Bond Funds - EUR



March 2024

5.5

As at 28/03/2024

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### Fund Data

# **Investment Policy**

The objective is to achieve a return in excess of standard market interest rates by investing in the money market, government bonds, mortgage bonds and corporate bonds with short residual maturities (usually 1-3 years). The current investment focus is on covered bonds from high-quality issuers. Bonds with a rating up to BBB- (at acquisition) are included as part of creditworthiness management. This growth-oriented investment is suitable for investors with a medium-term investment horizon.

# Fund Management's Comment

In March, the focus was once again on the monetary policy measures and projections of the central banks. The majority of market participants continue to expect the European Central Bank to cut interest rates for the first time in June, while the first interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve could come later due to the recent good economic figures. The Bank of Japan said goodbye to negative interest rates and raised its key interest rate to +0.1% (from -0.1%) for the first time since 2007. In addition, the measures to control the Japanese yield curve were discontinued. The 10-year Bund yield ranged from 2.25% to 2.46% during the month. At the end of the month, the 10-year yield was 2.30%. The twoyear yield on German government bonds was slightly lower at 2.85% at the end of the month compared to the previous month. Artificial intelligence (AI) continues to be a dominant theme on the equity markets and has led to new highs for the S&P 500 Index, among others. In addition, the development of inflation and thus the direction of interest rates remained a key issue on the equity markets. Renten Strategie K recorded an increase in March

#### Performance Performance (in % - EUR) Period Fund (net) Fund (gross) 110 03/2014 - 03/2015 0.1 1.1 108 03/2015 - 03/2016 -0.2 -0.2 106 03/2016 - 03/2017 104 102 03/2017 - 03/2018 0.1 0.1 100 03/2018 - 03/2019 -0.3 -0.3 98 03/2019 - 03/2020 -1.8 -1.8 96 03/2020 - 03/2021 2.0 2.0 94 03/2021 - 03/2022 -2.8 -2.8 92 03/2022 - 03/2023 -24 -24

Fund (gross)

30/06/2020

30/09/2021

30/12/2022

90

29/03/2019

Explanations and modeling; assumption: an investor wishes to purchase units for EUR 1,000.00. With a maximum sales charge of 1.00%, the investor has to pay EUR 1,010.00. The gross performance (BVI method) includes all costs incurred at the fund level, the net performance also includes the sales charge; additional costs may be incurred at the investor level (e.g. custody costs). Since the sales charge is only levied in the first year, the net/gross amount shown is different only in this year. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y s.	Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	0.9	5.5	0.1	0.3	18.5	1.8	0.0	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-5.3	4.3

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year)							
Volatility	2.31%	Maximum Drawdown	-7.84%	VAR (99%/10 days)	0.76%		
Sharpe Ratio	-0.60	Information Ratio		Correlation Coefficient			
Alpha		Beta		Tracking Error			

Portfolio Analysis			
Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)	Portfolio Breakdown	(in % of fund volume)
Bonds	60.4	Bond funds	38.0
Investment funds	38.0		
Cash and other assets	1.6		
Future Short	-14.2		

Breakdown by Currency

Euro

#### Largest Individual Holdings (in % of fund volume) Man Fds-Man GLG EUR Corp.Bd 16.9 CROWN SIGMA-LGT EM Frontier LC Bond Sub-F 11.3 UI - Aktia EM Frontier Bond+ IAH EUR Acc. (INE) 6.4 WMFL- Wellington GlobalTotal Return Fund Hgd E 3.4 LB Hessen-Thüringen 20/22.01.25 MTN PF 2.0 UniCredit Bank GmbH 23/20.08.2025 1.6 Banco Santander 22/27.09.2026 MTN 1.4 Commerzbank 23/12.12.2025 MTN 1.4 Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 22/28.06.27 MTN 1.3 Bank Austria Creditanstalt 23/31.07.2026 MTN 1.2 Total 46.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

# Morningstar Category™

EUR Diversified Bond - Short Term

Ratings (As at: 29/02/2024) Morningstar Overall Rating™: ÅÅÅ

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

(in % of fund volume)

100.0

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Principal Holdings (Bonds)	(in % of fund volume)	Breakdown by Rating	(in % of bond holdings)
LB Hessen-Thüringen 20/22.01.25 MTN PF	2.0	AAA	48.0
UniCredit Bank GmbH 23/20.08.2025	1.6	AA	■ 8.2
Banco Santander 22/27.09.2026 MTN	1.4	A	29.2
Commerzbank 23/12.12.2025 MTN	1.4	BBB	14.7
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 22/28.06.27 MTN PF	1.3		
Bank Austria Creditanstalt 23/31.07.2026 MTN	1.2		
Banco BPM 24/24.01.2030 MTN	1.2		
UniCredit Bank GmbH 19/10.09.2024 MTN PF	1.2		
Bank of Montreal 22/05.04.26 PF	1.1		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia 23/31.08.2027	1.1		
Total	13.5		

Breakdown by Country (Bonds)	(in % of fund volume)
Ireland	28.3
Germany	13.0
Luxembourg	10.2
Canada	6.0
France	5.3
Sweden	4.9
Spain	4.5
Netherlands	2.9
Italy	2.8
USA	2.6
Other Countries	18.0
Gross weighting not adjusted for derivative positions	

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Portfolio Breakdown	(in % of fund volume)
Covered Bonds	25.8
Financial bonds	16.4
Corporate Bonds	9.6
Other Securities	46.6
Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.	<u>.</u>

Key Figures regarding the Fund's A	ssets				
Yield (in %)	3.5	Coupon (in %)	2.2		
Duration (in years)	2.3	Modified Duration	2.3	Weighted Average Life (in years)	4.0
Number of Bonds	85	Average Rating	AA		

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Dr. Ulrike Jaeger	Front-end Load	1.00%
Portfolio Manager since	01/11/2019	All-in-Fee	0.440%
Portfolio Management Company	DWS International GmbH	Running costs / TER (1)	0.788%
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fee from securities lending	
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Earnings	Accumulation
Legal Structure	Fund	Accumulated returns	
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH	Redemption Price	53.89 EUR
Investment advisor	Alpha Portfolio Advisors GmbH	Issue Price	54.43 EUR
Assets	49.3 Mio. EUR		
Fund Currency	EUR		
Launch Date	28/02/2003		
Fiscal Year End	31/07/2024		
Investor profile	Income-oriented		
ISIN Code	DE0009799528		
German Sec. Code	979 952		

(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 31/07/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

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#### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- 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 affect on the value of the bond.

  • 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: Income-oriented

The sub-fund is designed for income-oriented investors who wish to achieve capital growth through dividend distributions and interest income from bonds and money market instruments. Expected earnings are offset by equity, interest rate and currency risks as well as creditworthiness risks and the possibility of loss of the invested capital, up to the total amount invested. The investor is willing and able to bear a financial loss, and does not prioritize capital preservation.

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# Glossary



#### 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

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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.