

Factsheet: DWS ESG Balance Portfolio E



Balanced Funds - Flexible

February 2024 | As at 29/02/2024

Fund Data

Investment Policy

This Fund offers professional asset management in a single security. Selected equities and bonds result in above-average earnings potential. Broad diversification limits volatility risks. This investment is suitable for investors with a medium- to long-term orientation. The investment universe is among others defined by environmental and social aspects and principles of good corporate governance.

Fund Management's Comment

In February, market participants focused on economic and inflation figures alongside the corporate reporting season for the fourth quarter of 2023. The minutes of the US Federal Reserve meeting at the end of January show that the US central bank does not want to rush into the interest rate turnaround scheduled for this year. The prevailing opinion on the capital market is that interest rate cuts will take place later and will be lower overall. This led to rising rates on bonds: The 10-year Bund yield climbed from 2.15% to 2.41% over the course of the month. The yield on two-year German government bonds also ended the month higher at 2.90%. The reporting season was better in the US than in Europe. Although the majority of European companies once again exceeded analysts' estimates, earnings per share growth was weaker than in the previous year. The topic of "artificial intelligence" continued to provide positive impetus on the equity markets, also with positive results from industry heavyweights. Many equity market indices reached new highs in February. The Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 rose around 5% over the month.

Morningstar Style-Box™



Morningstar Category™

EUR Cautious Allocation

Ratings (As at: 31/01/2024)
Morningstar Overall Rating™:

Lipper Leaders:

Performance

Performance (in % - EUR)



| Period | Fund (net) | Fund (gross) |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 02/2014 - 02/2015 | 7.2 | 10.4 |
| 02/2015 - 02/2016 | -4.3 | -4.3 |
| 02/2016 - 02/2017 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 02/2017 - 02/2018 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| 02/2018 - 02/2019 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 02/2019 - 02/2020 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 02/2020 - 02/2021 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 02/2021 - 02/2022 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| 02/2022 - 02/2023 | -6.9 | -6.9 |
| 02/2023 - 02/2024 | 7.4 | 7.4 |

Fund (gross)

Explanations and modeling; assumption: an investor wishes to purchase units for EUR 1,000.00. With a maximum sales charge of 3.00%, the investor has to pay EUR 1,030.00. 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 %)

| | 1 m | 1 y | 3 y | 5 y | s. Inception | YTD | 3 y avg | 5 y avg | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|---------|------|------|-------|------|
| EUR | 0.1 | 7.4 | -0.6 | 7.2 | 1,129.8 | 1.6 | -0.2 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 8.1 | -15.7 | 7.6 |

Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year)

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
| Volatility | 8.31% | Maximum Drawdown | -18.56% | VAR (99%/10 days) | 1.68% |
| Sharpe Ratio | -0.15 | Information Ratio | -- | Correlation Coefficient | -- |
| Alpha | -- | Beta | -- | Tracking Error | -- |

Portfolio Analysis

| Asset Allocation (in % of fund volume) | Largest Individual Holdings (in % of fund volume) |
|--|---|
| Bonds 61.1 | DWS Invest Qi Global Climate Action XC 14.9 |
| Investment funds 36.2 | DWS Invest SDG Global Equities FC 9.3 |
| Cash and other assets 2.6 | DWS Qi European Equity FC 7.0 |
| Future Short -9.3 | DWS Invest ESG Qi LowVol World FC 4.9 |
| | Bayerische Landesbank 23/05.01.2034 MTN 3.3 |
| | Jyske Bank 20/26.10.2028 MTN 2.7 |
| | VF 23/07.03.2029 MTN 2.7 |
| | Iberdrola Finanzas 24/und 2.7 |
| | NN Group 23/03.11.2043 MTN 2.6 |
| | AXA 24/Und 2.6 |
| | Total 52.7 |
| | Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions. |

| Breakdown by Country (in % of fund volume) |
|--|
| Luxembourg 29.2 |
| Germany 11.5 |
| Spain 11.0 |
| France 7.8 |
| Netherlands 7.3 |
| Italy 5.4 |
| Denmark 3.7 |
| USA 3.6 |
| Sweden 2.8 |
| Mexico 2.5 |
| Other Countries 12.7 |

| Breakdown by Currency (in % of fund volume) |
|---|
| Euro 100.0 |

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

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

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| Breakdown by Rating | (in % of bond holdings) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| AA | 4.4 |
| A | 19.2 |
| BBB | 64.8 |
| BB | 11.7 |

The structure refers to internal and external ratings (may include S&P)
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Key Figures regarding the Fund's Assets

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| Yield (in %) | 3.0 | Coupon (in %) | 5.1 | |
| Duration (in years) | 2.4 | Modified Duration | 2.4 | Weighted Average Life (in years) 4.0 |
| Number of Bonds | 34 | Average Rating | BBB | |

Fund Data

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| Portfolio Manager | Ralf Krohne | Front-end Load | 3.00% |
| Portfolio Manager since | 02/06/2020 | All-in-Fee | 0.800% |
| Portfolio Management Company | DWS International GmbH | Running costs / TER (1) | 1.067% |
| Portfolio Management Location | Germany | Fee from securities lending | 0.007% |
| Management Company | DWS Investment GmbH | Earnings | Distribution |
| Legal Structure | Fund | Accumulated returns | -- |
| Custodian | State Street Bank International GmbH | Redemption Price | 33.84 EUR |
| Investment advisor | n.a. | Issue Price | 34.86 EUR |
| Assets | 22.7 Mio. EUR | | |
| Fund Currency | EUR | | |
| Launch Date | 01/09/1971 | | |
| Fiscal Year End | 31/03/2024 | | |
| Investor profile | Growth-oriented | | |
| ISIN Code | DE0008471301 | | |
| German Sec. Code | 847 130 | | |

(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 31/03/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

Important notice: Distribution agents such as banks or other investment service providers may report costs or expense ratios to interested investors that may differ from and exceed the costs described here. This may be due to new regulatory requirements for the calculation and reporting of costs by these distribution agents, in particular as a result of the implementation of Directive 2014/65/EU (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive - "MiFID2 Directive") from January 3, 2018.

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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.

Figures subject to audit. The current sales prospectus which is legally binding for the purchase of fund units is available from your financial consultant or DWS Investment GmbH. The sales prospectus contains detailed information about risk. Evaluations made in this report may change at any time without prior announcement. These statements are based on our assessment of the current legal and tax information.

Transparency in accordance with Article 8 of the Disclosure Regulation (EU) No 2019/2088. Link: <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/DE0008471301>

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 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.
- 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.

The Company provides additional information relating to the profile of the typical investor or target customer group for this financial product to distribution agents and distribution partners. If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by the Company's distribution agents or distribution partners, or if they act as brokers in the purchase of units, they may also provide the investor additional information that also relates to the profile of the typical investor.

Supplementary information on the target market and product costs resulting from the implementation of the MiFID2 Directive and made available to distribution agents by the capital management company can be obtained in electronic form from the Company's website at www.dws.com.

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Morningstar Overall Rating™

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Lipper Leaders Rating System - Ratings from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)

First digit = Total Return; second digit = Consistent Return; third digit = Preservation; fourth digit = Expense

Important Notice

When the custodian sets the price on the last trading day of the month there can be a difference of up to ten hours between the times at which the fund price and the benchmark are calculated. In the event of strong market movements during this period, this may result in the over- or understatement of the Fund's performance relative to the benchmark at the end of the month (this is referred to as the "pricing effect").

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Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts are based on assumptions, estimates, opinions and hypothetical performance analysis, therefore actual results may vary.

The decision to invest in the advertised fund should not only depend on the sustainability-relevant aspects. All characteristics or objectives of the advertised fund should be taken into account. These can be found in the prospectus and KID.

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.

Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

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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

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.