Equity Funds - Europe



March 2024

As at 28/03/2024

Fund Data

Investment Policy

DWS Qi European Equity offers investors an equity investment in European stocks based on the principle of risk diversification with the aim to achieve an attractive opportunity-/risk profile. For that purpose a portfolio with an expected volatility comparable to the broad equity market is constructed. The stock selection is based on attractiveness – and risk forecasts and takes transaction costs into account.

Fund Management's Comment

The European equity markets were also able to extend their gains in March. The focus was once again on the central banks, particularly with their new projections. The ECB adjusted its inflation projection downwards and expected average inflation of 2.3% in 2024 and a return to the target of 2.0% in 2025. The majority of the Fed's projections continued to assume three interest rate cuts for 2024, which was met with relief on the market, as there were discussions as to whether fewer rate cuts could be expected in 2024 in view of the continued strong US economic data. Over the course of the month, value stocks in particular, such as energy, commodities and financials, as well as the defense sector, performed slightly better than the market average, while growth stocks such as consumer stocks and technology stocks lagged somewhat behind.

In this environment, the Fund closed the month just in line with the index on a closing price basis, outperforming the MSCI Europe by just under 1% for the first quarter.

Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

Morningstar Category™

Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity

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

Lipper Leaders:



Performance Performance (in %) - Share Class SC Period Fund (net) Fund (gross) Benchmark 160 03/2014 - 03/2015 22.0 16.4 222 03/2015 - 03/2016 -6.5 -6.5 -13.7 140 03/2016 - 03/2017 14.2 14.2 16.9 03/2017 - 03/2018 0.5 0.5 -0.4 120 03/2018 - 03/2019 5.0 5.0 5.5 03/2019 - 03/2020 -12.0 -12.0 -13.5 03/2020 - 03/2021 41.8 41.8 35.3 100 03/2021 - 03/2022 5.8 5.8 9.3 03/2022 - 03/2023 0.7 0.7 3.8 80 28/03/2024 03/2023 - 03/2024 16.1 16.1 14.8 29/03/2019 30/06/2020 30/09/2021 30/12/2022 Fund (gross) Benchmark (since 01/03/2021): MSCI Europe (NR)

Explanations and modeling; assumption: an investor wishes to purchase units for EUR 1,000.00. With a maximum sales charge of 5.00%, the investor has to pay EUR 1,050.00. 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.

Cumulative performance (in %) - share class SC												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
EUR	3.6	16.1	23.7	54.3	193.4	8.1	7.3	9.1	4.5	24.8	-15.1	15.8
BM IN EUR	3.9	14.8	30.3	52.5	144.1	7.6	9.2	8.8	-3.1	25.0	-9.7	15.8

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class SC										
Volatility	14.56%	Maximum Drawdown	-23.02%	VAR (99%/10 days)	5.15%					
Sharpe Ratio	0.34	Information Ratio	-0.46	Correlation Coefficient	0.97					
Alpha	-2.03%	Beta	1.05	Tracking Error	3.62%					

Portfolio Analysis								
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)					
Portfolio Breakdown according to MSC	CI	ASML Holding NV	4.4					
Health Care	15.1	Novo-Nordisk	4.3					
Financials	14.7	Novartis AG	2.6					
Industrials Consumer Discretionary	14.2	Nestle SA	2.3					
Information Technology	8.8	SAP SE	2.2					
Consumer Staples	8.6	LVMH Moet Hennessy Vuitton SE	2.1					
Materials	6.3	Shell PLC	2.0					
Utilities	4.9	Allianz SE	1.7					
Energy	4.5	Siemens AG	1.5					
Communication Services	4.1	UniCredit SpA	1.5					
Other Sectors	0.4	Total	24.6					
Gross weighting, not adjusted for deriv	rative positions.	Gross weighting, not adjusted for der	ivative positions.					

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Breakdown by Country (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Asset Allocation	(in % of fund volume)
Great Britain France Switzerland Germany Netherlands Spain Denmark Italy Sweden	18.2 16.1 14.6 12.9 7.7 7.1 5.5 3.0	Equities Money market funds Cash and other assets Future Long	93.2 2.9 3.9 5.0
Belgium Finland Other Countries Gross weighting, not adjusted for de	1.2 1.1 2.7		

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % c	of fund volume)	Market Capitalization	(in % of t	fund volume)		
Euro		55.3	> 10 Bn.		85.3		
Pound sterling		21.8	> 5 Bn. < 10 Bn.		6.0		
Swiss franc	_	14.2	> 1 Bn. < 5 Bn.	1	1.8		
Danish krone	•	5.5					
Swedish krona		3.1					
Norwegian krone	1	0.2					
Incl. forward exchange transactions, negative a currency developments.	and positive figures refle	ect expected	Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. The calculation is based on Euro.				

Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets												
Number of Shares 159			Dividend Yield (in %)			3.1 Ø Market Cap			116,330.0 Mio. EUR			
Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
FC	3.6	16.4	24.8	56.6	111.6	8.2	7.7	9.4	4.8	25.2	-14.8	16.1
FC5	3.6	16.7	25.8	58.6	94.9	8.2	7.9	9.7	5.1	25.5	-14.6	16.4
LC	3.6	16.1	23.9	53.7	100.9	8.1	7.4	9.0	4.3	24.9	-15.0	15.8
SC	3.6	16.1	23.7	54.3	193.4	8.1	7.3	9.1	4.5	24.8	-15.1	15.8
TFC	3.6	16.2	24.5	56.4	55.2	8.2	7.6	9.4	4.8	25.2	-14.8	15.9

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	Patrick Soler Schubert	Assets	364.4 Mio. EUR
Portfolio Manager since	01/04/2013	Fund Currency	EUR
Portfolio Management Company	DWS International GmbH	Launch Date	21/04/2008
Portfolio Management Location	Germany	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2024
Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	Fund		
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH		

Share (Classes	5									
Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load	Issue Price	Redemption Price	All-in-Fee	Running costs / TER	plus performance- related fee	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
FC	EUR DI	E000DWS1742	DWS 174	Accumulation	0.00%	207.23	207.23	0.750%	0.76% (1)		2,000,000
FC5	EUR DI	E000DWS1767	DWS 176	Accumulation	0.00%	193.37	193.37	0.500%	0.51% (1)		5,000,000
LC	EUR DI	E000DWS1726	DWS 172	Accumulation	4.00%	205.10	197.20	1.000%	1.01% (1)		
SC	EUR DI	E000A0M6W69	A0M 6W6	Accumulation	5.00%	294.92	280.87	1.050%	1.06% (1)		
TFC	EUR DE	E000DWS2SQ1	DWS 2SQ	Accumulation	0.00%	155.19	155.19	0.750%	0.75% (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 31/12/2023. 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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Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- The fund invests its assets in selected regions or sectors. This increases the risk that the fund may be negatively influenced by the economic and political conditions in the respective regions or sectors.
- 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 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.

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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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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.