienced their sharpest falls since the Covid crisis. After a flight from US assets and a sell-off in the bond market – highlighted by the significant depreciation of the dollar against other major currencies – the plans were postponed for 90 days. The volatility index jumped significantly and was close to historic highs. In Europe, the ECB cut its key interest rate by 25 basis points for the seventh time. Towards the end of the month, the markets recovered noticeably and made up for the monthly losses. The price recovery was supported by hopes of a possible easing of the trade conflict, better than feared quarterly results and solid US labor market figures. The volatility index normalized to some extent and interest rates on long-term government bonds also lost some of their rise. Due to the uncertainty, gold prices ended the month higher by 5.29%. Accordingly, oil prices were down by 19.59%, copper by 9.29% and iron ore by 4.79%. The Dollar index was down 4.55%.

In April, the strongest sectors were Consumer Staples and Utilities, while Energy and Health Care underperformed. Our defensive strategy DWS Top Dividende outperformed the broad equity market (MSCI World-Index: no official benchmark, for comparison purpose only). During April, the DWS Top Dividende was down 3.77%.

Performance Attribution

Top 5 single stock contributions came from Agnico Eagle, Vinci, AXA, E.ON and Nutrien.

Agnico Eagle: Performance was driven by rising gold prices.
Vinci: The company is recovering from French macro risks. The strong performance was also driven by solid results for FY24 and 1Q/25 and a more resilient business model compared to other industrials companies in case of a slowdown or a recession.
Nutrien: Positive performance was driven by continued price momentum in fertilizer markets.

Bottom 5: On a single stock level Schlumberger, Shell, UnitedHealth, TotalEnergies and Abbvie lagged during the month.

Schlumberger/Shell/TotalEnergies: Companies from the energy sector ended the month lower due to a drop in oil prices driven by the risk of lower global demand because of tariffs and the risk of higher OPEC+ supply.
UnitedHealth: The company cut its FY25 EPS outlook by 12% citing elevated and higher than expected medical costs in its Medicare Advantage book of business and operational challenges in its provider unit Optum.

On a sector level, Materials contributed positively to the overall performance of the fund, while Health Care and Energy 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 Industrials sector. In return, the fund management team increased their position in the Materials and Consumer Staples sector. Currently, companies of the Financials and Health Care sector have the highest weighting in the fund of roughly 13 to 20 percent, followed by equities from the sectors Energy and Materials. 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 30 percent, followed by a high proportion in Germany and France. The number of stocks currently stands at around 64. 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.

Investor profile: Growth-oriented

The Fund is intended for the growth-oriented investor seeking returns higher than those from capital market interest rates, with capital growth generated primarily through opportunities in the equity and currency markets. Security and liquidity are subordinate to potential high returns. This entails higher equity, interest rate and currency risks, as well as default risks, all of which can result in a loss of capital.

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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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General Risk Warnings

Any investment in units of a collective investment scheme entails or is associated with equity market, bond market, exchange rate, interest rate, credit, volatility and political risks. Each of these risks may appear in connection with other risks. A brief description of some of these risk factors is provided below.

Prospective investors should have previous experience with the financial instruments that are in use in the specified investment policy. Investors should fully understand the risks associated with investments in fund units and only make investment decisions after consulting with their legal, tax, financial or other advisors in regards to (i) the suitability of an investment in units in view of their personal tax and financial position and/or other circumstances; (ii) the information contained in this prospectus; (iii) the investment policy of the collective investment scheme; and (iv) the risks associated with the investment under the planned investment policy presented by the collective investment scheme.

Please note that investments in collective investment schemes entail both opportunities on the upside and risks on the downside. Units of collective investment schemes are securities and as such their value fluctuates with the rise and fall in the value of the underlying assets. The value of the units may accordingly rise above or fall below the purchase price. No guarantee therefore is given that the objectives of the investment policy will be achieved.
Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future returns.

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.