



# DWS Invest

Sales Prospectus

An investment company with variable capital (SICAV)  
incorporated under Luxembourg law

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# Information for investors in Switzerland

The offering of units of some of these collective investment schemes (the “units”) in Switzerland will be exclusively made to, and directed at, qualified investors, as defined in the Swiss Collective Investment Schemes Act of June 23, 2006 (“CISA”), as amended, and its implementing ordinance (“CISO”). Accordingly, some of the collective investment schemes have not been and will not be registered with the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA. This fund document and /or any other offering materials relating to the units may be made available in Switzerland solely to qualified investors.

The collective investment schemes approved for the offering to non-qualified investors in Switzerland by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA are listed on [www.finma.ch](http://www.finma.ch). The Swiss version of the sales prospectus containing these collective investment schemes are available on [www.dws.ch](http://www.dws.ch).

## 1. Representative in Switzerland

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## 2. Paying Agent in Switzerland

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## 3. Location where the relevant documents may be obtained

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Prospectus, investment conditions, Key Information Document (“KID”), Articles of Association (if applicable) as well as annual and semi-annual report (if applicable) may be obtained free of charge from the representative in Switzerland.

## 4. Payment of retrocessions and rebates

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The Management Company and its agents may pay retrocessions as remuneration for the distribution activity in respect of fund units in Switzerland. This remuneration may be deemed payment for the following services in particular:

Distribution activity;  
Customer care.

Retrocessions are not deemed to be rebates even if they are ultimately passed on, in full or in part, to the investors.

The disclosure of the receipt of retrocessions is governed by the relevant provisions of the FIDLEG.

In the case of distribution activity in Switzerland, the Management Company and its agents may, upon request, pay rebates directly to investors. The purpose of rebates is to reduce the fees or costs incurred by the investor in question. Rebates are permitted provided that

- they are paid from fees received by the Management Company and therefore do not represent an additional charge on the fund assets;
- they are granted on the basis of objective criteria;

- all investors who meet these objective criteria and demand rebates are also granted these within the same time frame and to the same extent.

The objective criteria for the granting of rebates by the Management Company are as follows:

- the volume subscribed by the investor or the total volume being hold in the collective investment scheme or, where applicable, in the product range of the promoter;
- the amount of the fees generated by the investor;
- the investment behavior shown by the investor (e.g. expected investment period);
- the investor's willingness to provide support in the launch phase of a collective investment scheme.

At the request of the investor, the Management Company must disclose the amounts of such rebates free of charge.

## 5. Place of performance and jurisdiction

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In respect of the units offered in Switzerland, the place of performance is the registered office of the Representative. The place of jurisdiction shall be at the registered office of the representative or at the registered office or domicile of the investor.

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## Legal structure

Umbrella SICAV according to Part I of the Law of December 17, 2010, on Undertakings for Collective Investment.

## General information

The investment company described in this Sales Prospectus ("Investment Company") is an open-ended investment company with variable capital ("Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable" or "SICAV") established in Luxembourg in accordance with Part I of the Luxembourg law on Undertakings for Collective Investment of December 17, 2010 ("Law of 2010"), and in compliance with the provisions of Directive 2014/91/EU (amending Directive, 2009/65/EC ("UCITS Directive")), Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/438 of December 17, 2015, supplementing Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to obligations of depositaries, as well as the provisions of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, relating to certain definitions of the Law of December 20, 2002, on Undertakings for Collective Investment, as amended<sup>1</sup> ("Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008"), and implementing Directive 2007/16/EC<sup>2</sup> ("Directive 2007/16/EC") in Luxembourg law.

With regard to the provisions contained in Directive 2007/16/EC and in the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, the guidelines of the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR) set out in the document "CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS," as amended, provide a set of additional explanations that are to be observed in relation to the financial instruments that are applicable for UCITS falling under the UCITS Directive, as amended.<sup>3</sup>

The Investment Company may offer the investor one or more sub-funds (umbrella structure) at its own discretion. The aggregate of the sub-funds produces the umbrella fund. In relation to third parties, the assets of a sub-fund are only liable for the liabilities and payment obligations involving such sub-fund. Additional sub-funds may be established and/or one or more existing sub-funds may be dissolved or merged at any time. One or more share classes can be offered to the investor within each sub-fund (multi-share-class construction). The aggregate of the share classes produces the sub-fund. Additional share classes may be established and/or one or more existing share classes may be dissolved or merged at any time. Share classes may be consolidated into categories of shares.

The following provisions apply to all of the sub-funds set up under DWS Invest. The respective special regulations for each of the individual sub-funds are contained in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

<sup>1</sup> Replaced by the Law of 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007, implementing Council Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as regards the clarification of certain definitions.

<sup>3</sup> See CSSF Circular 08/339 in the currently applicable version: CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS – March 2007, ref.: CESR/07-044; CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS – The classification of hedge fund indices as financial indices – July 2007, ref.: CESR/07-434.

# A. Sales Prospectus – General Section

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## Notes

The legal basis for the sale of sub-fund shares is the current Sales Prospectus, to be read in conjunction with the Investment Company's articles of incorporation.

It is prohibited to provide any information or deliver any statements other than those of this Sales Prospectus. The Investment Company shall not be liable if such divergent information or explanations are supplied.

The Sales Prospectus, the Key Information Document ("KID") and the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge from the Investment Company, the Management Company or the paying agents. Other important information will be communicated to shareholders in a suitable form by the Management Company.

## General risk warnings

Investing in the shares of the Investment Company involves risks. These can encompass or involve equity or bond market risks, interest rate, credit, default, liquidity and counterparty risks as well as exchange rate, volatility, or political risks. Any of these risks may also occur along with other risks. Some of these risks are addressed briefly below. Potential investors should possess experience of investing in instruments that are employed within the scope of the proposed investment policy. Investors should also have a clear picture of the risks involved in investing in the shares and should not make a decision to invest until they have fully consulted their legal, tax and financial advisors, auditors or other advisors about (a) the suitability of investing in the shares, taking into account their personal financial and tax situation and other circumstances, (b) the information contained in this Sales Prospectus, and (c) the respective sub-fund's investment policy.

**It must be noted that investments made by a sub-fund also contain risks in addition to the opportunities for price increases. The Investment Company's shares are securities, the value of which is determined by the price fluctuations of the assets contained in the respective sub-fund. Accordingly, the value of the shares may rise or fall in comparison with the purchase price.**

**No assurance can therefore be given that the investment objectives will be achieved.**

## Market risk

The price or market performance of financial products depends, in particular, on the performance of the capital markets, which in turn are affected by the overall economic situation and the general economic and political framework in individual countries. Irrational factors such as sentiment, opinions and rumours have an effect on general price performance, particularly on an exchange.

## Market risk in connection with sustainability risks

The market price may also be affected by risks from environmental, social or corporate governance aspects. For example, market prices can change if companies do not act sustainably and do not invest in sustainable transformations. Similarly, strategic orientations of companies that do not take sustainability into account can have a negative impact on share prices. The reputational risk arising from unsustainable corporate actions can also have a negative impact. Additionally, physical damage caused by climate change or measures to transition to a low-carbon economy can also have a negative impact on the market price.

## Country or transfer risk

A country risk exists when a foreign borrower, despite ability to pay, cannot make payments at all, or not on time, because of the inability or unwillingness of its country of domicile to execute transfers. This means that, for example, payments to which the respective sub-fund is entitled may not occur or be in a currency that is no longer convertible due to restrictions on currency exchange.

## Settlement risk

Especially when investing in unlisted securities, there is a risk that settlement via a transfer system is not executed as expected because a payment or delivery did not take place in time or as agreed.

## Changes in the tax framework, tax risk

The information provided in this Sales Prospectus is based on our understanding of current tax laws. The summary of tax regulations is addressed to persons subject to unlimited individual or corporate income taxation in Germany. However, no responsibility can be assumed for potential changes in the tax structure through legislation, court decisions or the orders of the tax authorities.

## Currency risk

To the extent that the sub-fund's assets are invested in currencies other than the respective sub-fund currency, the respective sub-fund will receive income, repayments and proceeds from such investments in these other currencies. If the value of this currency depreciates in relation to the sub-fund currency, the value of the sub-fund's assets is reduced.

Sub-funds offering non-base currency share classes might be exposed to positive or negative

currency impacts due to time lags attached to necessary order processing and booking steps.

## Custody risk

The custody risk describes the risk resulting from the basic possibility that, in the event of insolvency, violation of due diligence or improper conduct on the part of the Depositary or any sub-depositary, the investments in custody may be removed in whole or in part from the Investment Company's access to its loss.

## Concentration risk

Additional risks may arise from a concentration of investments in particular assets or markets. The Investment Company's assets then become particularly heavily dependent on the performance of these assets or markets.

## Risk of changes in interest rates

Investors should be aware that investing in shares may involve interest rate risks. These risks may occur in the event of interest rate fluctuations in the denomination currency of the securities or the respective sub-fund.

## Legal and political risks

Investments may be made for the Investment Company in jurisdictions in which Luxembourg law does not apply, or, in the event of legal disputes, the place of jurisdiction is located outside of Luxembourg. The resulting rights and obligations of the Investment Company may vary from its rights and obligations in Luxembourg, to the detriment of the Investment Company and/or the investor.

The Investment Company may be unaware of political or legal developments (or may only become aware of them at a later date), including amendments to the legislative framework in these jurisdictions. Such developments may also lead to limitations regarding the eligibility of assets that may be, or already have been, acquired. This situation may also arise if the Luxembourg legislative framework governing the Investment Company and/or the management of the Investment Company is amended.

## Geopolitical risks

The action of political actors, political events or changing political conditions, such as unexpected armed conflicts, terrorist attacks or tensions between states that threaten peaceful interactions, may pose significant challenges for the fund's operations and may impact the global economic and financial system. Assets held by the fund in such countries may be subject to valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and therefore may decrease in value, become entirely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk that the fund suffers losses or misses out potential profit opportunities in the short term.

**Geopolitical risks in relation to the current situation regarding Russia, Ukraine and Belarus**  
Assets that the fund holds in Russia, Belarus and/or Ukraine, if applicable, may be subject to valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and

therefore may decrease in value, become entirely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk that the fund suffers losses or misses out potential profit opportunities in the short term. The Management Company will monitor the situation and, where possible, take appropriate measures within the framework of liquidity management and valuation to protect investors.

### Operational risk

The Investment Company may be exposed to a risk of loss, which can arise, for example, from inadequate internal processes and from human error or system failures at the Investment Company, the Management Company or at external third parties. These risks can affect the performance of a sub-fund and can thus also adversely affect the net asset value per share and the capital invested by the investor.

### Risks due to criminal acts, maladministration, natural disasters, lack of attention to sustainability

The fund may become a victim of fraud or other criminal acts. It may suffer losses due to errors by employees of the management company or external third parties or be damaged by outside events such as natural disasters or pandemics. These events may be caused or exacerbated by a lack of attention to sustainability. The Management Company strives to keep operational risks and potential financial impacts thereof which may be affecting the value of the assets of a fund as low as reasonably possible by having processes and procedures in place to identify, manage and mitigate such risks.

### Inflation risk

All assets are subject to a risk of devaluation through inflation.

### Key individual risk

The exceptionally positive performance of a sub-fund during a particular period is also attributable to the abilities of the individuals acting in the interests of the sub-fund, and therefore to the correct decisions made by their respective management. Fund management personnel can change, however. New decisionmakers might not be as successful.

### Change in the investment policy

The risk associated with the sub-fund's assets may change in terms of content due to a change in the investment policy within the range of investments permitted for the respective sub-fund's assets.

### Changes to the Sales Prospectus; liquidation or merger

The Investment Company reserves the right to change the Sales Prospectus for the respective sub-fund(s). In addition, the Investment Company may, in accordance with the provisions of its articles of incorporation and Sales Prospectus, liquidate the sub-fund entirely or merge it with another fund's assets. For the investor, this

entails the risk that the holding period planned by the investor will not be realized.

### Credit risk

Bonds or debt instruments involve a credit risk with regard to the issuers, for which the issuer's credit rating can be used as a benchmark. Bonds or debt instruments issued by issuers with a lower rating are generally viewed as securities with a higher credit risk and greater risk of default on the part of the issuer than those instruments that are issued by issuers with a better rating. If an issuer of bonds or debt instruments runs into financial or economic difficulties, this can affect the value of the bonds or debt instruments (this value could drop to zero) and the payments made on the basis of these bonds or debt instruments (these payments could drop to zero). Additionally, some bonds or debt instruments are subordinated in the financial structure of an issuer, so that in the event of financial difficulties, the losses can be severe and the likelihood of the issuer meeting these obligations may be lower than other bonds or debt instruments, leading to greater volatility in the price of these instruments.

### Risk of default

In addition to the general trends on capital markets, the particular performance of each individual issuer also affects the price of an investment. The risk of a decline in the assets of issuers, for example, cannot be eliminated even by the most careful selection of the securities.

### Risks connected to derivative transactions

Buying and selling options, as well as the conclusion of futures contracts or swaps (including total return swaps), involves the following risks:

- Price changes in the underlying instrument can cause a decrease in the value of the option or future contract, and even result in a total loss. Changes in the value of the asset underlying a swap or total return swap can also result in losses for the respective sub-fund assets.
- Any necessary back-to-back transactions (closing of position) incur costs which can cause a decrease in the value of the sub-fund's assets.
- The leverage effect of options, swaps, futures contracts or other derivatives may alter the value of the sub-fund's assets more strongly than the direct purchase of the underlying instruments would.
- The purchase of options entails the risk that the options are not exercised because the prices of the underlying instruments do not change as expected, meaning that the sub-fund's assets lose the option premium they paid. If options are sold, there is the risk that the sub-fund may be obliged to buy assets at a price that is higher than the current market price or obliged to deliver assets at a price which is lower than the current market price. In that case, the sub-fund will suffer from a loss

amounting to the price difference minus the option premium which had been received.

- Futures contracts also entail the risk that the sub-fund's assets may make losses due to market prices not having developed as expected at maturity.

### Risk connected to the acquisition of shares of investment funds

When investing in shares of target funds, it must be taken into consideration that the fund managers of the individual target funds act independently of one another and that therefore multiple target funds may follow investment strategies which are identical or contrary to one another. This can result in a cumulative effect of existing risks, and any opportunities might be offset.

### Risks relating to investments in contingent convertibles

Contingent convertibles ("CoCos") are a form of hybrid capital security that have the properties of both bonds and equity and can be counted towards the issuer's capital requirements mandated by regulators.

Depending on their terms and conditions, CoCos intend to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds, or the conversion event can be triggered by the supervisory authority beyond the control of the issuer, if supervisory authorities question the continued viability of the issuer or any affiliated company as a going-concern.

After a trigger event, the recovery of the principal value mainly depends on the structure of the CoCo, according to which nominal losses of the CoCo can be fully or partially absorbed using one of the three different methodologies: Equity Conversion, Temporary Write-Down or Permanent Write-Down. In case of temporary amortization, amortization is fully discretionary and subject to certain regulatory restrictions. Any distributions of remaining capital payable after the trigger event will be based on the reduced principal. A CoCo investor may suffer losses before equity investors and other debt holders in relation to the same issuer.

CoCo terms structures may be complex and may vary from issuer to issuer and bond to bond, following minimum requirements as laid out in the EU Capital Requirements Directive IV / Capital Requirements (CRD IV / CRR).

There are additional risks which are associated with investing in CoCos like:

- a) Risk of falling below the specified trigger level (trigger level risk)

The probability and the risk of a conversion or of a write-down are determined by the difference between the trigger level and the capital ratio of the CoCo issuer currently required for regulatory purposes.



The mechanical trigger for conversion is when the issuer's required regulatory capital ratio falls below 5.125% or other specified thresholds, as set out in the issue prospectus of the respective CoCo. Especially in the case of a high trigger, CoCo investors may lose the capital invested, for example in the case of a write-down of the nominal value or conversion into equity capital (shares).

At sub-fund level, this means that the actual risk of falling below the trigger level is difficult to assess in advance because, for example, the capital ratio of the issuer may only be published quarterly and therefore the actual gap between the trigger level and the capital ratio is only known at the time of publication.

- b) Risk of suspension of the coupon payment (coupon cancellation risk)

The issuer or the supervisory authority can suspend the coupon payments at any time. Any coupon payments missed out on are not made up for when coupon payments are resumed. For the CoCo investor, there is a risk that not all of the coupon payments expected at the time of acquisition will be received.

- c) Risk of a change to the coupon (coupon calculation / reset risk)

If the CoCo is not bought back by the CoCo issuer on the specified call date, the issuer can redefine the terms and conditions of issue. If the issuer does not call the CoCo, the amount of the coupon can be changed on the call date.

- d) Risk due to prudential requirements (conversion and write down risk)

A number of minimum requirements in relation to the equity capital of banks were defined in CRD IV. The amount of the required capital buffer differs from country to country in accordance with the respective valid regulatory law applicable to the issuer.

At sub-fund level, the different national requirements have the consequence that the conversion as a result of the discretionary trigger or the suspension of the coupon payments can be triggered accordingly depending on the regulatory law applicable to the issuer and that an additional uncertainty factor exists for the CoCo investor, or the investor, depending on the national conditions and the sole judgment of the respective competent supervisory authority.

Moreover, the opinion of the respective supervisory authority, as well as the criteria of relevance for the opinion in the individual case, cannot be conclusively assessed in advance.

- e) Call risk and risk of the competent supervisory authority preventing a call (call extension risk)

CoCos are perpetual long-term debt securities that are callable by the issuer at certain call dates defined in the issue prospectus. The decision to call is made at the discretion of the issuer, but it does require the approval of the issuer's competent supervisory authority. The supervisory authority makes its decision in accordance with applicable regulatory law.

The CoCo investor can only resell the CoCo on a secondary market, which in turn is associated with corresponding market and liquidity risks.

- f) Equity risk and subordination risk (capital structure inversion risk)

In the case of conversion to equities, CoCo investors become shareholders when the trigger occurs. In the event of insolvency, claims of shareholders may have subordinate priority and be dependent on the remaining funds available. Therefore, the conversion of the CoCo may lead to a total loss of capital.

- g) Industry concentration risk

Industry concentration risk can arise from uneven distribution of exposures to financials due to the specific structure of CoCos. CoCos are required by law to be part of the capital structure of financial institutions.

- h) Liquidity risk

CoCos bear a liquidity risk in stressed market conditions due to a specialized investor base and lower overall market volume compared to plain-vanilla bonds.

- i) Yield valuation risk

Due to the callable nature of CoCos it is not certain what calculation date to use in yield calculations. At every call date there is the risk that the maturity of the bond will be extended, and the yield calculation needs to be changed to the new date, which can result in a yield change.

- j) Unknown risk

Due to the innovative character of the CoCos and the ongoing changing regulatory environment for financial institutions, there could occur risks which cannot be foreseen at the current stage.

For further details, please refer to the ESMA statement (ESMA/2014/944) from July 31, 2014 'Potential Risks Associated with Investing in Contingent Convertible Instruments'.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risks arise when a particular security is difficult to dispose of. In principle, acquisitions for a sub-fund must only consist of securities that can be sold again at any time. Nevertheless, it may be difficult to sell particular securities at the desired time during certain phases or in particular exchange segments. There is also the risk that securities traded in a rather narrow market segment will be subject to considerable price volatility.

## Assets in the emerging markets

Investing in assets from the emerging markets generally entails a greater risk (potentially including considerable legal, economic and political risks) than investing in assets from the markets of industrialized countries.

Emerging markets are markets that are, by definition, "in a state of transition" and are therefore exposed to rapid political change and economic declines. During the past few years, there have been significant political, economic and societal changes in many emerging-market countries. In many cases, political considerations have led to substantial economic and societal tensions, and in some cases these countries have experienced both political and economic instability. Political or economic instability can influence investor confidence, which in turn can have a negative effect on exchange rates, security prices or other assets in emerging markets.

The exchange rates and the prices of securities and other assets in the emerging markets are often extremely volatile. Among other things, changes to these prices are caused by interest rates, changes to the balance of demand and supply, external forces affecting the market (especially in connection with important trading partners), trade-related, tax-related or monetary policies, governmental policies as well as international political and economic events.

In most cases, the securities markets in the emerging markets are still in their primary stage of development. This may result in risks and practices (such as increased volatility) that usually do not occur in developed securities markets and which may have a negative influence on the securities listed on the stock exchanges of these countries. Moreover, the markets in emerging-market countries are frequently characterized by illiquidity in the form of low turnover of some of the listed securities.

In comparison to other types of investment that carry a smaller risk, it is important to note that exchange rates, securities and other assets from emerging markets are more likely to be sold as a result of the "flight into quality" effect in times of economic stagnation.

Frontier markets are a subset of emerging markets that are too small to be considered an emerging market.

## Investments in Russia

If provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus for a particular sub-fund, sub-funds may, within the scope of their respective investment policies, invest in securities that are traded on the Moscow Exchange (MICEX-RTS). The exchange is a recognized and regulated market as defined by Article 41 (1) of the Law 2010. Additional details are specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Custody and registration risk in Russia

- Even though commitments in the Russian equity markets are well covered through the use of GDRs and ADRs, individual sub-funds may, in accordance with their investment policies, invest in securities that might require the use of local depositary and/or custodial services. At present, the proof of legal ownership of equities in Russia is delivered in book-entry form.
- The Shareholder Register is of decisive importance in the custody and registration procedure. Registrars are not subject to any real government supervision, and the sub-fund could lose its registration through fraud, negligence or just plain oversight. Moreover, in practice, there was and is no really strict adherence to the regulation in Russia under which companies having more than 1,000 shareholders must employ their own independent registrars who fulfil the legally prescribed criteria. Given this lack of independence, the management of a company may be able to exert potentially considerable influence over the compilation of the shareholders of the Investment Company.
- Any distortion or destruction of the register could have a material adverse effect on the interest held by the sub-fund in the corresponding shares of the Investment Company or, in some cases, even completely eliminate such a holding. Neither the sub-fund nor the fund manager nor the Depositary nor the Management Company nor the Board of Directors of the Investment Company (the “Board of Directors”) nor any of the sales agents is in a position to make any representations or warranties or provide any guarantees with respect to the actions or services of the registrar. This risk is borne by the sub-fund.

At present, Russian law does not provide for the concept of the “good-faith acquirer” as it is usually the case in western legislation. As a result of this, under Russian law, an acquirer of securities (with the exception of cash instruments and bearer instruments), accepts such securities subject to possible restrictions of claims and ownership that could have existed with respect to the seller or previous owner of these securities. The Russian Federal Commission for Securities and Capital Markets is currently working on draft legislation to provide for the concept of the “good-faith acquirer”. However, there is no assurance that such a law will apply retroactively to purchases of shares previously undertaken by the sub-fund.

Accordingly, it is possible at this point in time that the ownership of equities by a sub-fund could be contested by a previous owner from whom the equities were acquired; such an event could have an adverse effect on the assets of that sub-fund.

## Investments in People’s Republic of China (PRC)

### a) Political, Economic and Social Risks

Any political changes, social instability and unfavourable diplomatic developments, which may take place in or in relation to the PRC could result in the imposition of additional governmental restrictions including expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxes or nationalisation of some of the constituents of the Reference Index. Investors should also note that any change in the policies of the PRC may adversely impact on the securities markets in the PRC as well as the performance of the sub-fund.

### b) PRC Economic Risks

The economy in the PRC has experienced rapid growth in recent years. However, such growth may or may not continue, and may not apply evenly across different sectors of the PRC economy. The PRC government has also implemented various measures from time to time to prevent overheating of the economy. Furthermore, the transformation of the PRC from a socialist economy to a more market-oriented economy has led to various economic and social disruptions in the PRC and there can be no assurance that such transformation will continue or be successful. All these may have an adverse impact on the performance of the sub-fund.

### c) Legal System of the PRC

The legal system of the PRC is based on written laws and regulations. However, many of these laws and regulations are still untested and the enforceability of such laws and regulations remains unclear. In particular, the PRC regulations, which govern currency exchange in the PRC are relatively new and their application is uncertain. Such regulations also empower the CSRC and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”) to exercise discretion in their respective interpretation of the regulations, which may result in increased uncertainties in their application.

### d) Risks relating to the PRC Custodian and other Agents

Onshore PRC assets will be maintained by the PRC Custodian in electronic form via securities accounts with the CSDCC, CCDC or SCH and cash accounts with the PRC Custodian.

The Management Company or the sub-fund manager also appoints agents (such as brokers and settlement agents) to execute transactions for the sub-fund in the PRC markets. Should, for any reason, the sub-fund’s ability to use the relevant agent be affected, this could disrupt the operations

of the sub-fund and affect the ability of the sub-fund to implement the desired investment strategy. The sub-fund may also incur losses due to the acts or omissions of either the relevant agent or the PRC Custodian in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities. Subject to the applicable laws and regulations in the PRC, the Custodian will make arrangements to ensure that the PRC Custodian has appropriate procedures to properly safe-keep the sub-fund’s assets.

For investments under the CIBM Program, applied by the Management Company or the Investment Company for any sub-fund directly, the securities and cash accounts for the sub-fund in the PRC are maintained in the name of “the Management Company – the name of the sub-fund”.

Investors should note that cash deposited in the cash accounts of the sub-fund with the PRC Custodian will not be segregated but will be a debt owing from the PRC Custodian to the sub-fund as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash belonging to other clients of the PRC Custodian. In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the PRC Custodian, the sub-fund will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash accounts, and the sub-fund will become an unsecured creditor, ranking *pari passu* with all other unsecured creditors, of the PRC Custodian. The sub-fund may face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering such debt or may not be able to recover it in full or at all, in which case the sub-fund will suffer losses.

### e) Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (“Stock Connect”) risks

With Stock Connect, foreign investors (including the sub-fund) may directly trade certain eligible A-shares through the Northbound Trading Link, subject to published laws and regulations in their respective applicable version. Stock Connect currently comprises the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”), China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“China Clear”) and Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Similarly, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by HKEx, ChinaClear and Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”) with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

Stock Connect comprises two Northbound Trading Links (for investment in A-shares), one between SSE and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“SEHK”), and the other between SZSE and SEHK. Investors may place orders to trade eligible A-shares listed on SSE (such securi-

ties, “SSE Securities”) or on SZSE (such securities, “SZSE Securities”, and SSE Securities and SZSE Securities collectively, “Stock Connect Securities”) through their Hong Kong brokers, and such orders will be routed by the relevant securities trading service company established by the SEHK to the relevant trading platform of SSE or SZSE, as the case may be, for matching and execution on SSE or SZSE, as the case may be.

Further information about Stock Connect is available online at the website:  
[https://www.hkex.com.hk/Mutual-Market/Stock-Connect?sc\\_lang=en](https://www.hkex.com.hk/Mutual-Market/Stock-Connect?sc_lang=en).

Investment through Stock Connect is subject to additional risks as described below:

#### **Quota limitations risk**

Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations on investment, which may restrict the sub-fund’s ability to invest in A-shares through Stock Connect on a timely basis, and the sub-fund may not be able to effectively pursue its investment policies.

#### **Suspension risk**

SEHK, SSE and SZSE reserve the right to suspend trading if necessary, for ensuring an orderly and fair market and managing risks prudently which would adversely affect the sub-fund’s ability to access the PRC market.

#### **Differences in trading day**

Stock Connect operates on days when both the relevant PRC market and the Hong Kong market are open for trading and when banks in both the relevant PRC market and the Hong Kong market are open on the corresponding settlement days. It is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the relevant PRC market, but Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the sub-fund) cannot carry out any A-shares trading via Stock Connect. As a result, the sub-fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in A-shares during the time when Stock Connect is not trading.

#### **Restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring**

PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise SSE or SZSE (as the case may be) will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on A-shares sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling.

#### **Clearing, settlement and custody risks**

The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (the “HKSCC”), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEx and ChinaClear establish the clearing links and each is a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. As the national central counterparty of the PRC’s securities market, ChinaClear operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and stock holding infrastructure. ChinaClear has established a risk manage-

ment framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC). The chances of a ChinaClear default are considered to be remote. Should the remote event of a ChinaClear default occur and ChinaClear be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC will in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear’s liquidation. In that event, the sub-fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

A-shares are issued in scripless form, so there will be no physical certificates of title representing the interests of the sub-fund in any A-shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors, such as the sub-fund, who have acquired Stock Connect Securities through Northbound Trading Links should maintain the Stock Connect Securities with their brokers’ or custodians’ stock accounts with the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK. Further information on the custody set-up relating to Stock Connect is available upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

#### **Operational risk**

Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this program subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house.

The securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the trial program to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the “connectivity” in the Stock Connect program requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants (i.e. a new order routing system (“China Stock Connect System”) to be set up by SEHK to which exchange participants need to connect). There is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. If the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in both markets through the program could be disrupted. The sub-fund’s ability to access the A-share market (and hence to pursue their investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

#### **Nominee arrangements in holding A-shares**

HKSCC is the “nominee holder” of the Stock Connect Securities acquired by overseas investors (including the sub-fund) through Stock Connect. The CSRC Stock Connect Rules expressly provide that investors enjoy the rights and benefits of the

Stock Connect Securities acquired through Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. CSRC has also made statements dated May 15, 2015 and September 30, 2016, that overseas investors that hold Stock Connect Securities through HKSCC are entitled to proprietary interests in such securities as shareholders. However, it is possible that the courts in the PRC may consider that any nominee or custodian (as registered holder of Stock Connect Securities) would have full ownership thereof, and that even if the concept of beneficial ownership is recognized under PRC law, those Stock Connect Securities would form part of the pool of assets of such entity available for distribution to creditors of such entities and/or that a beneficial owner may have no rights whatsoever in respect thereof. Consequently, the sub-fund and the Depositary cannot ensure that the sub-fund’s ownership of these securities or title thereto is assured in all circumstances.

Under the rules of the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing of securities listed or traded on SEHK, HKSCC as nominee holder shall have no obligation to take any legal action or court proceeding to enforce any rights on behalf of the investors in respect of the Stock Connect Securities in the PRC or elsewhere. Therefore, although the relevant sub-fund’s ownership may be ultimately recognised, the sub-fund may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing their rights in A-shares.

To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Depositary and the Sub-Fund will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that the sub-fund suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

#### **Investor compensation**

Investments of the sub-fund through northbound trading under Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund as the shares are not considered listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited. The investments are also not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund in the PRC as trading is done through securities brokers in Hong Kong and not PRC brokers.

#### **Trading costs**

In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with A-share trading, the sub-fund may be subject to new portfolio fees, dividend tax and tax concerned with income arising from stock transfers, which are yet to be determined by the relevant authorities.

#### **Regulatory risk**

The CSRC Stock Connect rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in the PRC. However, the application of such rules is untested, and the PRC courts may not recognize such rules, e.g. in liquidation proceedings of PRC companies. Stock Connect is relatively novel in nature and is



subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement of cross-border trades under Stock Connect. The regulations are untested so far and it is uncertain how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change. There is no assurance that Stock Connect will not be abolished. The sub-fund, which may invest in the PRC markets through the Stock Connect may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### f) Bond Connect risks

The CIBM has opened up to global investors through the Mainland China-Hong Kong mutual access program called Bond Connect. Bond Connect allows overseas and Mainland China investors to trade in each other's bond markets through a connection between Mainland China and Hong Kong based financial infrastructure institutions and improves the flexibility and efficiency of the investing process in the CIBM.

#### Trading link

Participants to Bond Connect register with Tradeweb, the Bond Connect offshore electronic trading platform that links directly into China Foreign Exchange Trade System (CFETS). This platform will allow trading with designated onshore Bond Connect market makers using the Request for Quotation (RFQ) protocol. The Bond Connect market makers provide tradable prices through CFETS. The quote will include the full amount with the clean price, yield to maturity and effective period for the response. The market makers can decline to respond to the RFQ and can decline, amend or withdraw the quote as long as the potential buyer has not accepted it. Upon acceptance of the quote by the potential buyer, all other quotes automatically become invalid. CFETS then generates a trade confirmation on which the market maker, buyers, CFETS and depository will use to process the settlement.

Bonds purchased through Bond Connect will be held onshore with the CCDC in the name of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA). Investors will be the beneficial owners of the bonds via a segregated account structure in the Central Money Market Unit (CMU) in Hong Kong.

Further information about Bond Connect is available online at the website:  
<http://www.chinabondconnect.com/en/index.htm>.

#### Volatility and liquidity risk

Low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM caused by market volatility and potential lack of liquidity may result in significant fluctuating prices. Accordingly, the investing sub-funds are subject to volatility and liquidity risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of

such securities may be large, and the relevant sub-funds may incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such investments. It may be difficult or impossible to sell the debt securities traded in the CIBM, and this could affect the relevant sub-fund's ability to acquire or dispose of such securities at their intrinsic value.

#### Asset segregation

Under Bond Connect, assets are distinctly segregated into three levels across the onshore and offshore central depositories (CSD). It is mandatory for investors using Bond Connect to hold their bonds in a segregated account at the offshore depository in the name of the end investor.

#### Clearing and settlement risks

CCDC and CMU established the clearing links, and each is a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, CCDC operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and bond holding infrastructure. CCDC has established a risk management framework and implemented measures that are approved and supervised by the PBOC. The chances of a default by CCDC are considered to be remote. Should the remote event of a default by CCDC occur and CCDC is declared as a defaulter, CMU will in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding bonds and monies from CCDC through available legal channels or through CCDC's liquidation. In the remote event of a CCDC default, CMU's liabilities in Bond Connect bonds under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against CCDC. In the event, the relevant sub-fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from CCDC.

#### Regulatory risk

The Bond Connect is novel in nature. The current regulations governing Bond Connect are untested so far, and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. There is no assurance that PRC courts will recognize such rules, e.g. in liquidation proceedings of PRC companies. In addition, Bond Connect is subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Bond Connect. The current regulations are subject to change, which may have potential retrospective effects and there can be no assurance that Bond

Connect will not be abolished. The sub-fund, which may invest in the PRC markets through the Bond Connect, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### Taxation Risks

PRC tax authorities do not currently have specific formal guidance on the treatment of income tax and other tax categories payable in respect of trading in CIBM by eligible foreign institutional investors via Bond Connect. Any changes in PRC tax law, future clarifications thereof, and/or subsequent retroactive enforcement by the PRC tax authorities of any tax may result in a material loss to the relevant sub-funds. The Management Company will keep the provisioning policy for tax liability under review. The Management Company may make a provision for potential tax liabilities in its discretion, if in their opinion such provision is warranted or as further clarified by the PRC authorities in notifications.

#### Operational risk for Bond Connect

As Bond Connect utilizes newly developed trading platforms and operational systems, there is no assurance that such systems will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in the market. In the event of relevant system failures, trading via Bond Connect may be disrupted. This might (temporarily) restrict the respective sub-fund's ability to pursue its investment strategy and/or the ability to acquire or dispose of securities at their intrinsic value. Furthermore, sub-funds investing in the CIBM via Bond Connect may be subject to risks of delays in the order placing and/or settlement systems.

#### Risk of Agents Default

For investments via the Bond Connect, the relevant filings, registration with PBOC and account opening have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties. As such, relevant sub-funds are subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

#### g) Government Control of Currency Conversion and Future Movements in Exchange Rates

Since 1994, the conversion of CNY into USD has been based on rates set by the People's Bank of China, which are set daily based on the previous day's PRC interbank foreign exchange market rate. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government introduced a managed floating exchange rate system to allow the value of CNY to fluctuate within a regulated band based on market supply and demand and by reference to a basket of currencies. There can be no assurance that the CNY exchange rate will not fluctuate widely against the USD or any other foreign currency in the future. Any appreciation of CNY against USD is expected to lead to an increase in the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund which will be denominated in USD.

h) Onshore versus offshore Renminbi differences risk

While both onshore Renminbi ("CNY") and offshore Renminbi ("CNH") are the same currency, they are traded in different and separated markets. CNY and CNH are traded at different rates and their movement may not be in the same direction. Although there has been a growing amount of Renminbi held offshore (i.e. outside the PRC), CNH cannot be freely remitted into the PRC and is subject to certain restrictions, and vice versa. Investors should note that subscriptions and redemptions will be in USD and will be converted to/from CNH and the investors will bear the forex expenses associated with such conversion and the risk of a potential difference between the CNY and CNH rates. The liquidity and trading price of the sub-fund may also be adversely affected by the rate and liquidity of the Renminbi outside the PRC.

i) Dependence upon Trading Market for A-shares

The existence of a liquid trading market for the A-shares may depend on whether there is supply of, and demand for, A-shares. Investors should note that the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange on which A-shares are traded are undergoing development and the market capitalisation of, and trading volumes on, those exchanges may be lower than those in more developed financial markets. Market volatility and settlement difficulties in the A-share markets may result in significant fluctuation in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby changes in the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund.

j) Interest Rate Risk

Sub-funds investing in PRC fixed-income securities are subject to interest rate risk.

Sub-funds investing in bonds issued by the government of the PRC (PRC Government Bonds) are additionally subject to policy risk as changes in macro-economic policies in the PRC (including monetary policy and fiscal policy) may have an influence over the PRC's capital markets and affect the pricing of the bonds in the sub-fund's portfolio, which may in turn adversely affect the return of such sub-fund.

k) Dependence upon Trading Market for PRC Bonds

The existence of a liquid trading market for PRC Bonds may depend on whether there is supply of, and demand for, PRC Bonds. Investors should note that the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange and PRC inter-bank-bond market on which PRC Bonds are traded are undergoing development and the market capitalisation of, and trading volumes on, those markets may be lower than those in more developed financial markets. Market volatility and settlement

difficulties in the PRC Bond markets may result in significant fluctuation in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby changes in the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund.

l) Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund is subject to liquidity risk as continued regular trading activity and active secondary market for PRC securities (including PRC Bonds) is not guaranteed. The sub-fund may suffer losses in trading in such instruments. The bid and offer spread of the price of PRC securities may be large, so that the sub-fund may incur significant trading and realisation costs and may suffer losses accordingly.

m) Issuer Counterparty Risk

Investment in bonds by the sub-fund is exposed to the credit/insolvency risk of the issuers which may be unable or unwilling to make timely payments on principal and/or interest. PRC Bonds held by the sub-fund are issued on an unsecured basis without collateral. An issuer suffering an adverse change in its financial condition could lower the credit quality of a security, leading to greater price volatility of the security. A lowering of the credit rating of a security or its issuer may also affect the security's liquidity, making it more difficult to sell. In the event of a default or credit rating downgrading of the issuers of the bonds, the bonds and the sub-fund's value may be adversely affected, and investors may suffer a substantial loss as a result. The sub-fund may also encounter difficulties or delays in enforcing its rights against the issuer of bonds as the issuer is located in the PRC and is subject to PRC laws and regulations.

n) Valuation Risk

Where the trading volumes of an underlying security is low, it may be more difficult to achieve fair value when purchasing or selling such underlying security because of the wider bid-ask spread. The inability to transact at advantageous times or prices may result in a reduction in the sub-fund's returns. Further, changing market conditions or other significant events, such as credit rating downgrades affecting issuers, may also pose valuation risk to the sub-fund as the value of the sub-fund's portfolio of fixed income instruments may become more difficult or impossible to ascertain. In such circumstances, valuation of the sub-fund's investments may involve uncertainties as there is a possibility that independent pricing information may at times be unavailable.

If such valuations should prove to be incorrect, the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund may need to be adjusted and may be adversely affected. Such events or credit rating downgrades may also subject the sub-fund to increased liquidity risk as it may become more difficult for the sub-fund to dispose of its holdings of bonds at a reasonable price or at all.

o) Restricted markets risk

The sub-fund may invest in securities in respect of which the PRC imposes limitations or restrictions on foreign ownership or holdings. Such legal and regulatory restrictions or limitations may have adverse effects on the liquidity and performance of the sub-fund holdings as compared to the performance of the Reference Index. This may increase the risk of tracking error and, at the worst, the sub-fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective and/or the sub-fund may have to be closed for further subscriptions.

p) A-share market trading hours difference risk

Differences in trading hours between foreign stock exchanges (e.g. Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange) and the relevant stock exchange may increase the level of premium/discount of the Share price to its Net Asset Value because if a PRC stock exchange is closed while the relevant stock exchange is open, the Reference Index level may not be available.

The prices quoted by the relevant stock exchange market maker would therefore be adjusted to take into account any accrued market risk that arises from such unavailability of the Reference Index level and as a result, the level of premium or discount of the Share price of the sub-fund to its Net Asset Value may be higher.

q) A-share market suspension risk

A-shares may only be bought from, or sold to, the sub-fund from time to time where the relevant A-shares may be sold or purchased on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, as appropriate. Given that the A-share market is considered volatile and unstable (with the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention), the subscription and redemption of Shares may also be disrupted. An Authorised Participant is unlikely to redeem or subscribe Shares if it considers that A-shares may not be available.

r) Operational and Settlement Risk

Settlement procedures in the PRC are less developed and may differ from those in countries that have more developed financial markets. The sub-fund may be subject to a risk of substantial loss if an appointed agent (such as a broker or a settlement agent) defaults in the performance of its responsibilities. The sub-fund may incur substantial losses if its counterparty fails to pay for securities the sub-fund has delivered, or for any reason fails to complete its contractual obligations owed to the sub-fund. On the other hand, significant delays in settlement may occur in certain markets in registering the transfer of securities. Such delays could result in substantial losses for the sub-fund if investment opportunities are missed or if the sub-fund is unable to acquire or dispose of a security as a result.

Trading in the PRC inter-bank bond market may expose investors to certain risks associated with settlement procedures and the default of counterparty. Much of the protection afforded to investors in securities listed on more developed exchanges may not be available in connection with transactions on the PRC inter-bank bond market which is an over-the-counter market. All trades settled through CCDC, the central clearing for the PRC inter-bank bond market, are settled on a delivery versus payment basis i.e. if the sub-fund is buying certain securities, the sub-fund will only pay the counterparty upon receipt of such securities. If a counterparty defaults in delivering the securities, the trade may be cancelled, and this may adversely affect the value of the sub-fund.

#### s) Changes in PRC taxation risk

The PRC Government has implemented a number of tax reform policies in recent years. The current tax laws and regulations may be revised or amended in the future. Any revision or amendment in tax laws and regulations may affect the after-taxation profit of PRC companies and foreign investors in such companies.

#### t) Government intervention and restriction risk

Governments and regulators may intervene in the financial markets, such as by the imposition of trading restrictions, a ban on “naked” short selling or the suspension of short selling for certain stocks. This may affect the operation and market making activities of the sub-fund and may have an unpredictable impact on the sub-fund.

Furthermore, such market interventions may have a negative impact on the market sentiment, which may in turn affect the performance of the Reference Index and/or the sub-fund.

#### u) PRC taxation risk

Any changes in tax policies may reduce the after-taxation profits of the investments in PRC Bonds to which the performance of the sub-fund is linked. Whilst it is clear that interests on PRC Bonds are specifically exempted from PRC Corporate Income Tax pursuant to the prevailing Corporate Income Tax Law, uncertainties remain on PRC indirect tax treatment on interest from PRC Bonds, as well as PRC Corporate Income Tax and Indirect Tax treatments on capital gains derived by the sub-fund from investments in PRC Bonds.

In light of the uncertainties on the PRC tax treatments on PRC Bonds and in order to meet any such potential PRC tax liabilities that may arise from investments in PRC Bonds, the Board of Directors reserves the right to put in place a tax provision (“Capital Gains Tax Provision” or “CGTP”) on the relevant gains or income and withhold the tax for the account of the sub-fund. The Board of Directors determines at present not to make any provision for the account of the sub-fund in respect of any potential tax on capital

gains from investments of the sub-fund in PRC Bonds. In the event that actual tax is collected by the SAT and the sub-fund is required to meet actual PRC tax liabilities, the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund may be adversely affected. Further, there is a possibility of the tax rules being changed and taxes being applied retrospectively. As such, any provision for taxation made by the Board of Directors may be excessive or inadequate to meet final PRC tax liabilities.

Consequently, Shareholders may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final tax liabilities, the level of provision and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Shares.

#### v) Accounting and Reporting Standards

Accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to companies in the PRC may differ from those in countries that have more developed financial markets. These differences may lie in areas such as different valuation methods of the properties and assets, and the requirements for disclosure of information to investors.

### Counterparty risk

Risks may arise for the Investment Company as a result of a contractual commitment with another party (a “counterparty”). In this context, there is a risk that the contracting party will no longer be able to fulfil its contractual obligations. These risks may compromise the sub-fund’s performance and may therefore have a detrimental effect on the share value and the capital invested by the investor.

When a sub-fund conducts over-the-counter (OTC) transactions, it may be exposed to risks relating to the credit standing of its counterparties and to their ability to fulfil the conditions of the contracts it enters into with them. The respective sub-fund may consequently enter into futures, options and swap transactions or use other derivative techniques, for example total return swaps, which will expose that sub-fund to the risk of a counterparty not fulfilling its obligations under a particular contract.

In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, the respective sub-fund could experience delays in liquidating the position and significant losses, including declines in the value of its investment during the period in which the sub-fund seeks to enforce its rights, inability to realise any gains on its investment during such period and fees and expenses incurred in enforcing its rights. There is also a possibility that the above agreements and derivative techniques are terminated due, for instance, to bankruptcy, supervening illegality or change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those at the time the agreement was originated.

Sub-funds may participate in transactions on over-the-counter markets and interdealer markets. The participants in such markets are typically not

subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of “exchange-based” markets. To the extent a sub-fund invests in swaps, derivative or synthetic instruments, or other over-the-counter transactions, on these markets, such sub-fund may take credit risk with regard to parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those entailed in exchange-traded transactions which generally are backed by clearing organisation guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from such protections.

This exposes the respective sub-fund to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the sub-fund to suffer a loss. Such “counterparty risk” is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the fund has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties.

In addition, in the case of a default, the respective sub-fund could become subject to adverse market movements while replacement transactions are executed. The sub-funds are not restricted from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all of their transactions with one counterparty. The ability of the sub-funds to transact business with any one or number of counterparties, the lack of any meaningful and independent evaluation of such counterparties’ financial capabilities and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by the sub-funds.

### Risks related to securities financing transactions – securities lending and (reverse) repurchase agreements

Securities financing transactions, namely securities lending transactions and (reverse) repurchase agreements, can either represent a risk on its own or have an impact on other risks and contribute significantly to the risk, such as counterparty risks, operational risks, liquidity risks, custody risks and legal risks. Please also refer to the above description.

#### Counterparty risks

If the other party (counterparty) to a (reverse) repurchase agreement or securities lending transaction should default, the sub-fund might suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities and/or other collateral held by the sub-fund in connection with the securities lending transaction or (reverse) repurchase agreement are less than the repurchase price or, as the case may be, the value of the underlying securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy or similar proceedings of the party to a (reverse)

repurchase agreement or a securities lending transaction or its failure otherwise to perform its obligations on the repurchase date, the sub-fund could suffer losses, including loss of interest on or principal of the securities and costs associated with delay and enforcement of the (reverse) repurchase agreement or securities lending transaction. The use of such techniques may have a significant effect, either negative or positive, on a sub-fund's net asset value (NAV) although it is expected that the use of repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions will generally not have a material negative impact on a sub-fund's performance.

#### Operational risks

Operational risk is inherent in any financial activity, including securities financing transactions. Deficiencies from inadequate internal processes and from human error or system failures at service providers, the Investment Company, the Management Company or a counterparty can result in an unexpected loss. The costs can be related to either a loss of a fraction or the whole value of a transaction, or to penalties imposed on the institution by a counterparty.

#### Liquidity risks

The respective sub-fund is subject to liquidity risk which arise when a particular instrument is difficult to dispose of.

#### Custody risks

Custody risk is the risk of loss of securities held with a custodian as a result of insolvency, negligence or fraudulent action by the custodian. Custody risk is influenced by a variety of factors including the legal status of the securities, the accounting practices and safekeeping procedures employed by the custodian, the custodian's choice of sub-custodians and other intermediaries, and the law governing the custody relationship.

#### Legal risks

Legal risks can bear the risk of loss because of the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because a contract cannot be enforced. A (reverse) repurchase, or securities lending contract may be invalid or unenforceable. Even if the collateral arrangement has been set up correctly, there is the risk that the relevant insolvency law may impose a stay that prevents the collateral taker from liquidating the collateral.

#### Risks connected to investments in special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs)

SPACs may constitute eligible investments for UCITS, provided they qualify, at any point of their life cycle, as transferable securities within the meaning of article 41 of the Law of 2010. Investments in SPACs may be subject to specific risks such as dilution, liquidity, conflicts of interests or the uncertainty as to the identification, evaluation as well as eligibility of the target company and can be difficult to evaluate due to a lack of trading history and public information. Moreover, the structure of SPACs can be complex, and their

characteristics may vary largely from one SPAC to another, meaning that the Management Company will study each SPAC individually in order to ensure that such SPAC investments fulfil all applicable eligibility requirements, and it is in line with the risk profile of the UCITS.

#### Risks associated with the receipt of collateral

The Investment Company may receive collateral for OTC derivatives transactions, securities lending transactions and reverse repurchase agreements. Derivatives, as well as securities lent and sold, may increase in value. Therefore, collateral received may no longer be sufficient to fully cover the Investments Company's claim for delivery or redemption of collateral against a counterparty.

The Investment Company may deposit cash collateral in blocked accounts or invest it in high quality government bonds or in money market funds with a short-term maturity structure. Though, the credit institution that safe keeps the deposits may default; the performance of government bonds and money market funds may be negative. Upon completion of the transaction, the collateral deposited or invested may no longer be available to the full extent, although the Investment Company is obligated to redeem the collateral at the amount initially granted. Therefore, the Investment Company may be obliged to increase the collateral to the amount granted and thus compensate the losses incurred by the deposit or investment of collateral.

#### Risks associated with collateral management

Collateral management requires the use of systems and certain process definitions. Failure of processes as well as human or system errors at the level of the Investment Company or third parties in relation to collateral management could entail the risk that assets, serving as collateral, lose value and are no longer sufficient to fully cover the Investments Company's claim for delivery or transfer back of collateral against a counterparty.

#### Sustainability risk – Environment, social and governance, ESG

Sustainability risk means an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could potentially or actually cause a negative material impact on the investment's value. Sustainability risk can either represent a risk on its own or have an impact on other risks and contribute significantly to the risk, such as market risks, operational risks, liquidity risks or counterparty risks.

These events or conditions are split into "Environment, Social and Governance" (ESG), and relate, among other things, to the following topics:

#### Environment

- Climate mitigation
- Adjustment to climate change
- Protection of biodiversity
- Sustainable use and protection of water and maritime resources
- Transition to a circular economy, avoidance of waste, and recycling
- The avoidance and reduction of environmental pollution
- Protection of healthy ecosystems
- Sustainable land use

#### Social affairs

- Compliance with recognized labour law standards (no child and forced labour, no discrimination)
- Compliance with employment safety and health protection
- Appropriate remuneration, fair working conditions, diversity, and training and development opportunities
- Trade union rights and freedom of assembly
- Guarantee of adequate product safety, including health protection
- Application of the same requirements to entities in the supply chain
- Inclusive projects or consideration of the interests of communities and social minorities

#### Corporate Governance

- Tax honesty
- Anti-corruption measures
- Sustainability management by the board
- Board remuneration based on sustainability criteria
- The facilitation of whistle-blowing
- Employee rights guarantees
- Data protection guarantees

As part of the consideration of environmental issues, the management company considers especially the following aspects related to climate change:

#### Physical climate events or conditions

- Extreme weather events
  - Heat waves
  - Droughts
  - Floods
  - Storms
  - Hailstorms
  - Forest fires
  - Avalanches
- Long-term climate change
  - Decreasing amounts of snow
  - Changed precipitation frequency and volumes
  - Unstable weather conditions
  - Rising sea levels
  - Changes in ocean currents
  - Changes in winds
  - Changes in land and soil productivity
  - Reduced water availability (water risk)

- Ocean acidification
- Global warming including regional extremes

#### Transition events or conditions

- Bans and restrictions
- Phasing out of fossil fuels
- Other political measures related to the transition to a low-carbon economy
- Technological change linked to the transition to a low-carbon economy
- Changes in customer preferences and behaviour

Sustainability risks can lead to a significant deterioration in the financial profile, liquidity, profitability or reputation of the underlying investment. Unless the sustainability risks were already expected and taken into account in the valuations of the investments, they may have a significant negative impact on the expected/estimated market price and/or the liquidity of the investment and thus on the return of the sub-funds.

## Investment policy

Each sub-fund's assets shall be invested in compliance with the principle of risk-spreading and pursuant to the investment policy principles laid down in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus and in accordance with the investment options and restrictions of Clause 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process

In its investment decisions, the sub-fund management considers, in addition to financial data, sustainability risks. This consideration applies to the entire investment process, both in the fundamental analysis of investments and in the decision-making process.

In the fundamental analysis, ESG criteria are particularly evaluated in the internal market analysis.

In addition, ESG criteria are integrated into any further investment research. This includes the identification of global sustainability trends, financially relevant ESG issues and challenges.

Risks that may arise from the consequences of climate change, or risks arising from the violation of internationally recognized guidelines are included in the assessment. The internationally recognized guidelines include, above all, the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, ILO core labour standards, or UN guiding principles for business and human rights and the OECD guidelines for multinational companies.

In order to take ESG criteria into account, the sub-fund management also uses an internal ESG database, which incorporates ESG data from

other research companies, public sources as well as its own assessments.

Investments that are made according to a fundamental analysis with integrated ESG criteria will continue to be monitored also from an ESG perspective. In addition, a dialogue is sought with selected companies, for example, regarding better corporate governance and greater consideration of ESG criteria (e.g. by exercising voting and other shareholder rights).

If the method of integrating sustainability risks into the investment process differs from the approach described above, the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus will specify the method used by the sub-fund management to integrate sustainability risks into its investment decisions.

### Benchmark indices

A sub-fund may use benchmark indices or a combination of benchmark indices. Such indices are used if the sub-fund has an index tracking objective or can be used in the explicit or implicit definition of the portfolio's composition, the performance objectives and/or measures.

In accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014) and taking into account the transitional period, the sub-fund may only use benchmark indices that are or whose administrators are included in the respective register maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA"). For each such benchmark, the Management Company has established robust, written plans in which it has stipulated measures that it would take if the benchmark was to change materially or cease to be provided.

The specific section of the sales prospectus clarifies whether the sub-fund is actively or passively managed as well as whether the sub-fund replicates a benchmark index or is managed in reference to one, in which case sub-fund will indicate the degree of freedom from the benchmark.

### Efficient portfolio management techniques

According to CSSF Circular 14/592 efficient portfolio management techniques can be used for the Investment Company. These include all sorts of derivative transactions, including total return swaps, as well as securities financing transactions, namely securities lending transactions and (reverse) repurchase agreements. Such securities financing transactions may be used for each sub-fund as further provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. Other securities financing transactions than the types mentioned here, such as margin-lending transactions, buy-

sell-back transactions and sell-buy-back transactions, are currently not used. Should the Investment Company make use of these types of securities financing transactions in the future, the Sales Prospectus will be amended accordingly.

Total return swaps and securities financing transactions shall be used in accordance with legal provisions, especially the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 25, 2015, on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (the "SFTR").

### Use of derivatives

The respective sub-fund may – provided an appropriate risk management system is in place – invest in any type of derivative admitted by the Law of 2010 that is derived from assets that may be purchased for the respective sub-fund or from financial indices, interest rates, exchange rates or currencies. In particular, this includes options, financial futures contracts and swaps (including total return swaps), as well as combinations thereof. Their use needs not be limited to hedging the sub-fund's assets; they may also be part of the investment policy.

Trading in derivatives is conducted within the confines of the investment limits and provides for the efficient management of the sub-fund's assets, while also regulating investment maturities and risks.

### Swaps

The Investment Company may, amongst others conduct the following swap transactions for the account of the respective sub-fund within the scope of the investment principles:

- interest-rate swaps,
- currency swaps,
- equity swaps,
- credit default swaps, or
- total return swaps.

Swap transactions are exchange contracts in which the parties swap the assets or risks underlying the respective transaction.

### Total return swaps

A total return swap is a derivative whereby one counterparty transfers to another counterparty the total return of a reference liability including income from interest and charges, gains and losses from price fluctuations, as well as credit losses.

As far as a sub-fund employs total return swaps or other derivatives with similar characteristics which are essential for the implementation of the investment strategy of the sub-fund, information will be provided in the special section of the Sales Prospectus as well as the annual report on issues such as the underlying strategy or the counterparty.



## Swaptions

Swaptions are options on swaps. A swaption is the right, but not the obligation, to conduct a swap transaction, the terms of which are precisely specified, at a certain point in time or within a certain period.

## Credit default swaps

Credit default swaps are credit derivatives that enable the transfer of a volume of potential credit defaults to other parties. As compensation for accepting the credit default risk, the seller of the risk (the protection buyer) pays a premium to its counterparty.

In all other aspects, the information for swaps applies accordingly.

## Synthetic Dynamic Underlying (SDU)

Synthetic dynamic underlyings (SDUs) are intended in particular to open up the possibility of acquiring total return swaps on strategies whose underlying is not a financial index but a dynamically composed basket of securities that can also be acquired through direct investments within the investment limits. The respective sub-fund may use SDU, if (a) an appropriate risk management system is in place and (b) such investment is in compliance with the relevant investment policy and the investment restrictions of such sub-fund. In such case the relevant sub-fund may participate via specific instruments in accordance with article 41 (1) g) of the Law of 2010, such as swaps and forwards in the performance of a synthetic portfolio notionally comprised of certain cash instruments, credit derivative transactions and other investments. Should the synthetic portfolio comprise of any derivative components, it will be ensured that the relevant underlying of such derivative components will only contain eligible assets for an investment fund compliant with the UCITS Directive as amended. The synthetic portfolio will be managed by a first-class financial institution who determines the composition of the synthetic portfolio and who is bound by clearly defined portfolio guidelines. The valuation of the synthetic assets will be ensured at or after cut-off time of the respective sub-fund and risk reports will be issued. Furthermore, these investments are subject to article 43 (1) of the Law of 2010 and to article 8 of the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

## Financial instruments certificated in securities

The respective sub-fund may also acquire the financial instruments described above if they are certificated in securities. The transactions pertaining to financial instruments may also be just partially contained in such securities (e.g. warrant-linked bonds). The statements on opportunities and risks apply accordingly to such certificated financial instruments, but with the condition that the risk of loss in the case of certificated instruments is limited to the value of the security.

## OTC derivative transactions

The respective sub-fund may conduct both those derivative transactions admitted for trading on an exchange or included in another regulated market and over-the-counter (OTC) transactions. It shall include a process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of OTC derivative instruments.

## Securities lending and (reverse) repurchase transactions (securities financing transactions)

The Investment Company is allowed to transfer securities from its own assets for a certain time to the counterparty against compensation at market rates. The Investment Company ensures that it is able to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate any securities lending agreement into which it has entered at any time.

The Management Company has appointed DWS Investment GmbH for supporting it in initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending and borrowing as well as (reverse) repurchase transactions (Securities Lending Agent).

### a) Securities Lending and Borrowing

Unless further restricted by the investment policy of a specific sub-fund as described in the special section below, a sub-fund may enter into securities lending and borrowing transactions. The applicable restrictions can be found in CSSF Circular 08/356 as amended from time to time. As a general rule, securities lending and borrowing transactions may only be performed in respect of eligible assets under the Law of 2010 and the sub-fund's investment principles.

Those transactions may be entered into for one or more of the following aims: (i) reduction of risk, (ii) reduction of cost and (iii) generation of additional capital or income with a level of risk which is consistent with the risk profile of the relevant sub-fund and the applicable risk diversification rules. Depending on market conditions and market demand, it is expected that up to 70% of the sub-fund's securities can be transferred to counterparties by means of securities lending transactions. However, if there is an increased market demand, the Investment Company reserves the right to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of a sub-fund's securities to counterparties as a loan.

Securities lending and borrowing may be carried out for the assets held by the relevant sub-fund provided (i) that their volume is kept at an appropriate level or that the Investment Company or relevant sub-fund manager is entitled to request the return of the securities lent in a manner that enables the sub-fund at all times to meet its redemption obligations and (ii) that these transactions do not jeopardise the management of the sub-fund's assets in accordance with its investment policy. Their risks shall be captured by the risk management process of the Management Company.

The Investment Company or the relevant sub-fund manager may enter into securities lending and borrowing transactions provided that they comply with the following rules:

- (i) The Investment Company may only lend securities through a standardised system organised by a recognised clearing institution or through a first-class financial institution subject to prudential supervision rules which are recognised by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in Community law and specializing in this type of transaction.
- (ii) The borrower must be subject to prudential supervision rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those prescribed by Community law.
- (iii) The counterparty risk vis-à-vis a single counterparty (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be reduced by the use of collateral) arising from one or more securities lending transaction(s) may not exceed 10% of the assets of the relevant sub-fund when the counterparty is a financial institution falling within Article 41 (1) (f) of the Law of 2010, or 5% of its assets in all other cases.

The Investment Company shall disclose for each sub-fund the actual utilization rates, the global valuation of the securities lent as well as additional information in the annual and semi-annual reports.

Securities lending may also be conducted synthetically ("synthetic securities lending"). In a synthetic securities loan, a security contained in a sub-fund is sold to a counterparty at the current market price. This sale is, however, subject to the condition that the sub-fund simultaneously receives from the counterparty a securitized unleveraged option giving the sub-fund the right to demand delivery at a later date of securities of the same kind, quality and quantity as the sold securities. The price of the option (the "option price") is equal to the current market price received from the sale of the securities less (a) the securities lending fee, (b) the income (e.g., dividends, interest payments, corporate actions) from the securities that can be demanded back upon exercise of the option and (c) the exercise price associated with the option. The option will be exercised at the exercise price during the term of the option. If the security underlying the synthetic securities loan is to be sold during the term of the option in order to implement the investment strategy, such a sale may also be executed by selling the option at the then prevailing market price less the exercise price.

Securities lending transactions may also, as the case may be, be entered into with respect to individual share classes, taking into account the specific characteristics of such share class and/or its investors, with any right to income and collateral under such securities lending transactions arising at the level of such specific share class.

#### b) (Reverse) Repurchase Agreement Transactions

Unless further restricted by the investment policy of a specific sub-fund as described in the special section below a sub-fund may enter into (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. The applicable restrictions can be found in CSSF Circular 08/356 as amended from time to time. As a general rule, (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions may only be performed in respect of eligible assets under the Law of 2010 and the sub-fund's investment principles.

Unless otherwise provided for with respect to a specific sub-fund in the special sections below, the Investment Company may enter (i) into repurchase agreement transactions which consist of the purchase and sale of securities with a clause reserving the seller the right or the obligation to repurchase from the acquirer the securities sold at a price and term specified by the two parties in their contractual arrangement and (ii) reverse repurchase agreement transactions, which consist of a forward transaction at the maturity of which the seller (counterparty) has the obligation to repurchase the securities sold and the Investment Company the obligation to return the securities received under the transaction (collectively, the "repo transactions").

Those transactions may be entered into for one or more of the following aims: (i) generating additional revenue; and (ii) collateralized short-term investment.

Depending on market conditions and market demand, it is expected that up to 50% of the securities held by a sub-fund may be transferred to a transferee (in the case of repurchase agreement transactions); moreover, within the limits of the applicable investment terms, securities may be received in exchange for cash (in the case of reverse repurchase agreement transactions).

However, if there is an increased market demand, the Investment Company reserves the right to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of a sub-fund's securities to a transferee (in the case of repurchase agreement transaction) or to receive securities in exchange for cash (in the case of reverse repurchase agreement transactions) within the limits of the applicable investment terms.

The Investment Company can act either as purchaser or seller in repo transactions or a series of continuing repo transactions. Its involvement in such transactions is, however, subject to the following rules:

- (i) The Investment Company may not buy or sell securities using a repo transaction unless the counterparty in such transactions is subject to prudential supervision rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those prescribed by Community law.
- (ii) The counterparty risk vis-à-vis a single counterparty (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be reduced by the use of collateral)

arising from one (or more) repo transaction(s) may not exceed 10% of the assets of the relevant sub-fund when the counterparty is a financial institution falling within Article 41 (1) (f) of the Law of 2010, or 5% of its assets in all other cases.

- (iii) During the life of a repo transaction with the Investment Company acting as purchaser, the Investment Company cannot sell the securities which are the object of the contract, either before the right to repurchase these securities has been exercised by the counterparty, or the repurchase term has expired, except to the extent it has other means of coverage.
- (iv) The securities acquired by the Investment Company under repo transactions must conform to the relevant sub-fund's investment policy and investment restrictions and must be limited to:
  - short-term bank certificates or money market instruments as defined in Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007;
  - bonds issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the OECD or by their local public authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings with EU, regional or world-wide scope;
  - shares or units issued by money market UCIs calculating a daily net asset value and being assigned a rating of AAA or its equivalent;
  - bonds issued by non-governmental issuers offering an adequate liquidity; and
  - shares quoted or negotiated on a regulated market of an EU Member State or on a stock exchange of a Member State of the OECD, on the condition that these shares are included in a main index.

The Investment Company shall disclose for each sub-fund the actual utilization rates, the total amount of the open repurchase transactions as well as additional information in the annual and semi-annual reports.

Repo transactions may also, as the case may be, be entered into with respect to individual share classes, taking into account the specific characteristics of such share class and/or its investors, with any right to income and collateral under such repo transactions arising at the level of such specific share class.

#### Choice of counterparty

The conclusion of OTC derivative transactions, including total return swaps, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreements, is only permitted with credit institutions or financial services institutions on the basis of standardized master agreements. The counterparties, independent of their legal form, must be subject to ongoing supervision by a public body, be financially sound and have an organizational structure and the resources they need to provide the services. In general, all counterparties have their headquarters in member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the G20 or Singapore. In addition,

either the counterparty itself or its parent company must have an investment grade rating by one of the leading rating agencies.

#### Collateral policy for OTC derivatives transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques

The Investment Company can receive collateral for OTC derivatives transactions and reverse repurchase agreements to reduce the counterparty risk. In the context of its securities lending transactions, the Investment Company has to receive collateral, the value of which matches at least 90% of the total value of the securities lent during the term of the agreement (with considerations of interests, dividends, other potential rights and possibly agreed reductions or minimum transfer amounts).

The Investment Company can accept any kind of collateral in particular corresponding to the rules of the CSSF circulars 08/356, 11/512 and 14/592 as amended.

I. In case of securities lending transactions such collateral must be received prior to or simultaneously with the transfer of the securities lent. When the securities are lent through intermediaries, the transfer of the securities lent may be affected prior to receipt of the collateral, if the relevant intermediary ensures proper completion of the transaction. Said intermediary may provide collateral in lieu of the borrower.

II. In principle, collateral for securities lending transactions, reverse repurchase agreements and any business with OTC derivatives (except for currency forward contracts) must be given in the form of:

- liquid assets such as cash, short-term bank deposits, money market instruments as defined in Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and guarantees at first demand issued by a first-class credit institution not affiliated to the counterparty and/or bonds, irrespective of their residual term, issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the OECD or by their local authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings of a community, regional or worldwide nature;
- shares or units issued by money market-type UCIs calculating a daily net asset value and having a rating of AAA or its equivalent;
- shares or units issued by UCITS investing mainly in bonds/shares mentioned in the following two indents;
- bonds, irrespective of their residual term, issued or guaranteed by first class issuers offering an adequate liquidity; or
- shares admitted to or dealt in on a regulated market of a Member State of the European Union or on a stock exchange of a Member State of the OECD, provided that these shares are included in a main index.

III. The collateral given under any form other than cash or shares/units of a UCI/UCITS must be

issued by an entity not affiliated to the counterparty.

Any collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the provisions of article 56 of the UCITS Directive.

IV. When the collateral given in the form of cash exposes the Investment Company to a credit risk vis-à-vis the trustee of this collateral, such exposure shall be subject to the 20% limitation as laid down in Article 43 (1) of the Law of 2010. Moreover, such cash collateral shall not be safekept by the counterparty unless it is legally protected from consequences of default of the latter.

V. The collateral given in a form other than cash shall not be safekept by the counterparty, except if it is adequately segregated from the latter's own assets.

VI. Collateral provided must be adequately diversified with respect to issuers, countries and markets. If the collateral meets a number of criteria such as the standards for liquidity, valuation, solvency of the issuer, correlation and diversification, it may be offset against the gross commitment of the counterparty. If the collateral is offset, its value can be reduced depending on the price volatility of the collateral by a certain percentage (a "haircut"), which shall absorb short-term fluctuations to the value of the engagement and the collateral. In general, cash collateral will not be subject to a haircut.

The criterion of sufficient diversification with respect to issuer concentration is considered to be respected if the sub-fund receives from a counterparty of OTC derivative transactions or efficient portfolio management techniques transactions a basket of collateral with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of its net asset value. When a sub-fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer.

VII. The Investment Company pursues a strategy for the assessment of haircuts applied to financial assets which are accepted as collateral ("haircut strategy").

The haircuts applied to the collateral refer to:

- a) the creditworthiness of the counterparty;
- b) the liquidity of the collateral;
- c) their price volatility;
- d) the solvency of the issuer;
- e) the country or market where the collateral is traded;
- f) extreme market situations; and/or
- g) where applicable, any existing residual term.

In general, collateral received in relation to OTC derivative transactions is subject to a minimum haircut of 2%, e.g. short-term government bonds with an excellent rating. Consequently, the value of such collateral must exceed the value of the secured claim by at least 2% and thus achieve an overcollateralization ratio of at least 102%. A correspondingly higher haircut of currently up to 33%, and thus a higher overcollateralization ratio of 133%, is applicable to securities with longer maturities or securities issued by lower-rated issuers. In general, overcollateralization in relation to OTC derivative transactions ranges between the following values:

#### OTC derivative transactions

Overcollateralization ratio	102% to 133%
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Within the context of securities lending transactions, an excellent credit rating of the counterparty and of the collateral may prevent the application of a collateral-specific haircut. However, for lower-rated shares and other securities, higher haircuts may be applicable, taking into account the creditworthiness of the counterparty. In general, overcollateralization in relation to securities lending transactions ranges between the following values:

#### Securities lending transactions

Overcollateralization ratio required for government bonds with an excellent credit rating	at least 101%
Overcollateralization ratio required for government bonds with a lower investment grade	at least 102%
Overcollateralization ratio required for corporate bonds with an excellent credit rating	at least 102%
Overcollateralization ratio required for corporate bonds with a lower investment grade	at least 103%
Overcollateralization ratio required for Blue Chips and Mid Caps	at least 105%

VIII. The haircuts applied are checked for their adequacy regularly, at least annually, and will be adapted if necessary.

IX. The Investment Company (or its delegates) shall proceed on a daily basis to the valuation of the collateral received. In case the value of the collateral already granted appears to be insufficient in comparison with the amount to be covered, the counterparty shall provide additional collateral at very short-term. If appropriate, safety margins shall apply in order to take into consideration exchange risks or market risks inherent to the assets accepted as collateral.

Collateral admitted to trading on a stock exchange or admitted on another organized market or included therein, is valued either at the closing price of the day before the valuation, or, as far as available, at the closing price of the day of the valuation. The valuation of collateral is performed according to principle to obtain a value close to the market value.

X. Collateral is held by the Depositary or a sub-depositary of the Depositary. Cash collateral in the form of bank deposits may be held in blocked accounts by the Depositary of the Investment Company or by another credit institution with the Depositary's consent, provided that this other credit institution is subject to supervision by a regulatory authority and has no link to the provider of the collateral. It shall be ensured that the Investment Company is able to claim its rights on the collateral in case of the occurrence of an event requiring the execution thereof, meaning that the collateral shall be available at all times, either directly or through the intermediary of a first class financial institution or a wholly-owned subsidiary of this institution, in such a manner that the Investment Company is able to appropriate or realise the assets given as collateral, without delay, if the counterparty does not comply with its obligation to return the securities lent.

XI. Reinvestment of cash collateral may occur exclusively in high-quality government bonds or in money market funds with short-term maturity structures. Cash collateral can additionally be invested by way of a reverse repurchase agreement with a credit institution if the recovery of the accrued balance is assured at all times. Securities collateral, on the other hand, is not permitted to be sold or otherwise provided as collateral or pledged.

XII. A sub-fund receiving collateral for at least 30% of its assets should assess the risk involved through regular stress tests carried out under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to assess the consequences of changes to the market value and the liquidity risk attached to the collateral. The liquidity stress testing policy should prescribe the following:

- a) design of stress test scenario analysis including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;
- b) empirical approach to impact assessment, including back-testing of liquidity risk estimates;
- c) reporting frequency and limit/loss tolerance threshold/s; and
- d) mitigation actions to reduce loss including haircut policy and gap risk protection.



## Use of financial indices

If it is foreseen in the special section of this Sales Prospectus, the aim of the investment policy may be to replicate the composition of a certain index respectively of a certain index by use of leverage. However, the index must comply with the following conditions:

- its composition is sufficiently diversified;
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers; and
- it is published in an appropriate manner.

When an index is replicated, the frequency of the adjustment of the index composition depends on the respective index. Normally, the composition of the index is adjusted semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. Additional costs may arise due to the replication and adjustment of the composition of the index, which might reduce the value of the sub-fund's net assets.

## Risk management

The sub-funds shall include a risk management process that enables the Management Company to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio.

The Management Company monitors every sub-fund in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 10-04 of the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF") and in particular CSSF Circular 11/512 dated May 30, 2011, and the "Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS" by the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR/10-788) as well as CSSF Circular 14/592 dated September 30, 2014. The Management Company guarantees for every sub-fund that the overall risk associated with derivative financial instruments will comply with the requirements of Article 42 (3) of the Law of 2010. The market risk of the respective sub-fund does not exceed 200% of the market risk of the reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (in case of a relative VaR approach) or does not exceed 20% (in case of an absolute VaR approach).

The risk management approach used for the respective sub-fund is indicated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus for the sub-fund in question.

The Management Company generally seeks to ensure that the level of investment of the sub-fund through the use of derivatives does not exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets (hereinafter "leverage effect") unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (Absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio).

The leverage effect calculation considers derivatives of the portfolio. Any collateral is currently not re-invested and therefore not considered. It must be noted that this leverage effect does fluctuate depending on market conditions and/or changes in positions (including hedging against unfavourable market movements, among other factors), and the targeted level may therefore be exceeded in spite of constant monitoring by the Management Company. The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

In addition, the option to borrow 10% of net assets is available for the sub-fund, provided that this borrowing is temporary.

An overall commitment thus increased can significantly increase both the opportunities and the risks associated with an investment (see in particular the risk warnings in the "Risks connected to derivative transactions" section).

## Potential conflicts of interest

The directors of the Investment Company, the Management Company, the fund manager, the designated sales agents and persons appointed to carry out sales activities, the Depositary, the Transfer Agent, the investment advisor, the shareholders, the Securities Lending Agent as well as all subsidiaries, affiliated companies, representatives or agents of the aforementioned entities and persons ("**Associated Persons**") may:

- conduct among themselves any and all kinds of financial and banking transactions or other transactions, such as derivative transactions (including total return swaps), securities lending transactions and (reverse) repurchase agreements, or enter into the corresponding contracts, including those that are directed at investments in securities or at investments by an Associated Person in a company or undertaking, such investment being a constituent part of the respective sub-fund's assets, or be involved in such contracts or transactions; and/or
- for their own accounts or for the accounts of third parties, invest in shares, securities or assets of the same type as the components of the respective sub-fund's assets and trade in them; and/or
- in their own names or in the names of third parties, participate in the purchase or sale of securities or other investments from or to the Investment Company, through or jointly with the fund manager, the designated sales agents and persons appointed to carry out sales activities, the Depositary, the investment advisor, or a subsidiary, an affiliated company, representative or agent of these.

Assets of the respective sub-fund in the form of liquid assets or securities may be deposited with an Associated Person in accordance with the legal provisions governing the Depositary. Liquid

assets of the respective sub-fund may be invested in certificates of deposit issued by an Associated Person or in bank deposits offered by an Associated Person. Banking or comparable transactions may also be conducted with or through an Associated Person. Companies in the Deutsche Bank Group and/or employees, representatives, affiliated companies or subsidiaries of companies in the Deutsche Bank Group ("DB Group Members") may be counterparties in the Investment Company's derivatives transactions or derivatives contracts ("Counterparty"). Furthermore, in some cases a Counterparty may be required to evaluate such derivatives transactions or derivatives contracts. Such evaluations may constitute the basis for calculating the value of particular assets of the respective sub-fund. The Board of Directors is aware that DB Group Members may possibly be involved in a conflict of interest if they act as Counterparty and/or perform evaluations of this type. The evaluation will be adjusted and carried out in a manner that is verifiable. However, the Board of Directors believes that such conflicts can be handled appropriately and assumes that the Counterparty possesses the aptitude and competence to perform such evaluations.

In accordance with the respective terms agreed, DB Group Members may act as directors, sales agents and sub-agents, depositaries, fund managers or investment advisors, and may offer to provide sub-depositary services to the Investment Company. The Board of Directors is aware that conflicts of interest may arise due to the functions that DB Group Members perform in relation to the Investment Company. In respect of such eventualities, each DB Group Member has undertaken to endeavour, to a reasonable extent, to resolve such conflicts of interest equitably (with regard to the Members' respective duties and responsibilities), and to ensure that the interests of the Investment Company and of the shareholders are not adversely affected. The Board of Directors believes that DB Group Members possess the required aptitude and competence to perform such duties.

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company believes that the interests of the Investment Company might conflict with those of the entities mentioned above. The Investment Company has taken reasonable steps to avoid conflicts of interest. In the event of unavoidable conflicts of interest, the Management Company of the Investment Company will endeavour to resolve such conflicts in a fair way and favour of the sub-fund(s). The Management Company is guided by the principle of undertaking all appropriate steps to create organizational structures and to implement effective administrative measures to identify, handle and monitor such conflicts. In addition, the directors of the Management Company shall ensure the appropriateness of the systems, controls and procedures for identifying, monitoring and resolving conflicts of interest.

For each sub-fund, transactions involving the respective sub-fund's assets may be conducted

with or between Associated Persons, provided that such transactions are in the best interests of the investors.

### Particular Conflicts of Interest in Relation to the Depositary or Sub-Depositaries

The Depositary is part of an international group of companies and businesses that, in the ordinary course of their business, act simultaneously for a large number of clients, as well as for their own account, which may result in actual or potential conflicts. Conflicts of interest arise where the Depositary or its affiliates engage in activities under the depositary agreement or under separate contractual or other arrangements. Such activities may include:

- (i) providing nominee, administration, registrar and transfer agency, research, agent securities lending, investment management, financial advice and/or other advisory services to the Investment Company;
- (ii) engaging in banking, sales and trading transactions including foreign exchange, derivative, principal lending, broking, market making or other financial transactions with the Investment Company either as principal and in the interests of itself, or for other clients.

In connection with the above activities the Depositary or its affiliates:

- (i) will seek to profit from such activities and are entitled to receive and retain any profits or compensation in any form and are not bound to disclose to, the Investment Company, the nature or amount of any such profits or compensation including any fee, charge, commission, revenue share, spread, mark-up, mark-down, interest, rebate, discount, or other benefit received in connection with any such activities;
- (ii) may buy, sell, issue, deal with or hold, securities or other financial products or instruments as principal acting in its own interests, the interests of its affiliates or for its other clients;
- (iii) may trade in the same or opposite direction to the transactions undertaken, including based upon information in its possession that is not available to the Investment Company;
- (iv) may provide the same or similar services to other clients including competitors of the Investment Company;
- (v) may be granted creditors' rights by the Investment Company which it may exercise.

The Investment Company may use an affiliate of the Depositary to execute foreign exchange, spot or swap transactions for the account of the Investment Company. In such instances the affiliate shall be acting in a principal capacity and not as a broker, agent or fiduciary of the Investment Company. The affiliate will seek to profit from these transactions and is entitled to retain and not disclose any profit to the Investment Company. The affiliate shall enter into such

transactions on the terms and conditions agreed with the Investment Company.

Where cash belonging to the Investment Company is deposited with an affiliate being a bank, a potential conflict arises in relation to the interest (if any) which the affiliate may pay or charge to such account and the fees or other benefits which it may derive from holding such cash as banker and not as trustee.

The Investment Company may also be a client or counterparty of the Depositary or its affiliates.

Potential conflicts that may arise in the Depositary's use of sub-custodians include four broad categories:

- (1) conflicts from sub-custodian selection and asset allocation among multiple sub-custodians influenced by (a) cost factors, including lowest fees charged, fee rebates or similar incentives and (b) broad two-way commercial relationships in which the Depositary may act based on the economic value of the broader relationship, in addition to objective evaluation criteria;
- (2) sub-custodians, both affiliated and non-affiliated, act for other clients and in their own proprietary interest, which might conflict with clients' interests;
- (3) sub-custodians, both affiliated and non-affiliated, have only indirect relationships with clients and look to the Depositary as its counterparty, which might create incentive for the Depositary to act in its self-interest, or other clients' interests to the detriment of clients; and
- (4) sub-custodians may have market-based creditors' rights against client assets that they have an interest in enforcing if not paid for securities transactions.

In carrying out its duties the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interests of the Investment Company and its shareholders.

The Depositary has functionally and hierarchically separated the performance of its depositary tasks from its other potentially conflicting tasks. The system of internal controls, the different reporting lines, the allocation of tasks and the management reporting allow potential conflicts of interest and the depositary issues to be properly identified, managed and monitored. Additionally, in the context of the Depositary's use of sub-custodians, the Depositary imposes contractual restrictions to address some of the potential conflicts and maintains due diligence and oversight of sub-custodians to ensure a high level of client service by those agents. The Depositary further provides frequent reporting on clients' activity and holdings, with the underlying functions subject to internal and external control audits. Finally, the Depositary internally separates the performance of its custodial tasks from its proprietary activity and follows a Stan-

dard of Conduct that requires employees to act ethically, fairly and transparently with clients.

Up-to-date information on the Depositary, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the safe-keeping functions delegated by the depositary, the list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available by the Depositary to shareholders on request.

### Combating money laundering

The Transfer Agent may demand such proof of identity as it deems necessary in order to comply with the laws applicable in Luxembourg for combating money laundering. If there is doubt regarding the identity of the investor or if the Transfer Agent does not have sufficient details to establish the identity, the Transfer Agent may demand further information and/or documentation in order to be able to unequivocally establish the identity of the investor. If the investor refuses or fails to submit the requested information and/or documentation, the Transfer Agent may refuse or delay the transfer to the Investors Company's register of shareholders of the investor's data. The information submitted to the Transfer Agent is obtained solely to comply with the laws for combating money laundering.

The Transfer Agent is, in addition, obligated to examine the origin of money collected from a financial institution unless the financial institution in question is subject to a mandatory proof-of-identity procedure that is the equivalent of the proof-of-identity procedure provided for under Luxembourg law. The processing of subscription applications can be suspended until such a time as the Transfer Agent has properly established the origin of the money.

Initial or subsequent subscription applications for shares can also be made indirectly, i.e., via the sales agents. In this case, the Transfer Agent can forego the aforementioned required proof of identity under the following circumstances or under the circumstances deemed to be sufficient in accordance with the money laundering laws applicable in Luxembourg:

- if a subscription application is being processed via a sales agent that is under the supervision of the responsible authorities whose regulations provide for a proof-of-identity procedure for customers that is equivalent to the proof-of-identity procedure provided for under Luxembourg law for combating money laundering, and the sales agent is subject to these regulations;
- if a subscription application is being processed via a sales agent whose parent company is under the supervision of the responsible authorities whose regulations provide for a proof of identity procedure for customers that is equivalent to the proof of identity procedure in accordance with Luxembourg law and serves to combat money laundering,

and if the corporate policy or the law applicable to the parent company also imposes the equivalent obligations on its subsidiaries or branches.

In the case of countries that have ratified the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), it is assumed that the respective responsible supervisory authorities in these countries have imposed regulations for implementing proof of identity procedures for customers on physical persons or legal entities operating in the financial sector and that these regulations are the equivalent of the proof of identity procedure required in accordance with Luxembourg law.

The sales agents can provide a nominee service to investors that acquire shares through them. Investors may decide at their own discretion whether or not to take up this service, which involves the nominee holding the shares in its name for and on behalf of investors; the latter are entitled to demand direct ownership of the shares at any time. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, investors are free to make investments directly with the Investment Company without availing of the nominee service.

### **Luxembourg Register of Beneficial Owners (transparency register)**

The Luxembourg Law of January 13, 2019, concerning the introduction of a Register of Beneficial Owners ("Law of 2019") entered into force on March 1, 2019. The Law of 2019 obliges all entities registered in the Luxembourg Register of Commerce and Companies, including the Investment Company, to collect and store certain information on their beneficial owners. The Investment Company is furthermore obliged to enter the collected information in the Register of Beneficial Owners, which is administered by the Luxembourg Business Registers under the supervision of the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice. In this respect, the Investment Company is obliged to monitor the existence of beneficial owners continuously and in relation to particular circumstances, and to notify the Register.

Article 1 (7) of the Law of November 12, 2004, on combating money laundering and terrorist financing defines a beneficial owner, inter alia, as any natural person that ultimately owns or controls a company. In this case, this includes any natural person in whose ownership or under whose control the Investment Company ultimately lies by way of directly or indirectly holding a sufficient amount of shares or voting rights or a participation, including in the form of bearer shares, or by means of another form of control.

If a natural person has a shareholding of 25% plus one share or a participation of more than 25% of the Investment Company, this is deemed to be an indication of direct ownership. If a company that is controlled by one or more natural persons or if several companies that are owned by the

same natural person or the same natural persons, has/have a shareholding of 25% plus one share or a participation of more than 25% of the Investment Company, this is deemed to be an indication of indirect ownership.

Besides the stated reference points for direct and indirect ownership, there are other forms of control according to which an investor can be classified as a beneficial owner. In this respect, an analysis is conducted in the individual case if indications of ownership or control are present.

If an investor is classified as a beneficial owner as defined by the Law of 2019, the Investment Company is obliged, pursuant to the Law of 2019 and subject to criminal sanctions, to collect and transmit information. Likewise, the respective investor is himself obliged to provide information.

If an investor is not able to verify whether or not he is classified as a beneficial owner, he can contact the Investment Company via the following e-mail address to seek clarification: [dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com](mailto:dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com).

### **Data protection**

The personal data of investors provided in the application forms, as well as the other information collected within the scope of the business relationship with the Investment Company and/or the Transfer Agent are recorded, stored, compared, transmitted, and otherwise processed and used ("processed") by the Investment Company, the Transfer Agent, other businesses of DWS, the Depositary and the financial intermediaries of the investors. The data is used for the purposes of account management, examination of money-laundering activities, determination of taxes pursuant to EU Directive 2014/107/EU on the taxation of interest payments and for the development of business relationships.

For these purposes, the data may also be forwarded to businesses appointed by the Investment Company or the Transfer Agent in order to support the activities of the Investment Company (for example, client communication agents and paying agents).

### **Acceptance of orders**

All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Details are listed for each sub-fund in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Market timing and short-term trading**

The Investment Company prohibits all practices connected with market timing and short-term trading and reserves the right to refuse subscription and exchange orders if it suspects that such practices are being applied. In such cases, the Investment Company will take all measures necessary to protect the other investors in the respective sub-fund.

### **Late trading**

Late trading occurs when an order is accepted after the close of the relevant acceptance deadlines on the respective valuation date but is executed at that same day's price based on the net asset value. The practice of late trading is not permitted as it violates the conditions of the Sales Prospectus of the Investment Company, under which the price at which an order placed after the order acceptance deadline is executed is based on the next valid net asset value per share.

### **Total expense ratio**

The total expense ratio (TER) is defined as the proportion of each respective sub-fund's expenditures to the average assets of the sub-fund, excluding accrued transaction costs. The effective TER is calculated annually and published in the annual report. The total expense ratio is stated as "ongoing charges" in the KID.

If the investor is advised by third parties (in particular companies providing services related to financial instruments, such as credit institutions and investment firms) when acquiring shares, or if the third parties mediate the purchase, such third parties provide the investor, as the case may be, with a breakdown of any costs or expense ratios that are not laid out in the cost details in this Sales Prospectus or the KID, and which overall may exceed the total expense ratio as described here.

In particular, such situations may result from regulatory requirements governing how such third parties determine, calculate and report costs. These requirements may arise in the course of the national implementation of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU (also known as "MiFID II"). It is important to note that the cost statement may vary due to these third parties additionally invoicing the costs of its own services (e.g. a surcharge or, where applicable, recurrent brokering or advisory fees, depositary fees, etc.). Furthermore, such third parties are subject to partially varying requirements regarding how costs accruing at sub-fund level are calculated.

As an example, the sub-fund's transaction costs may be included in the third party's cost statement even though the currently applicable requirements governing the Investment Company stipulate that they are not part of the aforementioned total expense ratio.

Deviations in the cost statement are not limited to cost information provided before a contract is concluded (i.e. before investment in the Investment Company). They may also arise if the third party provides regular cost information about the investor's current investments in the Investment Company in the context of a long-term business relationship with its client.

### Repayment to certain investors of management fees collected

The Management Company may, at its discretion, agree with individual investors the partial repayment to them of the management fees collected. This can be a consideration especially in the case of institutional investors who directly invest large amounts for the long term. The "Institutional Sales" division at DWS Investment S.A. is responsible for these matters.

### Buy and sell orders for securities and financial instruments

The Management Company submits buy and sell orders for securities and financial instruments directly to brokers and traders for the account of the respective sub-fund. The Management Company concludes agreements with these brokers and traders under customary market conditions that comply with first-rate execution standards. When selecting the broker or trader, the Management Company takes into account all relevant factors, such as the credit rating of the broker or trader and the execution capacities provided. A prerequisite for the selection of a broker is that the Management Company always ensures that transactions are executed under the best possible conditions, taking into account the specific market at the specific time for the specific type and size of transaction.

The Management Company may conclude agreements with selected brokers, traders and other analysis service providers, whereby these service providers acquire market information and research. These services are used by the Management Company for the purpose of managing the respective sub-fund of the Investment Company. When the Management Company uses these services, it adheres to all applicable regulatory requirements and industry standards. In particular, the Management Company does not require any services if the aforementioned agreements according to prudent judgement do not support the Management Company in its investment decision-making process.

### Regular savings or withdrawal plans

Regular savings or withdrawal plans are offered in certain countries in which the respective sub-fund has been authorized. Additional information about these plans is available from the Management Company and from the respective sales agents in the distribution countries of the respective sub-fund.

### Remuneration policy

The Management Company is included in the remuneration strategy of DWS Group. All matters related to remuneration as well as compliance with regulatory requirements, are monitored by the relevant governing bodies of DWS Group. DWS Group pursues a total remuneration approach that comprises fixed and variable remuneration components and contains portions of deferred remuneration, which are linked both to individual future performance and the sustainable development of DWS Group. As part of the remuneration strategy,

in particular employees at first and second management levels receive a portion of the variable remuneration in the form of deferred remuneration elements, which are largely linked to the long-term performance of DWS share or of investment products.

In addition, the remuneration policy takes the following guidelines into account:

- a) The remuneration policy is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage excessive risk-taking.
- b) The remuneration policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of DWS Group (including the Management Company and the UCITS that it manages and of the investors in such UCITS) and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.
- c) The assessment of performance is in principle set in context of a multi-year framework.
- d) Fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component.

Further details on the current remuneration policy are published on the internet at <https://www.dws.com/enlu/footer/Legal-Resources/dws-remuneration-policy/>. This includes a description of the calculation methods for remuneration and bonuses to specific employee groups, as well as the specification of the persons responsible for the allocation including members of the remuneration committee. The Management Company shall provide this information free of charge in paper form upon request. In addition, the Management Company discloses further information on employee remuneration in the annual report.

### Mandate to the local paying agent

In some distribution countries the investors, through the share subscription form, appoint the respective local paying agent as their undisclosed agent so that the latter may, in its own name but on their behalf, send to the Investment Company in grouped way any subscription, exchange and redemption orders in relation to the shares and perform all the necessary relevant administrative procedures.

### Selling restrictions

The shares of the sub-funds that have been issued may be offered for sale or sold to the public only in countries where such an offer or such a sale is permissible. Provided that no permit for public distribution issued by the local supervisory authorities has been acquired by the Investment Company or a third party commissioned by the Investment Company and is available to the Investment Company, this Sales

Prospectus must not be regarded as a public offer for the acquisition of sub-fund shares and/or this Sales Prospectus must not be used for the purpose of such a public offer.

The information contained herein, and the shares of the sub-funds are not intended for distribution in the United States of America or to U.S. persons (individuals who are U.S. citizens or whose permanent place of residence is in the United States of America or partnerships, or corporations established in accordance with the laws of the United States of America or of any state, territory, or possession of the United States). Correspondingly, shares are neither offered nor sold in the United States of America nor for the account of U.S. persons. Subsequent transfers of shares into the United States of America or to U.S. persons are prohibited.

This Sales Prospectus may not be distributed in the United States of America. The distribution of this Sales Prospectus and the offering of the shares may also be subject to restrictions in other legal systems.

Investors that are considered "restricted persons" as defined in Rule 5130 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority in the United States (FINRA Rule 5130) must report their holdings in the sub-funds to the Management Company without delay.

This Sales Prospectus may be used for sales purposes only by persons who possess an explicit written permit from the Investment Company (either directly or indirectly via correspondingly commissioned sales agents). Information or representations by third parties that are not contained in this Sales Prospectus or in the documents have not been authorized by the Investment Company.

### Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act – "FATCA"

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance provisions (commonly known as "FATCA") are contained in the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "Hire Act"), which was signed into U.S. law in March 2010. These provisions are U.S. legislation aimed at reducing tax evasion by U.S. citizens. It requires financial institutions outside the U.S. ("foreign financial institutions" or "FFIs") to pass information about "Financial Accounts" held by "Specified U.S. persons", directly or indirectly, to the U.S. tax authorities, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on an annual basis.

In general, a 30% withholding tax is imposed on certain U.S. source income of FFIs that fail to comply with this requirement. This regime will become effective in phases between July 1, 2014 and 2017. Generally, non-U.S. funds, such as this Investment Company through its sub-funds, will be FFIs and will need to enter into FFI agreements with the IRS unless they qualify as "deemed-compliant" FFIs, or, if subject to a model 1 intergovernmental agreement ("IGA"), they can qualify as either a "reporting financial institution"



or “non-reporting financial institution” under their local country IGA. IGAs are agreements between the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions to implement FATCA compliance. On March 28, 2014, Luxembourg entered into a model 1 IGA with the U.S. and a memorandum of understanding in respect thereof. The Investment Company would hence in due course have to comply with such Luxembourg IGA.

The Investment Company will continually assess the extent of the requirements that FATCA and notably the Luxembourg IGA places upon it. In order to comply, the Investment Company may inter alia require all shareholders to provide mandatory documentary evidence of their tax residence in order to verify whether they qualify as Specified U.S. persons.

Shareholders, and intermediaries acting for shareholders, should note that it is the existing policy of the Investment Company that Shares are not being offered or sold for the account of U.S. persons and that subsequent transfers of Shares to U.S. persons are prohibited. If Shares are beneficially owned by any U.S. person, the Investment Company may in its discretion compulsorily redeem such Shares. Shareholders should moreover note that under the FATCA legislation, the definition of Specified U.S. persons will include a wider range of investors than the current U.S. person definition. The Board of Directors may therefore resolve, once further clarity about the implementation of the Luxembourg IGA becomes available, that it is in the interests of the Investment Company to widen the type of investors prohibited from further investing in the sub-funds and to make proposals regarding existing investor holdings in connection therewith.

### Common Reporting Standard (“CRS”)

The OECD received a mandate by the G8/G20 countries to develop a global reporting standard to achieve a comprehensive and multilateral automatic exchange of information on a global basis. The CRS has been incorporated in the amended Directive on Administrative Cooperation (now commonly referred to as “DAC 2”), adopted on December 9, 2014, which the EU Member States had to incorporate into their national laws by December 31, 2015. DAC 2 was transposed into Luxembourg law by a law dated December 18, 2015 (“CRS Law”). It was published in the *Mémorial A* – N° 244 on December 24, 2015.

The CRS Law requires certain Luxembourg Financial Institutions (investment funds such as this Fund qualify, in principle, as Luxembourg Financial Institutions) to identify their account holders and establish where they are fiscally resident. In this respect, a Luxembourg Financial Institution which is classified as Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution is required to obtain a self-certification to establish the CRS status and/or tax residence of its account holders at account opening.

Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institutions will need to perform their first reporting of financial account information for the year 2016 about account holders and (in certain cases) their Controlling Persons that are tax resident in a Reportable Jurisdiction (identified in a Grand Ducal Decree) to the Luxembourg tax authorities (Administration des contributions directes) by June 30, 2017. The Luxembourg tax authorities will automatically exchange this information with the competent foreign tax authorities by the end of September 2017.

### Data protection

According to the CRS Law and Luxembourg data protection rules, each natural person concerned, i.e. potentially reportable, shall be informed on the processing of his/her personal data before the Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution processes the data.

If the Investment Company or its sub-funds qualify as a Reporting Financial Institution, it informs the natural persons who are Reportable Persons in the aforementioned context, in accordance with the Luxembourg data protection law.

- In this respect, the Reporting Luxembourg Financial Institution is responsible for the personal data processing and will act as data controller for the purpose of the CRS Law.
- The personal data is intended to be processed for the purpose of the CRS Law.
- The data may be reported to the Luxembourg tax authorities (Administration des contributions directes), which may in turn forward the data to the competent authorities of one or more Reportable Jurisdictions.
- For each information request for the purpose of the CRS Law sent to the natural person concerned, the answer from the natural person will be mandatory. Failure to respond within the prescribed timeframe may result in (incorrect or double) reporting of the account to the Luxembourg tax authorities.

Each natural person concerned has a right to access any data reported to the Luxembourg tax authorities for the purpose of the CRS Law and, as the case may be, to have these data rectified in case of error.

### Language

The Management Company may, on behalf of itself and the Investment Company, declare translations into particular languages as legally binding versions with respect to those shares of the sub-funds sold to investors in countries where sub-fund’s shares may be offered for sale to the public and which declaration shall be mentioned in the country specific information for investors relating to distribution in certain countries. Otherwise, in the event of any inconsistency between the English language version of the Sales Prospectus and any translation, the English language version shall prevail.

## Investor profiles

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The definitions of the following investor profiles were created based on the premise of normally functioning markets. Further risks may arise in each case in the event of unforeseeable market situations and market disturbances due to non-functioning markets.

### **“Risk-averse” investor profile**

The sub-fund is intended for the safety-oriented investor with little risk appetite, seeking steady performance but at a low level of return. Short-term and long-term fluctuations of the unit/share value are possible as well as significant losses up to the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Income-oriented” investor profile**

The sub-fund is intended for the income-oriented investor seeking higher returns through dividend distributions and interest income from bonds and money market instruments. Return expectations are offset by risks in the equity, interest rate and

currency areas, as well as by credit risks and the possibility of incurring losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is also willing and able to bear a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Growth-oriented” investor profile**

The sub-fund is intended for the growth-oriented investor seeking capital appreciation primarily from equity gains and exchange rate movements. Return expectations are offset by high risks in the equity, interest rate and currency areas, as well as by credit risks and the possibility of incurring significant losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

### **“Risk-tolerant” investor profile**

The sub-fund is intended for the risk-tolerant investor who, in seeking investments with strong returns, can tolerate the substantial fluctuations in the values of investments, and the very high risks

this entails. Strong price fluctuations and high credit risks result in temporary or permanent reductions of the net asset value per unit/share. Expectations of high returns and tolerance of risk by the investor are offset by the possibility of incurring significant losses up to and including the total loss of capital invested. The investor is willing and able to bear such a financial loss and is not concerned with capital protection.

The Management Company provides additional information to distribution agents and distribution partners concerning the profile of a typical investor or the target client group for this financial product. If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units/shares by distribution agents or distribution partners, or if such agents or partners act as intermediaries for the purchase of units/shares, they may therefore present additional information to the investor that also relates to the profile of a typical investor.

## Performance

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Past performance is not a guarantee of future results for the respective sub-fund. The returns and the principal value of an investment may rise or fall, so investors must take into account the

possibility that they will not get back the original amount invested.

Data on current performance can be found on the Management Company's website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com),

in the KID, or in the funds semi-annual and annual reports.

## 1. The Investment Company and the share classes

### A. The Investment Company

- a) DWS Invest is an investment company with variable capital incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg on the basis of the Law on Undertakings for Collective Investment and the Law on Trading Companies of August 10, 1915, as a société d'investissement à capital variable ("SICAV"). The Investment Company was established on the initiative of DWS Investment S.A., a management company under Luxembourg law, which, among other functions, acts as the main distributor for the Investment Company.
- b) The Investment Company is organized under Part I of the Law of 2010, and complies with the provisions of the UCITS Directive, as well as the provisions of the Ordinance of the Grand Duchy dated February 8, 2008, pertaining to certain definitions of the amended law of December 20, 2002, on Undertakings for Collective Investment ("Ordinance of the Grand Duchy dated February 8, 2008"), via which Directive 2007/16/EC was implemented in Luxembourg law.

With regard to the provisions contained in Directive 2007/16/EC and in the Ordinance of the Grand Duchy dated February 8, 2008, the guidelines of the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR) set out in the document "CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS", as amended, provide a set of additional explanations that are to be observed in relation to the financial instruments that are applicable for UCITS falling under the UCITS Directive as amended.<sup>3</sup>

- c) The articles of incorporation were filed with the Luxembourg Register of Commerce under the number B 86.435 and can be inspected there. Upon request, copies can be obtained

for a fee. The registered office of the Company is Luxembourg.

- d) The capital of the Investment Company is the sum of the total net asset values of the individual sub-funds. Changes in capital are not governed by the general rules of commercial law on publication and registration in the Register of Commerce and Companies in regard to increasing and reducing share capital.
- e) The minimum capital of the Investment Company is EUR 1,250,000, which was reached within six months after the establishment of the Investment Company. The original capital of the Investment Company was EUR 31,000, divided into 310 shares with no nominal value.
- f) If the Investment Company's capital falls below two thirds of the minimum capital, its Board of Directors must propose to the Shareholders' Meeting the dissolution of the Investment Company; the Shareholders' Meeting will meet without attendance required and will make its resolutions by simple majority of the shares represented and actually voted at the Shareholders' Meeting. The same applies if the Investment Company's capital falls below 25% of the minimum capital, except that in this case the dissolution of the Investment Company can be passed by 25% of the shares represented at the Shareholders' Meeting.

### B. Structure of the Investment Company

The Investment Company has an umbrella structure, each compartment corresponding to a distinct part of the assets and liabilities of the Investment Company (a sub-fund) as defined in Article 181 (1) of the Law of 2010, and that is formed for one or more share classes of the type described in the articles of incorporation. Each sub-fund will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that sub-fund, the investment objective, policy (including, as the case may be and allowed under applicable laws, acting as a feeder sub-fund or master sub-fund), as well as the risk profile and other specific features of each sub-fund are set forth in this Sales Prospectus. Each sub-fund may have its own funding, share classes, investment policy, capital gains, expenses and losses, distribution policy or other specific features.

### C. Share classes

The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes within a sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified below. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly and up-to-date information on launched share classes is available on the internet at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

All share classes of a sub-fund are invested collectively in line with the investment objectives of the respective sub-fund, but they may vary particularly

in terms of their fee structures, their minimum initial or subsequent investment amounts, their currencies, their distribution policies, the requirements to be fulfilled by investors or other special characteristics, such as hedging features and additional currency exposure to a basket of currencies, as specified in each case by the Management Company. The net asset value per share is calculated separately for each issued share class of each sub-fund. No separate portfolio is maintained by a sub-fund for its individual share classes. In the case of currency-hedged share classes (either on share class level, marked with the "H" denominator or on portfolio level, marked with the "H (P)" denominator), and share classes that build up an additional currency exposure to a basket of currencies (share classes marked with the "CE" denominator), the sub-fund may become subject to obligations arising from currency hedging transactions or from currency exposure management entered into for one particular share class. The assets of the sub-fund are liable for such obligations. The different characteristics of the individual share classes available with respect to a sub-fund are described in detail in the respective special section.

While liabilities attributed to a share class will only be allocated to that share class, a creditor of a sub-fund will generally not be bound to satisfy its claims from a particular share class. Rather, such creditor could seek, to the extent the liabilities exceeded the value of the assets allocable to the share class to which the liabilities are associated, to satisfy its claim from the sub-fund as a whole. Thus, if a creditor's claim relating to a particular share class exceeds the value of the assets allocable to that share class, the remaining assets of the sub-fund may be subject to such claim.

Investors who want to know which share classes with the "H", "H (P)" or "CE" denominators exist in the sub-fund they are invested in are invited to check the up-to-date information on launched share classes of each sub-fund at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

The Investment Company reserves the right to offer only one or certain share classes for purchase by investors in certain jurisdictions in order to comply with the laws, traditions or business practices applicable there. The Investment Company further reserves the right to establish principles to apply to certain investor categories or transactions with respect to the acquisition of certain share classes.

Investors in euro share classes should note that for sub-funds whose currency is the U.S. dollar, the net asset value per share of the individual euro classes is calculated in U.S. dollars, the sub-fund currency, and then expressed in euro using the USD/EUR exchange rate at the time of the calculation of the net asset value per share. Likewise, investors in U.S. dollar share classes should note that for sub-funds whose currency is the euro, the net asset value per share of the individual U.S. dollar classes is calculated in euro, the sub-fund currency, and then expressed in U.S. dollars using the EUR/USD exchange rate at

<sup>1</sup> Replaced by the law of 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Directive 2007/16/EC adopted by the Commission on March 19, 2007, for the purposes of implementing Council Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to certain undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) in regard to the explanation of specific definitions ("Directive 2007/16/EC").

<sup>3</sup> See CSSF newsletter 08-339 as amended: CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS – March 2007, ref.: CESR/07-044; CESR's guidelines concerning eligible assets for investment by UCITS – The classification of hedge fund indices as financial indices – July 2007, ref.: CESR/07-434.

the time of the calculation of the net asset value per share.

Depending on the respective sub-fund currency, the same applies to investors in all other share classes denominated in another currency than the respective sub-fund.

**Exchange rate fluctuations are not systematically hedged by the respective sub-funds, and such fluctuations can have an impact on the performance of the share classes that is separate from the performance of the investments of the sub-funds.**

#### D. Sub-funds with non-base currency share classes – possible currency impacts

Investors in sub-funds offering non-base currency share classes should note that possible currency impacts on the net asset value per share may occur and are not systematically hedged. These impacts are attached to the processing and booking of orders of non-base currency shares and related time lags of the different necessary steps possibly leading to exchange rate fluctuations. In particular, this is true for redemption orders. These possible impacts on the net asset value per share could be of positive or negative

nature and are not limited to the affected non-base currency share class, i.e. these influences could be borne by the respective sub-fund and all of its share classes.

#### E. Description of denominators

The Investment Company offers various share class features. The share class features are described by the denominators in the table below. The denominators are explained in more detail hereafter:

Features		
Type of Investor	Institutional Semi-Institutional Retail Master-Feeder Trailer free	I F L, N J, MF TF
Allocation of Income	Capitalization Distribution	C D
Distribution Frequency	Annual Semi-annual Quarterly Monthly	B Q M
Hedging	Non-hedged Hedged Portfolio Hedged Currency Exposure	H H (P) CE
Other	Early Bird Donation Seeding Zero Cost Placement Fee* Restricted	EB W X Z PF R

Country specific share classes:

in Japan: JQI

in Switzerland: S (Switzerland),

in the UK: DS (Distributor Status), RD (Reporting Fund Status).

\* tax-intransparent

##### a) Type of investor

The denominators "L", "N", "F", "I", "J", "MF" and "TF" indicate the types of investors the share classes are offered to.

Share classes with the "L" and "N" denominator are offered to retail investors and share classes with the "F" denominator are offered to semi-institutional investors.

Share classes with the "J" denominator will only be offered to schemes for mutual investment funds according to Japanese law. The Company reserves the right to buy back shares from inves-

tors at the redemption price in case investors do not meet this requirement.

Share classes with the "I" denominator are offered to institutional investors in accordance with Article 174 (2) of the Law of 2010. Share classes with the "I" denominator are only offered in form of registered shares, unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus of the respective sub-fund.

Share classes with the "MF" denominator are only offered to UCI or their sub-funds, that invest at least 85% of their assets ("Feeder-UCI") in units of other UCI or their sub-funds ("Master-UCI").

The shares of the trailer free "TF" share classes are only made available

(1) through distributors and intermediaries who:

- according to regulatory requirements (e.g. independent advisory services, discretionary portfolio management or specific local regulations) are not allowed to receive and keep trailer fees or any other fee, rebate or payment from the fund; or
- have separate fee arrangements with their clients and do not receive and keep trailer fees or any other fee, rebate or payment from the fund;

(2) to other UCI; and



(3) to insurance-based investment products within the meaning of article 4 section 2 Regulation (EU) No. 1286/2014.

For the “TF” share class, the Investment Company does not pay any trailer fees.

#### b) Allocation of income

Share classes denoted with the denominator “C” (Capitalization) offer a reinvestment of income (reinvesting or accumulating shares).

Share classes with the denominator “D” indicate a distribution of income (distributing shares).

#### c) Distribution Frequency

The letters “B”, “Q” and “M” describe the frequency of distribution. The letter “B” indicates distribution on a semi-annual basis, “Q” indicates distribution on a quarterly basis, while the denominator “M” describes a monthly distribution. Distributing shares without the “B”, “Q” and “M” denominators offer annual distribution.

#### d) Hedging

Furthermore, share classes may provide a hedge of currency risks:

##### (i) Currency Hedging

The currency hedging is provided by a hedging agent (either from an external service provider or internally) on the basis of specified rules. The currency hedging is not part of the respective investment policy and separately seen from the management of the portfolio. Any costs in connection with currency hedging are charged against the respective share class (see cost section).

#### Share class hedging

If the currency of the sub-fund differs from the currency of the respective hedged share class, the hedging can aim to reduce the risk to the share class that results from fluctuations in the exchange rate between the currency of the hedged share class and its sub-fund currency (denoted by the letter “H”).

#### Portfolio hedging

The hedging aims to reduce the risk to the hedged share class resulting from fluctuations in the exchange rate between the currency of the hedged share class and each of the underlying currencies to which the hedged share class is exposed with respect to the sub-fund’s assets (denoted by the letters “H (P)”).

Under certain circumstances the hedging of currency risks may not or only partially be implemented (e.g. small share class volume or small residual currency positions in the fund) or be imperfect (e.g. some currencies cannot be traded at any time, or must be approximated by another currency). In these circumstances the hedging may not or may only partially protect against changes

of the yield of the underlying of the hedge. In addition, attached to the processing and booking of orders in hedged share classes or in other share classes of the same sub-fund time lags in the hedging process possibly lead to exchange rate fluctuations that are not systematically hedged.

##### (ii) Non-hedged share classes

Share classes without the “H” or “H (P)” designator are not hedged against currency risks.

##### e) Currency exposure

The share classes marked (CE) for “Currency Exposure” aim to create for the share class currency exposure equal to the currencies in which the assets in the sub-fund’s portfolio may be denominated.

Under certain circumstances the currency exposure may not or only partially be implemented by unwinding currency hedging position in the sub-fund (e.g. small share class volume or small residual currency positions in the fund) or be imperfectly implemented (e.g.: some currencies cannot be traded at any time, or must be approximated by another currency). In addition, attached to the processing and booking of orders in these share classes time lags in the exposure management process can lead to a delay in the adaptation of the currency exposure to the new share class volume. In case of exchange rate fluctuations this can impact the net asset value of the share class.

##### f) Other share class characteristics

#### Early Bird

The Management Company reserves the right to close any share class with the denominator “EB” to further investors upon reaching a certain amount of subscriptions. Such amount will be determined per share class per sub-fund.

#### Seeding share classes

Shares of share classes with the “X” denominator offer a rebate on the Management Company fee that is granted to investors that subscribe to shares before a certain volume of investments is reached. Upon reaching the aforementioned volume the share classes with the “X” denominator will be closed.

#### Zero cost share classes

Shares of share classes with the “Z” denominator are offered to institutional investors in accordance with article 174 (2) of the Law of 2010. The shares are only offered to investors that have entered into a separate agreement with the Management Company.

The share class is charged a pro rata share on the fees for the Management Company (excluding compensation for the fund management and the distributors), the Depositary, the administrator as well as other fees and expenses that are further described in article 12. The percentage expense

cap rule of article 12 b) does not apply to zero cost share classes. Fees of article 12 b) are capped to a maximum of ten basis points. The Fund management fees are charged directly by the Management Company to the investor under the aforementioned separate agreement.

Shares are not transferable without the Management Company’s prior approval.

#### Donation share classes

The Board of Directors intends making an annual distribution for the share class with the suffix “W” (the “Donation Share Class”). This distribution is to be made via the respective institution maintaining the custody account on the instruction of and in the name of the respective holder of fund shares („shareholder”), where applicable less German withholding tax (Kapitalertragsteuer/KESt) withheld by the institution maintaining the custody account (plus solidarity surcharge and, where applicable, church tax), to a defined donation beneficiary to promote this beneficiary’s tax-privileged purposes as defined in sections 51 et seq. of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung/AO) (“donation”). The definition of the Donation Beneficiary and the instruction to pay out the distribution to a Donation Beneficiary are set out in an appropriation agreement between the shareholder and the institution maintaining the custody account. In this context, it is expressly pointed out that all decisions regarding whether distributions should take place, and in what amount, are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. For operational reasons and for correct processing of the donation, shares of a Donation Share Class that are issued in the form of bearer shares and represented by a global certificate must be deposited in a custody account with a recognized institution that maintains custody accounts. A list of institutions that maintain custody accounts is available in the download section of the respective Donation Share Class on the Management Company’s website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) and [www.dws.de](http://www.dws.de).

When subscribing for shares in a Donation Share Class, each shareholder shall expressly instruct the institution maintaining the custody account, in its capacity as representative, to pay out in the name of the shareholder all distributions (where applicable less German withholding tax withheld by the institution maintaining the custody account, including solidarity surcharge and, where applicable, church tax), to which the shareholder of a Donation Share Class is entitled as a donation to the Donation Beneficiary. The institution maintaining the custody account forwards the shareholder’s personal data to the Donation Beneficiary for the processing of the donation. The Donation Beneficiary shall, with the aid of this data, issue the shareholder with a donation receipt as defined in article 50 of the German Income Tax Implementing Ordinance (Einkommensteuer-Durchführungsverordnung/ESTDV hereinafter referred to as ESTDV) as evidence of the donation to the Donation Beneficiary. It is pointed out to shareholders of the Donation Share Class that taxes may be incurred in connection with the disbursement of

the distributions. Relevant shareholders are further advised that the donation of these distributions might not be tax-deductible or may be tax-deductible only under certain circumstances.

This prospectus does not constitute tax advice and is not intended to replace such advice. Shareholders of the Donation Share Class should absolutely make their own inquiries and obtain independent, expert tax advice regarding their individual situation in terms of the tax treatment of the distribution and the associated donation to the Donation Beneficiary that is made in their name. The investment company, the Board of Directors or the Management Company do not make any assurances in this regard. The investment company, the Board of Directors and the Management Company are not obliged to obtain the following from a competent tax authority for the shareholders or the Donation Beneficiary: tax-related preliminary decisions, acknowledgments or clearance certificates in relation to the tax treatment of distributions or the associated donation.

The investment company, the Board of Directors and the Management Company must have the separate determination of compliance with the statute-related preconditions according to articles 51, 59, 60 and 61 of the German Fiscal Code proven to them by the Donation Beneficiary once through submission of the notice according to article 60a of the German Fiscal Code; otherwise, they have no knowledge of whether tax-related preliminary decisions, acknowledgments or clearance certificates were obtained from a competent tax authority. Furthermore, the investment company, the Board of Directors and the Management Company are not responsible for (i) establishing the Donation Beneficiary, (ii) any amendments to the statutes of the Donation Beneficiary that may justify the revocation of the notice in accordance with article 60a of the German Fiscal Code, (iii) the operation of the

Donation Beneficiary, particularly the actual management activity as defined in article 63 of the German Fiscal Code, (iv) authorizing the Donation Beneficiary to issue donation receipts in accordance with articles 63 (5) and 50 EStDV, (v) granting tax exemption to the Donation Beneficiary for the assessment period or for the time of the donation, especially in accordance with article 5 (1), no. 9, of the German Corporate Tax Act (Körperschaftsteuergesetz/KStG), article 9, no. 5, of the German Trade Tax Act (Gewerbesteuersteuergesetz/GewStG), article 13 (1), no. 16 (b) of the German Inheritance and Gift Tax Act (Erb-schaftsteuer- und Schenkungsteuergesetz/ ErbStG), (vi) the granting of a donation receipt as defined in article 50 EStDV to the shareholders, or (vii) the tax claim in relation to the donation of the shareholder, especially the submission of a tax return or other official or non-official written documents in relation to the donation for the respective shareholder for the benefit of this shareholder.

The shareholders will be informed about the distributions via a notification published on the Management Company's website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) and [www.dws.de](http://www.dws.de).

#### Placement fee

Shares of share classes with the "PF" designator are subject to a placement fee ("placement fee share classes"). The placement fee for each subscribed share amounts to up to 3% and is multiplied by the NAV per share on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date (depending on the date the orders are processed). The so calculated amount is levied on the relevant placement fee share class. The placement fee for each subscribed share of the relevant placement fee share class is paid out as compensation for the distribution of the share class and at the same time booked as an accounting position (pre-paid expenses), reflected in the

NAV per share of the relevant placement fee share class only. The NAV per share of the placement fee share class on the respective valuation date is therefore not affected by the payment of the placement fee. In case prior day data is used for the NAV calculation, results will be monitored against same day data to avoid potential material differences. The overall position of pre-paid expenses is then amortized on a daily basis at a constant amortization rate of 1.00% p.a. applied to the NAV per share of the relevant placement fee share class multiplied by the number of outstanding shares in this share class.

The pre-paid expenses are defined relative to the NAV per share of the placement fee share class. The pre-paid expenses therefore fluctuate with NAV movements and depend on the number of shares subscribed and redeemed in the relevant placement fee share class.

After a pre-defined amortization period of 3 years commencing on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date, pre-paid expenses assigned to a subscribed share of a placement fee share class are fully amortized and the relevant number of shares will be exchanged for a corresponding number of shares of the corresponding N share class of the same sub-fund to avoid prolonged amortization.

Shareholders wishing to redeem their placement fee share classes before such exchange takes place may need to pay a dilution adjustment. For further information, please refer to article 5 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. Placement fee share classes are reserved for Italian investors subscribing through specific paying agents in Italy.

## F. Share class currencies and initial NAV

The share classes are offered in the following currencies:

Denominator	no denominator	USD	SGD	GBP	CHF	NZD	AUD	RUB
Currency	Euro	U.S. dollar	Singapore dollar	Great Britain pound	Swiss francs	New Zealand dollar	Australian dollar	Russian ruble
Initial NAV	EUR 100	USD 100	SGD 10	GBP 100	CHF 100	NZD 100	AUD 100	RUB 1,000

Denominator	JPY	CAD	NOK	SEK	HKD	CZK	PLN	RMB
Currency	Japanese yen	Canadian dollar	Norwegian krone	Swedish krona	Hong Kong dollar	Czech koruna	Polish zloty	Chinese renminbi
Initial NAV	JPY 10,000	CAD 100	NOK 100	SEK 1,000	HKD 100	CZK 1,000	PLN 100	RMB 100

#### Currency-specific characteristics:

The “RUB LC” share class is offered in the form of registered shares.

The value date for purchase and redemption orders for Swedish krona, Hong Kong dollar and Chinese renminbi share classes may deviate by one day from the value date specified in the special section of the respective sub-funds. The Chinese renminbi is currently traded on two different markets: Onshore in Mainland China (CNY) and offshore via Hong Kong (CNH).

CNY is a managed floating exchange rate currency that is currently not freely convertible and subject to exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions imposed by the Chinese government.

CNH is currently freely tradable without restrictions via Hong Kong. For this reason, the exchange rate used for share classes denominated in RMB is the rate of CNH (offshore renminbi).

## G. Country-specific share classes

### Japan

The JQI and all other in JPY denominated share classes offered hereby have not been, and will not be, registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan and accordingly may not be offered or sold in Japan or to or for the account of any resident thereof, except

either pursuant to registration thereunder or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. No registration has been made in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan for the reason that the solicitation to subscribe for JQI and all other in JPY denominated share classes offered hereby in Japan constitutes a private placement of JQI and all other in JPY denominated share classes to Qualified Institutional Investors only in accordance with article 2, paragraph 3, item 2(i) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. For these purposes, a notification under the Law Concerning Investment Trusts and Investment Corporations of Japan will be filed with the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency of Japan. Accordingly, in Japan the JQI and all other in JPY denominated share classes will be offered only to Qualified Institutional Investors in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. In addition, the JQI and all other in JPY denominated share classes are subject to the transfer restriction: no transfer of such share classes may be made to persons in Japan other than Qualified Institutional Investors.

### Spain and Italy

For the distribution in Spain and Italy the following restriction applies: The subscription of shares of the share classes denoted by the designator “F” will be limited to professional investors according to the MiFID directive.

Professional investors subscribing in their own name, but on behalf of a third party, must certify to the Investment Company that such subscription is made on behalf of a professional investor. The Investment Company may require, at its sole discretion, evidence that the former requirements are met.

### Switzerland

Shares of share classes denoted by the designator “S” are initially created for Switzerland. At present, the Investment Company offers one such euro share class, the share class LS, which does not levy any performance fee in comparison to the LC share class.

### United Kingdom

“DS” and “RD” share classes are intended to have reporting fund status (previously distributor status), i.e. the characteristics of these share classes satisfy the prerequisites for qualifying for reporting fund status.

## H. Minimum initial investment amounts

<b>Institutional Investors</b>	General rule for share class codes without numeric extension: 10,000,000 in the share class specific currency except for Japan: 1,500,000,000 JPY and except for Sweden: 100,000,000 SEK
<b>Semi-Institutional Investor</b>	General rule for share class codes without numeric extension: 2,000,000 for investments in the share class specific currency except for Japan: 250,000,000 JPY and except for Sweden: 20,000,000 SEK
<b>Numeric extensions for Semi-Institutional and Institutional Investors</b>	A numeric extension at the end of the share class code states the minimum investment amount in million in the share class specific currency
<b>Seeding Share Class</b>	2,000,000 for each order in the share class specific currency except for Japan: 250,000,000 JPY

The Investment Company reserves the right to deviate from these minimum initial investment amounts at its own discretion, e.g. in cases where distributors have separate fee arrangements with their clients. Subsequent purchases can be made in any amount.

## 2. Risk spreading

The following investment limits and investment guidelines apply to the investment of the Investment Company’s assets held in the individual sub-funds. Differing investment limits may be set for individual sub-funds. In this respect we refer to the information in the special section of the Sales Prospectus below.

### A. Investments

- The sub-fund may invest in securities and money market instruments that are listed or traded on a regulated market.
- The sub-fund may invest in securities and money market instruments that are traded on another market in a member state of the European Union that operates regularly and is recognized, regulated and open to the public.
- The sub-fund may invest in securities and money market instruments that are admitted for official trading on an exchange in a state that is not a member state of the European Union or traded on another regulated market

- in that state that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public.
- The sub-fund may invest in securities and money market instruments that are new issues, provided that
    - the terms of issue include the obligation to apply for admission for trading on an exchange or on another regulated market that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public, and
    - such admission is procured no later than one year after the issue.
  - The sub-fund may invest in shares of Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transfer-

able Securities ("UCITS") and/or other undertakings for collective investments ("UCIs") within the meaning of the UCITS Directive, should they be situated in a member state of the European Union or not, provided that

- such other UCIs have been authorized under laws that provide that they are subject to supervision considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in Community law, and that cooperation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;
- the level of protection for shareholders in the other UCIs is equivalent to that provided for shareholders in an UCITS, and in particular that the rules on fund asset segregation, borrowing, lending, and short selling of transferable securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive;
- the business of the other UCIs is reported in semi-annual and annual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and transactions over the reporting period;
- no more than 10% of the assets of the UCITS or of the other UCIs whose acquisition is being contemplated can, according to its contract terms or articles of incorporation, be invested aggregate in shares of other UCITS or other UCIs.

Such shares comply with the requirements as set out in article 41 (1) (e) of the Law of 2010 and any reference to "funds" in the special section of the Sales Prospectus is to be understood accordingly.

- f) A sub-fund may invest in deposits with financial institutions that are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and mature within twelve months or less, provided that the financial institution has its registered office in a member state of the European Union or, if the registered office of the financial institution is situated in a state that is not a member state of the European Union, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- g) A sub-fund may invest in financial derivative instruments ("derivatives"), including equivalent cash-settled instruments, that are traded on a market referred to in (a), (b) and (c) and/or financial derivative instruments that are not traded on an exchange ("OTC derivatives"), provided that
  - the underlying instruments are instruments covered by this paragraph or financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the sub-fund may invest according to its investment policy;

- the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision, and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF; and
- the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Investment Company's initiative.

h) A sub-fund may invest in money market instruments not traded on a regulated market that are usually traded on the money market, are liquid and have a value that can be accurately determined at any time, if the issue or issuer of such instruments is itself regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that these instruments are

- issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or central bank of a member state of the European Union, the European Central Bank, the European Union or the European Investment Bank, a state that is not a member state of the European Union or, in the case of a federal state, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body of which one or more member states of the European Union are members; or
- issued by an undertaking whose securities are traded on the regulated markets referred to in the preceding subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c); or
- issued or guaranteed by an establishment that is subject to prudential supervision in accordance with the criteria defined by Community law, or by an establishment that is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down by Community law; or
- issued by other bodies belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF, provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection equivalent to that laid down in the first, the second or the third preceding indent and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least EUR 10 million and which presents and publishes its annual financial statements in accordance with the Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC, is an entity that, within a group of companies that includes one or more exchange-listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or is an entity that is dedicated to the financing of securitization vehicles that benefit from credit lines to assure liquidity.

i) Notwithstanding the principle of risk-spreading, the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in securities and money market instruments stemming from different issues that are issued or guaranteed by a member

state of the European Union, its local authorities, any other member state of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the G20 or Singapore or by a public international body of which one or more member states of the European Union are members, provided that the sub-fund holds securities that originated from at least six different issues and the securities stemming from any one issue do not exceed 30% of the assets of the sub-fund.

j) A sub-fund may not invest in precious metals or precious-metal certificates; if the investment policy of a sub-fund contains a special reference to this clause, this restriction does not apply for 1:1 certificates whose underlying are single commodities/precious metals and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in Article 1 (34) of the Law of 2010.

## B. Investment limits

- a) No more than 10% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in securities or money market instruments from any one issuer.
- b) No more than 20% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in deposits made with any one institution.
- c) The risk exposure to a counterparty in OTC derivative transactions as well as in OTC derivative transactions, which are effected with regard to an efficient portfolio management may not exceed 10% of the sub-fund's net assets if the counterparty is a credit institution as defined in A. (f) above. In all other cases, the exposure limit is 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.
- d) No more than 40% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in securities and money market instruments of issuers in which over 5% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested.

This limitation does not apply to deposits and OTC derivative transactions conducted with financial institutions that are subject to prudential supervision.

Notwithstanding the individual upper limits specified in B. (a), (b) and (c) above, the sub-fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in a combination of

- investments in securities or money market instruments; and/or
- deposits made with; and/or
- exposures arising from OTC derivative transactions undertaken with a single institution.

e) The limit of 10% set in B. (a) rises to 35%, and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply to securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by

- a member state of the European Union or its local authorities; or
- a state that is not a member state of the European Union; or
- public international bodies of which one or more member states of the European Union are members.

f) The limit set in B. (a) rises from 10% to 25%, and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply (i) as from July 8, 2022 in the case of covered bonds as defined in article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 27, 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU, and (ii) for certain bonds that fulfil the following conditions:

- they are issued before July 8, 2022 by a credit institution that has its registered office in a member state of the European Union and which is legally subject to special public supervision intended to protect the holders of such bonds; and
- sums deriving from the issue of such bonds issued before July 8, 2022 are invested in conformity with the law in assets that, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds; and
- such assets, in the event of default of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the repayment of the principal and payment of the accrued interest.

If the respective sub-fund invests more than 5% of its assets in bonds of this type issued by any one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the net assets of the sub-fund.

g) The limits provided for in paragraphs B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) may not be combined, and thus investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by any one institution or in deposits made with this institution or in this institution's derivative instruments shall under no circumstances exceed in total 35% of the sub-fund's net assets.

The sub-fund may cumulatively invest up to 20% of its assets in securities and money market instruments of any one group of companies.

Companies that are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated financial statements, as defined in accordance with the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC or in accordance with recognized international accounting rules, shall be regarded as a single issuer for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in this Article.

h) A sub-fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in securities and money market instruments other than those specified in A.

i) A sub-fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in A. (e), unless otherwise provided for in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus. However, by way of derogation and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of chapter 9 of the Law of 2010, a sub-fund ("Feeder") may invest at least 85% of its assets in shares of another UCITS (or a sub-fund thereof) that is recognized according to Directive 2009/65/EC, and, which itself is neither a Feeder nor holds any shares in another Feeder.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCI are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits laid down in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

When a sub-fund invests in the units of UCITS and/or other UCIs that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the same management company or by any other company with which the Management Company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, (regarded as more than 10% of the voting rights or share capital), that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the sub-fund's investment in the units of such UCITS and/or other UCIs.

If a sub-fund invests a substantial proportion of its assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIs, the maximum level of the management fees that may be charged both to the sub-fund itself and to the other UCITS and/or other UCIs in which it intends to invest, shall be disclosed in the relevant Special Section.

In the annual report of the Investment Company, it shall be indicated for each sub-fund the maximum proportion of management fees charged both to the sub-fund and to the UCITS and/or other UCIs in which the sub-fund invests.

j) If admission to one of the markets defined under A. (a), (b) or (c) is not obtained within the one-year deadline, new issues shall be considered unlisted securities and money market instruments and counted towards the investment limit stated there.

k) The Investment Company or the Management Company may not purchase for any of the sub-funds equities with voting rights that would enable it to exert significant influence on the management policies of the relevant issuer.

The respective sub-fund may acquire no more than

- 10% of the non-voting shares of any one issuer;
- 10% of the bonds of any one issuer;
- 25% of the shares of any fund;
- 10% of the money market instruments of any one issuer.

The limits laid down in the second, third and fourth indents may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the bonds or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of outstanding fund shares, cannot be calculated.

l) The investment limits specified in (k) shall not be applied to:

- securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a member state of the European Union or its local authorities;
- securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a state that is not a member state of the European Union;
- securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more member states of the European Union are members;
- shares held by the fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a state that is not a member state of the European Union, investing its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that state, where under the legislation of that state such a holding represents the only way in which the fund can invest in the securities of issuers from that state. This derogation, however, shall apply only if in its investment policy the company from the state that is not a member state of the European Union complies with the limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), (i) and (k). Where these limits are exceeded, Article 49 of the Law of 2010, on Undertakings for Collective Investment shall apply;
- shares held by one or more investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies that only conduct certain management, advisory or marketing activities with regard to the repurchase of shares at the request of shareholders in the country where the subsidiary is located, and do so exclusively on behalf of the investment company or investment companies.

m) Notwithstanding the limits specified in B. (k) and (l), the maximum limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) for investments in shares and/or debt securities of any one issuer are 20% when the objective of the investment policy is to replicate the composition of a certain index or an index by using leverage. This is subject to the condition that



- the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
- the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
- the index is published in an appropriate manner.

The maximum limit is 35% where that proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions, in particular in regulated markets where certain transferable securities or money market instruments are highly dominant. An investment up to this limit is only permitted for one single issuer.

- n) The sub-fund's global exposure relating to derivative instruments must not exceed the total net value of its portfolio. The exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying instruments, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives as part of its investment strategy and within the limits specified in B. (g), provided that the global exposure to the underlying instruments does not exceed on aggregate the investment limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

If the sub-fund invests in index-based derivatives, these investments are not taken into consideration with reference to the investment limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

When a security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, the latter must be taken into consideration when complying with the requirements of the investment limits.

- o) In addition, the sub-fund may hold up to 20% of its assets in ancillary liquid assets. Ancillary liquid assets are limited to bank deposits at sight to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily hold more than 20% ancillary liquid assets if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.
- p) Up to 10% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) that qualify as eligible investments within the meaning of article 1 (34) and 41 of the Law of 2010, article 2 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, and CESR Guidelines. SPACs are companies only formed to raise capital through an initial public offering (IPO) for the purpose of acquiring or merging with an existing company.

### C. Exceptions to the investment limits

- The sub-fund needs not to comply with the investment limits when exercising subscription rights attaching to securities or money market instruments that form part of its assets.
- While ensuring observance of the principle of risk spreading, the sub-fund may derogate from the specified investment limits for a period of six months following the date of its authorization.

### D. Cross-investments between sub-funds

A sub-fund (the cross investing sub-fund) may invest in one or more other sub-funds. Any acquisition of shares of another sub-fund (the target sub-fund) by the cross-investing sub-fund is subject to the following conditions (and such other conditions as may be applicable in accordance with the terms of this Sales Prospectus):

- the target sub-fund may not invest in the cross-investing sub-fund;
- the target sub-fund may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS (including other Sub-funds) or other UCIs;
- the voting rights attached to the shares of the target sub-fund are suspended during the investment by the cross-investing sub-fund; and
- the value of the share of the target sub-fund held by the cross-investing sub-fund are not taken into account for the purpose of assessing the compliance with the EUR 1,250,000 minimum capital requirement.

### E. Credit restrictions

No borrowing may be undertaken by the Investment Company for the account of the sub-fund. A sub-fund may, however, acquire foreign currency by means of a "back-to-back" loan.

By way of derogation from the preceding paragraph, the sub-fund may borrow

- up to 10% of the sub-fund's net assets, provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis;
- up to the equivalent of 10% of the sub-fund's assets, provided that the borrowing is to make possible the acquisition of immovable property essential for the direct pursuit of its business; in this case the borrowing and that referred to in the preceding subparagraph may not in any case in total exceed 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

The Investment Company may not grant loans for the account of the sub-fund, nor may it act as guarantor on behalf of third parties.

This shall not prevent the fund from acquiring securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments that are not yet fully paid in.

### F. Short selling

The Investment Company may not engage in short selling of securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments as specified in A. (e), (g) and (h) for the account of the sub-fund.

### G. Encumbrance

A sub-fund's assets may only be pledged as collateral, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered to the extent that such transactions are required by an exchange or regulated market or imposed by contractual or other terms and conditions.

### H. Regulations for the Investment Company

The Investment Company may acquire movable and immovable property that is essential for the direct pursuit of its business.

## 3. Shares of the Investment Company

A. The capital of the Investment Company shall at all times be equal to the sum of the net asset values of the Investment Company's various sub-funds ("net asset value of the Investment Company"), and it is represented by shares of no nominal value, which may be issued as registered shares and/or as bearer shares.

B. The shares may be issued as registered shares or as bearer shares. There is no right to issuance of actual shares.

C. Shares are issued only upon acceptance of a subscription and subject to payment of the price per share. The subscriber immediately receives a confirmation of his shareholding in accordance with the provisions that follow.

- (i) Registered shares
- If shares are issued as registered shares, the register of shareholders constitutes definitive proof of ownership of these shares. The register of shares is maintained by the Registrar and Transfer Agent. Unless otherwise provided for a particular sub-fund/share class, fractional shares of registered shares are rounded according to commercial practice to the nearest one ten-thousandth. Such rounding may be to the benefit of either the respective shareholder or the sub-fund.

Registered shares are issued without share certificates. Instead of a share certificate, shareholders receive a confirmation of their shareholding.

Any payments of distributions to shareholders holding registered shares are made by check at the risk of the shareholders, which is mailed to the address indicated on the register of shares or to another address communicated to the

Registrar and Transfer Agent in writing, or else by funds transfer. At the request of the shareholder, distribution amounts may also be reinvested on a regular basis.

All of the registered shares of the sub-funds are to be entered in the Register of Shares, which is maintained by the Registrar and Transfer Agent or by one or more entities appointed for this purpose by the Registrar and Transfer Agent; the Register of Shares contains the name of each and every holder of registered shares, his address and selected domicile (in the case of joint ownership of registered shares, only the address of the first-named joint owner), where such data have been communicated to the Registrar and Transfer Agent, as well as the number of fund shares held. Each transfer of registered shares is recorded in the Register of Shares, in each instance upon payment of a fee authorized by the Management Company for the registration of documents relating to the ownership of shares or having an effect thereon.

A transfer of registered shares takes place by way of recording of the transfer in the Register of Shares by the Registrar and Transfer Agent upon receipt of the necessary documentation and upon fulfilment of all other preconditions for transfer as required by the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

Each shareholder whose holding has been entered in the Register of Shares must provide the Registrar and Transfer Agent with an address to which all notices and announcements by the Management Company of the Investment Company may be delivered. This address is also recorded in the Register of Shares. In the case of joint ownership of shares (joint ownership is restricted to a maximum of four persons), only one address is entered, and all notices are sent exclusively to that address.

If such a shareholder does not provide an address, the Registrar and Transfer Agent may enter a remark to this effect in the Register of Shares; in this case, the address of the registered office of the Registrar and Transfer Agent or another address entered in each instance by the Registrar and Transfer Agent is deemed to be the address of the shareholder until the shareholder provides the Registrar and Transfer Agent with another address. The shareholder may at any time change the address recorded in the Register of Shares by way of written notice, which must be sent to the Registrar and Transfer Agent or to another address specified for each instance by the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

- (ii) Bearer shares represented by global certificates

The Management Company may resolve to issue bearer shares that are represented by one or several global certificates.

These global certificates are issued in the name of the Management Company and deposited with the clearing agents. The transferability of the bearer shares represented by a global certificate is subject to the respectively applicable laws, and to the regulations and procedures of the clearing agent undertaking the transfer. Investors receive the bearer shares represented by a global certificate when they are posted to the securities accounts of their financial intermediaries, which in turn are held directly or indirectly with the clearing agents. Such bearer shares represented by a global certificate are transferable according to and in compliance with the provisions contained in this Sales Prospectus, the regulations that apply on the respective exchange and/or the regulations of the respective clearing agent. Shareholders that do not participate in such a system can transfer bearer shares represented by a global certificate only via a financial intermediary participating in the settlement system of the corresponding clearing agent.

Payments of distributions for bearer shares represented by global certificates take place by way of credits to the accounts at the relevant clearing agent of the financial intermediaries of the shareholders.

D. All shares within a share class have the same rights. The rights of shareholders in different share classes within a sub-fund can differ, provided that such differences have been clarified in the sales documentation for the respective shares. The differences between the various share classes are specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. Shares are issued by the Investment Company immediately after the net asset value per share has been received for the benefit of the Investment Company.

Shares are issued and redeemed through the Management Company and through all paying agents.

E. Each shareholder has the right to vote at the Shareholders' Meeting. The voting right may be exercised in person or by proxy. Each share is entitled to one vote. Fractional shares may not entitle to voting rights; thus entitle the shareholder to participate in income distribution on a pro-rata-basis.

#### **4. Restriction of the issue of shares and compulsory redemption of shares**

A. The Management Company may at any time and at its sole and absolute discretion reject any direct or indirect subscription application or temporarily limit, suspend or permanently discontinue the issue of shares towards any subscribing investor, if such action should appear necessary in consideration of the interests of the shareholders or the public, or to protect the Investment Company or the shareholders. The issuance of shares as part of existing regular savings plans is

not necessarily affected. In general, all existing regular savings plans will be continued even during the suspension of share issuance, except if the issuance of shares is discontinued for savings plans by the Management Company.

B. In this case, the Investment Company will promptly refund payments on subscription applications (without any interest payments) that have not yet been executed.

C. The Management Company may at any time and in its sole discretion, restrict or prevent the ownership of shares in the Investment Company by a Prohibited Person.

D. "Prohibited Person" means any person, firm or corporate entity, determined in the sole discretion of the Management Company as being not entitled to subscribe for or hold shares in the Investment Company or, as the case may be, in a specific sub-fund or share class, (i) if in the opinion of the Investment Company such holding may be detrimental to the Investment Company, (ii) it may result in a breach of any law or regulation, whether Luxembourg or foreign, (iii) if as a result thereof the Investment Company may become exposed to disadvantages of a tax, legal or financial nature that it would not have otherwise incurred or (iv) if such person, firm or corporate entity would not comply with the eligibility criteria of any existing share class.

E. If at any time it shall come to the Management Company's attention that shares are beneficially owned by a Prohibited Person, either alone or with any other person and the Prohibited Person fails to comply with the instructions of the Management Company to sell its shares and to provide the Management Company with evidence of such sale within 30 calendar days after being so instructed by the Management Company, the Investment Company may in its sole discretion compulsorily redeem such shares at the redemption amount immediately after the close of business specified in the notice given by the Management Company to the Prohibited Person of such compulsory redemption, the shares will be redeemed in accordance with their respective terms and such investor will cease to be the owner of such shares.

#### **5. Issue and redemption of shares of the Investment Company**

A. Shares of the respective sub-fund are issued and redeemed on each valuation date. If different share classes are offered for a sub-fund, such issue and redemption shall also take place at the aforementioned times. The Investment Company may issue fractional shares. The respective special section of the Sales Prospectus contains information on the processed number of decimal places.

B. Shares of the Investment Company are issued on the basis of subscription applications received by the Investment Company, a paying agent

authorized by the Investment Company to issue and redeem shares of the Investment Company, or by the Transfer Agent.

C. The number of shares to be issued is determined by subtracting the front-end load from the gross investment amount (total amount invested by the investor) and dividing the result by the applicable net asset value per share (gross method). For illustrative purposes this is shown by a sample calculation below<sup>1</sup>:

gross investment	EUR	10,000.00
– front-end load (e.g. 5%)	EUR	500.00
<b>= net investment</b>	EUR	9,500.00
÷ net asset value per share	EUR	100.00
<b>= number of shares</b>		<u>95</u>

The current amount of the front-end load is regulated for each share class in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The Management Company is free to charge a lower front-end load. The main distributor shall receive the front-end load and also be entitled to use it to remunerate third parties for any sales services they provide. If different share classes are offered for a sub-fund, the amount required for purchasing shares of the respective share class will be governed by both the net asset value per share of the respective share class and the front-end load specified individually for each share class in the special section of the Sales Prospectus below. It is payable immediately after the corresponding valuation date. The special section of the Sales Prospectus may contain more precise regulations for individual sub-funds or share classes with respect to the timing of the payment of the issue amount.

Certain additional fees and other costs may be charged in some distribution countries.

Orders received after an order acceptance deadline will be treated as having been received before the next order acceptance deadline. The respective special section of the Sales Prospectus may contain different order acceptance deadlines applicable for individual sub-funds and for individual share classes.

Newly subscribed shares are only issued to the investor upon receipt of payment by the Depository or the approved correspondent banks. From a bookkeeping standpoint, however, the corresponding shares are already taken into account in the calculation of the net asset value on the value day following the corresponding securities settlement and can be cancelled until the receipt of payment. Insofar as an investor's shares must be cancelled due to failure to pay or delayed payment

of these shares, it is possible for the respective sub-fund to incur a loss in value.

D. The Management Company may, on its own responsibility and in compliance with this Sales Prospectus, accept securities as payment for a subscription ("investment in kind"), as long as the Management Company believes that such an action is in the interest of the shareholders. The nature of the business undertaken by the enterprises whose securities are accepted as payment for a subscription must, however, be compatible with the investment policy and the investment limits of the respective sub-fund. The Investment Company must have its auditor prepare a valuation report for these securities, which in particular shall specify the amounts, designations and values arising from these securities, as well as the valuation methods used. As part of the transaction of accepting securities as payment in a subscription, the securities are valued at the price on the valuation date on whose basis the net asset value of the shares to be issued is being calculated. The Management Company may, at its own discretion, reject any and all securities offered as payment for a subscription, without having to give reasons. All costs arising from an investment in kind (including the cost of the valuation report, brokerage costs, expenses, commissions, etc.) shall be borne by the subscriber in their entirety.

E. Shareholders have the right to request the redemption of their shares through one of the paying agents, the Transfer Agent or the Management Company. Redemption will take place only on a valuation date and at the redemption amount. Insofar as the special section of the Sales Prospectus does not stipulate a dilution adjustment (see below) for individual sub-funds or for individual share classes within a sub-fund, the redemption amount per share will always correspond to the net asset value per share. Where a dilution adjustment (see below) is applicable, the redemption amount payable will be reduced by the amount of the dilution adjustment (see below) so that a net redemption amount is paid. The dilution adjustment is levied for the benefit of the sub-fund's assets. The counter value is paid out promptly after the applicable valuation date. Usually this is completed within 3 bank business days and in any case no later than within 5 bank business days. The value dates of each sub-fund are determined in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. The value dates refer to the payment between the Depository and the account maintaining bank of the shareholder. The final credit to the investors account may in several distribution countries deviate due to different conventions. Any other payments to shareholders are also made through the aforementioned offices. Shares are redeemed at the redemption amount determined on the date on which the redemption orders are received, provided that the specified order acceptance deadlines were adhered to. Orders received after an order acceptance deadline will be treated as having been received

before the next order acceptance deadline. The special section of the Sales Prospectus may contain different order acceptance deadlines applicable for individual sub-funds and for individual share classes.

#### Dilution Adjustment:

Shares of share classes with the "PF" designator ("placement fee share classes") may be subject to a dilution adjustment.

The level of the applicable dilution adjustment depends on the holding period of the placement fee share(s) to be redeemed. Such holding period commences on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date. The dilution adjustment reflects the ongoing amortization of pre-paid expenses assigned to each issued placement fee share and therefore declines with the holding period approaching the end of the amortization period (see table below). The dilution adjustment charged is a measure to mitigate negative effects on the NAV caused by the redemption of shares by investors.

Redemption after up to 1 year:	up to 3%
Redemption after over 1 year up to 2 years:	up to 2%
Redemption after over 2 years up to 3 years:	up to 1%
Redemption after over 3 years:	0%

Thus, the applicable dilution adjustment for each share of a placement fee share class to be redeemed amounts to up to 3%. The applicable dilution adjustment is multiplied by the NAV per share of the placement fee share class to be redeemed on the date of redemption. The corresponding dilution adjustment amount per share is levied on the gross redemption amount per share for the benefit of the sub-fund's assets. The dilution adjustment is charged to protect the sub-fund's assets attributable to the placement fee share class from dilution effects related to the payment and the amortization of placement fees.

An investor redeeming a placement fee share before the end of the applicable amortization period without paying the dilution adjustment would not compensate the sub-fund for the drop in pre-paid expenses corresponding to the part of the placement fee which has not yet been fully amortized. Non-payment would therefore negatively affect the NAV for those investors holding the relevant placement fee shares until the applicable amortization period has elapsed. Taking into account the principle of equal treatment of the remaining shareholders of the placement fee share class and whilst ensuring an adequate compensation for the sub-fund (if applicable), the Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

<sup>1</sup> Note: The sample calculations are intended for illustrative purposes only and do not permit any conclusions to be drawn concerning the performance of the net asset value per share of the respective sub-fund.



For illustrative purposes the application of the dilution adjustment is shown by a sample calculation below:

number of shares to be redeemed	100
holding period (= x)	
50 shares: x = 1.5 years and	
50 shares: x = 2.5 years	
dilution adjustment	1.5% (= 50/100*2%+50/100*1%)
NAV per share of placement	
fee share class	100.00
gross redemption amount	EUR 10,000.00
– dilution adjustment amount	EUR 150.00
= net redemption amount	EUR 9,850.00

#### F. Redemption volume

Shareholders may submit for redemption all or part of their shares of all share classes.

The Board of Directors has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the sub-fund have been sold. In general, redemption requests above 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund are considered as substantial redemptions and the Board of Directors is under no obligation to execute redemption requests if any such request pertains to shares valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund.

The Board of Directors reserves the right, taking into account the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders, to dispense with minimum redemption amounts (if provided for).

The Board of Directors, having regard to the fair and equal treatment of shareholders and taking into account the interests of the remaining shareholders of a sub-fund, may decide to defer redemption requests as follows:

If redemption requests are received with respect to a valuation date (the **“Original Valuation Date”**) whose value, individually or together with other requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date, exceeds 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund, the Board of Directors reserves the right to defer all redemption requests in full with respect to the Original Valuation Date to another valuation date (the **“Deferred Valuation Date”**) but which shall be no later than 15 Business Days from the Original Valuation Date (a **“Deferral”**).

The Deferred Valuation Date will be determined by the Board of Directors taking into account, amongst other things, the liquidity profile of the relevant sub-fund and the applicable market circumstances.

In case of a Deferral, redemption requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date, will be processed based on the net asset value per share calculated as of the Deferred Valuation Date. All redemptions request received

with respect to the Original Valuation Date will be processed in full with respect to the Deferred Valuation Date.

Redemption requests received with respect to the Original Valuation Date are processed on a priority basis over any redemption requests received with respect to subsequent valuation dates. Redemption requests received with respect to any subsequent valuation date will be deferred in accordance with the same Deferral process and the same Deferral period described above until a final valuation date is determined to end the process on deferred redemptions.

Based on these preconditions, exchange requests are treated like redemption requests.

The Management Company will publish an information on the decision to start a Deferral and the end of the Deferral for the investors who have applied for redemption on the website [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com). The Deferral of the redemption and the exchange of shares shall have no effect on any other sub-fund.

G. The Investment Company is obligated to transfer the redemption price to the country of the applicant only if this is not prohibited by law – for example by foreign exchange regulations – or by other circumstances beyond the control of the Investment Company.

H. The Investment Company may enter into nominee agreements with credit institutions, Professionals of the Financial Sector (“PSF”) in Luxembourg and/or comparable entities under the laws of other countries that are under obligation to identify shareholders. The nominee agreements give the respective institutes the right to sell shares and be entered as nominees in the Investment Company’s Register of Shares. The names of the nominees can be requested from the Investment Company at any time. The nominee shall accept buy, sell and exchange orders from the investors it works for and arrange for the required changes to be made in the Register of Shares. If there are no conflicting practical or legal considerations, an investor who acquired shares through a nominee can submit a written declaration to the Management Company or the Transfer Agent demanding that he himself be entered into the register as a shareholder once all necessary proofs of identity have been supplied.

## 6. Calculation of the net asset value per share

A. The total net asset value of the Investment Company is expressed in euro.

When information about the condition of the total net asset value of the Investment Company must be given in the annual and semi-annual reports and other financial statistics due to legal regulations, or according to the rules specified in the Sales Prospectus, the asset values of the respective sub-fund are converted into euro. The value

of a share of the respective sub-fund is denominated in the currency specified for the particular sub-fund (or in the currency specified for the particular share class, if there is more than one share class within a sub-fund). The net asset value of each sub-fund is calculated on each bank business day in Luxembourg, unless otherwise indicated for the respective sub-fund in the special section of the Sales Prospectus (“Calculation of the NAV per share”). A bank business day is any day on which banks are open for business and payments are processed.

The Management Company has entrusted State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, with the calculation of the NAV per share. The net asset value is calculated for each sub-fund, and for each share class if more than one share class was issued for any sub-fund, in accordance with the following principles: If only one share class exists for a particular sub-fund, the sub-fund’s net asset value is divided by the number of shares of the sub-fund in circulation on the valuation date. If more than one share class was issued for a particular sub-fund, the percentage of the sub-fund’s net assets attributable to the individual share class is divided by the number of shares of that share class in circulation on the valuation date.

At this time, State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, will refrain from calculating the NAV per share on public holidays in Luxembourg, even if they are bank business days or exchange trading days in one of the countries mentioned for each sub-fund separately in the special section of the Sales Prospectus applicable to the valuation date, as well as on December 24 and December 31 of each year. Any calculation of the net asset value per share that deviates from this specification will be published in appropriate newspapers, as well as on the internet at [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

B. The value of the net assets of the Investment Company held in each respective sub-fund is determined according to the following principles:

- Securities listed on an exchange are valued at the most recent available price.
- Securities not listed on an exchange but traded on another regulated market are valued at a price no lower than the bid price and no higher than the ask price at the time of the valuation, and which the Management Company considers the best possible price at which the securities can be sold.
- In the event that such prices are not in line with market conditions, or for securities other than those covered in (a) and (b) above for which there are no fixed prices, these securities, as well as all other assets, will be valued at the current market value as determined in good faith by the Management Company, following generally accepted valuation principles verifiable by auditors.
- Liquid assets are valued at their nominal value plus interest.

- e) Time deposits may be valued at their yield value if a contract exists between the Investment Company and the credit institution stipulating that these time deposits can be withdrawn at any time and that their yield value is equal to the realized value.
- f) All assets denominated in a foreign currency are converted into the currency of the sub-fund at the latest mean rate of exchange.

C. An income equalization account is maintained.

D. For large-scale redemption requests that cannot be met from the liquid assets and allowable credit facilities, the Management Company may determine the NAV per share of the respective sub-fund, or if more than one share class has been issued for a particular sub-fund, the NAV per share of each share class, based on the price on the valuation date on which it sells the necessary assets; this price then also applies to subscription applications submitted at the same time.

E. Swing Pricing is a mechanism to protect shareholders from the impact of transaction costs resulting from subscription and redemption activity. Substantial subscriptions and redemptions within a sub-fund may lead to a reduction of the sub-fund's assets, due to the fact, that the net asset value potentially does not entirely reflect all trading and other costs that occur, if the portfolio manager has to buy or sell securities in order to manage large in- or outflows of the sub-fund. In addition to these costs, substantial order volumes could lead to market prices, which are considerably lower, respectively higher, than the market prices under normal circumstances. Partial Swing Pricing may be adopted to compensate for trading and other costs in case that the aforementioned in- or outflows have a material impact to the sub-fund.

The Management Company will predefine thresholds for the application of the Swing Pricing Mechanism, based – amongst others – on the current market conditions, given market liquidity and estimated dilution costs. In accordance with these thresholds, the adjustment itself will be initiated automatically. If net inflows/net outflows exceed the Swing threshold, the net asset value will be adjusted upward when there are large net inflows into the sub-fund and downward when there are large net outflows; it will be applied to all subscriptions and redemptions on this trading day equally.

The Management Company established a Swing Pricing Committee which determines the Swing Factors individually for each of the respective sub-funds. Such Swing Factors measure the size of the net asset value adjustment.

The Swing Pricing Committee considers especially the following factors:

- a) The bid-ask spread (Fixed Cost Component);
- b) Market impact (Price Impact of transactions);
- c) Additional costs arising through trading activities for assets.

The Swing Factors, operational decisions about Swing Pricing, including the Swing Threshold, the extent of the adjustment and the scope of sub-funds affected are subject to a periodical review.

The Swing Pricing adjustment will not exceed 2% of the original net asset value. The adjustment to the net asset value is available on request from the Management Company.

In a market environment with extreme illiquidity, the Management Company can increase the Swing Pricing adjustment above 2% of the original net asset value. Notice on such increase will be published on the website of the Management Company [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

Since the mechanism is only applied when significant in- and outflows occur and as it is not based on usual volumes, it is assumed that the net asset value adjustment will only be applied occasionally.

Where a performance fee applies to the respective sub-fund, the calculation will be based on the unswung net asset value.

The mechanism may be applied across all sub-funds. If Swing Pricing is considered for a certain sub-fund, this will be indicated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com).

F. The assets are allocated as follows:

- a) the proceeds from the issue of shares of a share class within a sub-fund are assigned in the books of the Investment Company to the appropriate sub-fund, and the corresponding amount will increase the percentage of that share class in the net assets of the sub-fund accordingly. Assets and liabilities, as well as income and expenses, are allocated to the respective sub-fund in accordance with the provisions contained in the following paragraphs. If such assets, liabilities, income and expenses are identified in the provisions of the special section of the Sales Prospectus as being allocated exclusively to certain specified share classes, they will increase or reduce the percentage of those share classes in the net assets of the sub-fund;
- b) assets that are also derived from other assets are allocated in the books of the Investment Company to the same sub-fund or the same share class as the assets from which they are derived, and at each revaluation of an asset

the increase or decrease in value is allocated to the corresponding sub-fund or share class;

- c) if the Investment Company enters into an obligation that is connected to a particular asset of a particular sub-fund or a particular share class, or to an action relating to an asset of a particular sub-fund or a particular share class, e.g. the obligation attached to the currency hedging of currency hedged share classes, this liability is allocated to the corresponding sub-fund or share class;
- d) if an asset or a liability of the Investment Company cannot be allocated to a particular sub-fund, that asset or liability will be allocated to all sub-funds in proportion to the net assets of the corresponding sub-funds or in such other manner as the Board of Directors determines in good faith; the Investment Company as a whole is not liable to third parties for liabilities of individual sub-funds;
- e) in the event of a distribution of dividends, the net asset value per share of the distribution share class is decreased by the amount of the distribution. This decreases the percentage of the distribution share class in the sub-fund's net assets, while at the same time increasing the percentages in the sub-fund's net assets of the share classes that do not receive distributions. The net effect of the reduction of the sub-fund's net asset value, and the corresponding increase of the percentage of the sub-fund's net assets allocated to the share classes that do not receive distributions, is that the net asset values of the non-distributing share classes are not adversely affected by any dividend distribution.

G. By way of derogation from the preceding paragraphs the following can be applied for sub-funds that use SDU: the valuation of the derivatives and its underlying instruments can be processed at a deviant time at the corresponding valuation day of the respective sub-funds.

## 7. Suspension of the issue and redemption of shares and of the calculation of the net asset value per share

A. The Investment Company has the right to suspend temporarily the issue and redemption of shares of one or more sub-funds, or one or more share classes, as well as the calculation of the NAV per share, if and while circumstances exist that make this suspension necessary and if the suspension is justified when taking into consideration the interests of the shareholders, in particular:

- a) while an exchange or other regulated market on which a substantial portion of the securities of the particular sub-fund are traded is closed (excluding normal weekends and holidays) or when trading on that exchange has been suspended or restricted;
- b) in an emergency, if the Investment Company is unable to gain access to its investments or cannot freely transfer the transaction value of

- the sub-fund's purchases or sales or calculate the NAV per share in an orderly manner;
- c) if the assets available for acquisition on the market or the possibilities of disposing of assets of the sub-fund are limited because of the limited investment universe of the sub-fund;
  - d) in the event that a sub-fund is feeder of another undertaking for collective investment (or a sub-fund thereof), if and so long the other undertaking for collective investment (or the relevant sub-fund thereof) has temporarily suspended the issue and redemption of its shares or the calculation of net asset value per share;
  - e) in the event of a merger between a sub-fund and another sub-fund or another Undertaking for Collective Investment (or a sub-fund thereof), if a suspension is considered to be appropriate in order to protect the rights of the investors.

B. Investors who have applied for redemption of shares will be informed promptly of the suspension and will then be notified immediately once the calculation of the net asset value per share is resumed. After resumption, investors will receive the redemption price that is then current.

C. The suspension of the redemption and the exchange of shares, and of the calculation of the net asset value per share, shall have no effect on any other sub-fund.

D. The beginning and end of a period of suspension is communicated to the Luxembourg supervisory authority and to all foreign supervisory authorities at which the respective sub-fund(s) has been registered in accordance with their respective regulations. Notice of suspension of the calculation of the NAV per share will be published on the website of the Management Company [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) and, if required, in the official publication media of the respective jurisdictions in which the shares are offered for sale to the public.

## 8. Exchange of shares

The following sections apply to all sub-funds, if not stated differently in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

A. Within certain limitations shareholders may at any time exchange some or all of their shares for shares of a different sub-fund or shares of a different share class upon payment of an exchange commission plus any applicable issue taxes and levies. The exchange commission is calculated on the amount to be invested in the new sub-fund, it is charged for the benefit of the main distributor, which in turn may pass it on at its discretion. The main distributor may waive the commission. If the investor has his shares in the custody of a financial institution, that institution may charge additional fees and costs in excess of the exchange commission.

B. Shareholders of share classes with the "PF" designator ("placement fee share classes") cannot at any time exchange any or all of their shares for shares of a different sub-fund or shares of a different share class of the same sub-fund. After a pre-defined amortization period of 3 years commencing on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date, pre-paid expenses assigned to a subscribed share of a placement fee share class are fully amortized and the relevant number of placement fee shares will be exchanged for a corresponding number of shares of the corresponding share class of the same sub-fund to avoid prolonged amortization. In this case no dilution adjustment is charged.

C. It is possible to make exchanges between share classes that are denominated in different currencies provided that the Depositary of the investor is able to process such an exchange request. The investors should note that not all service providers for custody are able to process the exchanges between share classes that are denominated in different currencies from an operational point of view.

D. It is not possible to make exchanges between registered shares and bearer shares represented by a global certificate.

E. The following applies for exchanges within the EUR/GBP/CHF/AUD/NZD/CAD/JPY/NOK/SEK/PLN/CZK/Russian ruble share classes (section 8. C. remains unaffected):

The exchange commission equals to the front-end load less 0.5 percentage points, unless a share class or sub-fund without a front-end load is being exchanged for a share class or sub-fund with a front-end load. In that case, the exchange commission may correspond to the full front-end load.

F. The following applies for exchanges within the USD/SGD/HKD/RMB share classes (section 8. C. remains unaffected):

The commission for an exchange may amount to as much as 1% of the value of the target share, unless a share class or sub-fund without a front-end load is being exchanged for a share class or sub-fund with a front-end load. In that case, the exchange commission may correspond to the full front-end load.

G. In case of an exchange, the characteristics of the chosen sub-fund/share class (e.g. minimum initial investment amount, institutional character of the investor) must be fulfilled. (In terms of the minimum initial investment amount the Management Company reserves the right to deviate from this rule at its own discretion).

H. The number of shares that are issued in an exchange is based on the respective net asset value of the shares of the two relevant sub-funds on the valuation date on which the exchange order was executed in consideration of any applicable exchange fees, and is calculated as follows:

$$A = \frac{B \times C \times (1-D)}{E}$$

where

A = the number of shares of the new sub-fund to which the shareholder will be entitled;  
 B = the number of shares of the original sub-fund whose exchange the shareholder has requested;  
 C = the net asset value per share of the shares to be exchanged;  
 D = applicable exchange commission in %;  
 E = the net asset value per share of the shares to be issued as a result of the exchange.

## 9. Allocation of income

For the reinvesting share classes, income is continuously reinvested in the assets of the sub-funds and allocated to the respective share classes. For the distributing share classes, the Board of Directors shall decide each year whether a distribution will be made and in what amount. The Board of Directors may elect to pay out special and interim dividends for each share class in accordance with the law. No distribution will reduce the Investment Company's capital to a level below its minimum capital.

## 10. Management Company, investment management, administration, Transfer Agent and distribution

A. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company has appointed DWS Investment S.A. as Management Company.

B. The Investment Company has entered into an investment management agreement with DWS Investment S.A. Performance of investment management service is subject to the Law of 2010. DWS Investment S.A. is a public limited company under Luxembourg law. It is established for an indeterminate time. The contract may be terminated by any of the parties on three months' notice. Administration covers all the tasks pertaining to joint investment management as specified in Annex II to the Law of 2010 (investment management, administration, distribution).

C. The Investment Company's Board of Directors remains jointly responsible for investing the Investment Company's assets held in each sub-fund.

D. The Management Company may, in compliance with the regulations of the Law of 2010, delegate one or more tasks to third parties under its supervision and control.

(i) Investment management

The Management Company can appoint, on its own responsibility and under its own control, one or more fund managers for the day-to-day implementation of the investment policy. In this respect, fund management shall encompass day-to-day implementation of the investment policy and direct investment decisions. The fund manager shall implement the investment policy, make investment decisions and continuously adapt them to market developments as appropriate, taking into account the interests of the sub-fund. The respective contract may be terminated by any of the parties on three months' notice.

The respective fund manager designated for each sub-fund is specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. Subject to applicable legal requirements, regulatory approval and appropriate disclosure in the Sales Prospectus, the fund manager may delegate its fund management services in whole or in part, under its supervision, control and responsibility, and at its own expense.

(ii) Administration, Transfer agent, Registrar

The Management Company has entered into a sub-administration agreement with State Street Bank International GmbH, acting through its Luxembourg Branch. Under this sub-administration agreement, State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, assumes significant central administration functions, namely fund bookkeeping and net asset value calculation.

The sub-administration agreement has no fixed duration and each party may, in principle, terminate the agreement on not less than ninety (90) calendar days' prior written notice. The sub-administration agreement may also be terminated on shorter notice in certain circumstances, for instance where one party commits a material breach of a material clause of the sub-administration agreement. The sub-administration agreement may be terminated by the Management Company with immediate effect if this is deemed by the Management Company to be in the interest of the investors.

The sub-administration agreement contains provisions exempting the sub-administrator from liability and indemnifying the sub-administrator in certain circumstances. However, the liability of the sub-administrator towards the Management Company and the Investment Company will not be affected by any delegation of functions by the sub-administrator.

DWS Investment S.A. assumes the remaining duties of central administration, including in particular the retrospective monitoring of investment limits and restrictions and the functions of domiciliary agent and registrar and transfer agent.

With regard to the function as registrar and transfer agent, DWS Investment S.A. has entered into three separate sub-transfer agent agreements with: 1) with RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. in Luxembourg, 2) with State Street Bank International GmbH and 3) with MorgenFund GmbH, Luxembourg Branch.

Within the scope of these agreements, 1) RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. assumes the duties as registrar and transfer agent for orders from investors that can be carried out by means of NSCC systems, 2) State Street Bank International GmbH assumes the duties of managing the global certificate, which is deposited with Clearstream Banking AG in Frankfurt/Main, Germany and 3) MorgenFund GmbH, Luxembourg Branch assumes the duties of managing registered shares.

(iii) Distribution

DWS Investment S.A. acts as the main distributor.

**Special Notice**

The Investment Company draws the investors' attention to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise his investor rights directly against the fund, notably the right to participate in general shareholders' meetings if the investor subscribed the fund shares himself and in his own name. In cases where an investor invests in the fund through an intermediary investing into the fund in his own name but on behalf of the investor, it may not always be possible for the investor to exercise certain shareholder rights directly against the fund. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

## 11. The Depositary

The Investment Company has appointed State Street Bank International GmbH, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, as Depositary within the meaning of the Law of 2010 pursuant to the Depositary Agreement.

State Street Bank International GmbH is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Germany, having its registered office at Brienner Str. 59, 80333 Munich, Germany, and registered with the commercial register court, Munich, under number HRB 42872. It is a credit institution supervised by the European Central Bank (ECB), the German Federal Financial Services Supervisory Authority (BaFin) and the German Central Bank.

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is authorized by the CSSF in Luxembourg to act as depositary and is specialized in depositary, fund administration, and related services. State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is registered in the Luxembourg Register of Commerce and Companies under number B 148 186. State Street Bank International GmbH is a member of the State

Street group of companies having as their ultimate parent State Street Corporation, a U.S. publicly listed company.

### Depositary's functions

The relationship between the Investment Company and the Depositary is subject to the terms of the Depositary Agreement. Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is entrusted with following main functions:

- ensuring that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with applicable law and the articles of incorporation;
- ensuring that the value of the shares is calculated in accordance with applicable law and the articles of incorporation;
- carrying out the instructions of the Investment Company unless they conflict with applicable law and the articles of incorporation;
- ensuring that in transactions involving the assets of a sub-fund any consideration is remitted within the usual time limits;
- ensuring that the income of a sub-fund is applied in accordance with applicable law and the articles of incorporation;
- monitoring of a sub-fund's cash and cash flows;
- safe-keeping of a sub-fund's assets, including the safekeeping of financial instruments to be held in custody and ownership verification and record keeping in relation to other assets.

### Depositary's liability

In the event of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, determined in accordance with the UCITS Directive, and in particular article 18 of the UCITS Regulation, the Depositary shall return financial instruments of identical type or the corresponding amount to the Investment Company without undue delay.

The Depositary shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss of a financial instrument held in custody has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary pursuant to the UCITS Directive.

In case of a loss of financial instruments held in custody, the shareholders may invoke the liability of the Depositary directly or indirectly through the Investment Company provided that this does not lead to a duplication of redress or to unequal treatment of the shareholders.

The Depositary will be liable to the Investment Company for all other losses suffered by the Investment Company as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the UCITS Directive.

The Depositary shall not be liable for consequential or indirect or special damages or losses,

arising out of or in connection with the performance or non-performance by the Depositary of its duties and obligations.

## Delegation

The Depositary has full power to delegate the whole or any part of its safe-keeping functions but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping. The Depositary's liability shall not be affected by any delegation of its safe-keeping functions under the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary has delegated those safekeeping duties set out in article 22 (5) (a) of the UCITS Directive to State Street Bank and Trust Company with registered office at One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, USA, whom it has appointed as its global sub-custodian. State Street Bank and Trust Company as global sub-custodian have appointed local sub-custodians within the State Street Global Custody Network.

Information about the safe-keeping functions which have been delegated and the identification of the relevant delegates and sub-delegates are available at the registered office of the Investment Company or at the following internet site: <http://www.statestreet.com/about/office-locations/luxembourg/subcustodians.html>.

## 12. Costs and services received

a) The Investment Company shall pay to the Management Company a fee from the assets of the sub-fund based on the respective sub-fund's net asset value calculated on the valuation date, in each case relative to the percentage of the sub-fund's assets attributable to the respective individual share class. For all share-classes of sub-funds launched before July 1, 2008, the fee of the Management Company does not exceed 2.1% p.a.; for share classes of sub-funds launched on July 1, 2008, or thereafter the fee of the Management Company may be up to 3% p.a. The current Management Company fee rates for the respective share classes are disclosed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. This fee shall in particular serve as compensation for the Management Company, the fund management and the distribution (if applicable) of the sub-fund.

The Management Company may pass on some of its management fee to intermediaries. This is paid as remuneration for sales services performed on an agency basis. This may constitute a substantial amount. The fee may differ for each share class. The annual report contains additional information on this. The Management Company does not receive any reimbursement of the fees and expense reimbursements payable out of a sub-fund to the Depositary and third parties. The Management Company may additionally receive from the assets of the respective

sub-fund a performance-related fee for individual or all share classes, the level of which is specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. If a performance-related fee is provided for, the calculation of the fee takes place at the level of the respective share classes.

The performance-related fee is generally based on a benchmark specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. A hurdle rate may also be used as a measure for the performance-related fee to be assessed for individual sub-funds. If the specified benchmark should cease to apply during the term of the sub-fund, the Management Company may, in the interest of shareholders, employ a comparable recognized benchmark as the basis for calculating the performance-related fee in the place of the obsolete index. If such a comparable benchmark does not exist, the Management Company may create a suitable benchmark for the sub-fund on a basis that is recognized. As this would be an internal benchmark created by the Management Company itself, conflicts of interest may occur. However, the Management Company will set the benchmark to the best of its knowledge and belief in an effort to avoid such conflicts of interest. If a shareholder wants information on the composition of the benchmark, he can request it at no cost from the Management Company.

b) In addition to the aforementioned remuneration of the Management Company, the following fees and expenses may also be charged to the Investment Company:

- The administration fee, the amount of which is generally dependent on the net assets of the respective sub-fund. The Management Company and the administrator shall set the specific amount of this fee in the administration agreement in accordance with customary market practice in Luxembourg. The fee may differ for each share class. The exact amount of the fee charged can be viewed in the Investment Company's annual report. In addition to the administration fee, the administrator shall receive compensation for costs and outlays incurred through activities in relation to the administration not already covered by the fee. Administration includes the performance of all bookkeeping and other administrative duties required for the central administration of a Luxembourg fund by law and supplementary regulations.
- The Registrar and Transfer Agent fee, and the remuneration of any sub-transfer agents, for the maintenance of the register of shares and the settlement of transactions to buy, sell and exchange shares. The amount of this fee is dependent on the number of share registers being maintained. The fee may differ for each share

class. The exact amount of the fee charged can be viewed in the Investment Company's annual report. In addition to this fee, the Registrar and Transfer Agent shall also receive compensation for costs and outlays incurred through activities in relation to the Registrar and Transfer Agent services not already covered by the fee.

- The Depositary fee for the custody of the Investment Company's assets, the amount of which is generally dependent on the assets held (excluding transaction costs incurred by the Depositary). The Investment Company and the Depositary shall set the specific amount of this fee in the Depositary agreement in accordance with customary market practice in Luxembourg. The exact amount of the fee charged may be viewed in the fund's annual report. In addition to this fee, the Depositary can/ shall also receive compensation for costs and outlays incurred through activities not already covered by the fee.
- Remuneration of the Board of Directors.
- The cost of the auditors, representative agents and tax representatives.
- Any costs incurred in relation to achievement of distributor status/reporting status in the UK, if applicable, will be borne by the relevant class of shares.
- Costs incurred for the printing, mailing and translation of all statutory sales documentation, as well as for the printing and distribution of all other reports and documents required according to applicable laws or regulations issued by the authorities.
- Costs arising from any potential domestic or foreign market listing or registration.
- Other costs of investing and managing the assets of the respective sub-fund.
- Formation costs and other costs in connection thereto may be charged to the assets of the sub-fund to which they pertain. Any such charges are amortized during a period not exceeding five years. Formation costs are not expected to exceed EUR 50,000.
- Costs incurred for the preparation, filing and publication of the articles of incorporation and other documents relating to the Investment Company, including registration applications, prospectuses or written explanations to all registration authorities and exchanges (including local securities traders' associations) that must be undertaken in connection with the sub-funds or the offering of the shares of the sub-funds.
- The cost of the publications intended for the shareholders.
- Insurance premiums, postage, telephone, and fax costs.
- Costs incurred for the rating of a sub-fund by internationally recognized rating agencies.
- The cost of the dissolution of a share class or a sub-fund.



- Association membership costs.
- Costs connected to the attainment and maintenance of a status that authorizes direct investment in assets in a country or direct participation as a contracting party in markets in a country.
- Costs incurred in connection with the use of index names, particularly license fees.
- Networking costs for the use of clearing systems. The costs incurred will be charged to the respective share class.

The accumulated costs specified under (b) will not exceed the expense cap of 30%, 15% or 7.5% of the Management Company fee. The expense cap applicable to a sub-fund can be found in the respective sub-fund overview. Zero Cost Share Classes are excluded from the percentage expense cap application rule of article 12 b. A maximum cap is used instead.

- c) In addition to the aforementioned costs and remunerations, the following expenses may also be charged to the sub-funds:

- A service fee of up to 0.3% p.a. charged to the respective sub-fund. The amount of the service fee may differ depending on the sub-fund and share class. The service fees currently granted by the Investment Company are disclosed in the product annex for the respective share classes in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The Service Fee could be completely or partly passed on to distributors.
- The service functions of the main distributor include, in addition to selling the shares, the performance of other administrative duties reserved for the main administration of a fund in Luxembourg by law and supplementary regulations.
- All of the taxes charged to the assets of a sub-fund and to a sub-fund itself (especially the *taxe d'abonnement*), as well as any taxes that may arise in connection with administrative and custodial costs.
- Legal fees incurred by the Management Company, the administrator, the fund manager, the Depositary or the Transfer Agent, or by a third party appointed by the Management Company, when acting in the interests of the shareholders.
- Any costs that may arise in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets (including transaction costs incurred by the Depositary that are not covered by the Depositary fee).
- Any costs that may arise in connection with currency hedging of currency hedged share classes are charged against the respective share class. The costs may differ depending on the sub-fund and share class.
- Extraordinary costs (e.g. court costs) that may be incurred in order to protect the interests of shareholders of a sub-fund; the Board of Directors shall decide in each individual case whether or not to assume

such costs and will report these separately in the annual report.

- d) The respective sub-fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending transactions as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the 30% the Management Company retains 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and pays the direct costs (e.g. transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending transactions. For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e. those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under a securities lending transaction or repurchase agreement, the sub-fund retains 100% of the gross revenues, less the transaction costs that the respective sub-fund pays as direct costs to an external service provider. The Management Company is a related party to DWS Investment GmbH. Currently, the respective sub-fund only uses simple reverse repurchase agreements, no other (reverse) repurchase agreements. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreements will be used, the Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly. The respective sub-fund will then pay up to 30% of the gross revenues generated from (reverse) repurchase agreements as costs/fees to the Management Company and retains at least 70% of the gross revenues generated from such transactions. Out of the maximum of 30% the Management Company will retain 5% for its own coordination and oversight tasks and will pay the direct costs (e.g. transaction and collateral management costs) to external service providers. The remaining amount (after deduction of the Management Company costs and the direct costs) will be paid to DWS Investment GmbH for supporting the Management Company in initiating, preparing and implementing (reverse) repurchase agreements.
- e) Where Total Return Swaps are used, certain costs and fees may be incurred in connection therewith, in particular upon entering into these transactions and/or any increase or decrease of their notional amount. The amount of such fees may be fixed or variable. Further information on costs and fees incurred by each sub-fund, as well as the identity of the recipients and any affiliation they may have with the Management Company, the fund manager, or the Depositary, if applicable, will be disclosed in the annual report. Revenues arising from the use of Total Return Swaps shall in general – net of direct or indirect operational costs – accrue to the respective sub-fund's assets.

- f) Shares of share classes with the "PF" designator are subject to a placement fee ("placement fee share classes"). The placement fee for each subscribed share amounts to up to 3% and is multiplied by the NAV per share on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date. The so calculated amount is levied on the relevant placement fee share class. On the valuation date immediately following the date of subscription, the placement fee for each subscribed share of the relevant placement fee share class is paid out as compensation for the distribution of the share class and at the same time booked as an accounting position (pre-paid expenses), reflected in the NAV per share of the relevant placement fee share class only. The NAV per share of the placement fee share class on the respective valuation date is therefore not affected by the payment of the placement fee. The overall position of pre-paid expenses is then amortized on a daily basis. After a pre-defined amortization period of 3 years commencing on the date of subscription or the immediately following valuation date, pre-paid expenses assigned to a subscribed share of a placement fee share class are fully amortized.

- g) Costs incurred for marketing activities are not charged to the Investment Company.

- h) Fees are paid out at the end of the month. All costs shall first be deducted from current income, then from capital gains and lastly from the assets of the sub-fund. The specified costs are listed in the annual reports.

- i) Investment in shares of target funds  
Investments in target funds may lead to duplicate costs, since fees are incurred at the level of the sub-fund as well as at the level of a target fund. Regarding investments in shares of target funds the following costs are directly or indirectly borne by the investors of the sub-fund:

- the management fee/all-in fee of the target fund;
- the performance fees of the target fund;
- the front-end load and back-end load of the target fund;
- reimbursements of expenses of the target fund;
- other costs.

The annual and semi-annual reports include disclosures of the amounts of the front-end load and back-end load that have been charged to the sub-fund, over the period covered by the reports, for the acquisition and redemption of shares of target funds. Furthermore, the annual and semi-annual reports include a disclosure of the total amount of management fees/all-in fees charged to the sub-fund by target funds.

If the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares of a target fund that is managed directly or



indirectly by the Investment Company itself, the same Management Company or by another company that is affiliated with it by virtue of joint management or control, or by material direct or indirect shareholding, the Investment Company, the Management Company or the other company will not charge to the fund's assets any fees for the acquisition or redemption of shares of such other fund.

If a sub-fund invests a substantial proportion of its assets in other UCITS and/or other UCIs, the maximum level of the management fees that may be charged both to the sub-fund itself and to the other UCITS and/or other UCIs in which it intends to invest, shall be disclosed in the relevant special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The amount of the management fee/all-in fee attributable to shares of a target fund associated to the sub-fund (double charging of costs or difference method) can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### 13. Taxes

- a) Pursuant to articles 174-176 of the Law of 2010, the assets of each respective sub-fund or the respective share class are generally subject to a tax in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "taxe d'abonnement") of 0.05% or 0.01% p.a. at present, payable quarterly on the net assets of each sub-fund reported at the end of each quarter.

This rate is 0.01% for:

- sub-funds whose sole object is the collective investment in money market instruments and the placing of deposits with credit institutions;
- sub-funds whose sole object is the collective investment in deposits with credit institutions;
- individual sub-funds as well as for individual classes of shares, provided that the shares of such compartments or classes are reserved to one or more institutional investors.

According to article 175 of the Law of 2010, under certain circumstances, the assets of a sub-fund or a respective share class may also be completely exempt.

The tax rate applicable to a sub-fund or share class can be found in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus.

- b) The sub-fund's income may be subject to withholding tax in the countries where the sub-fund's assets are invested. In such cases, neither the Depositary nor the Management Company is required to obtain tax certificates.
- c) The tax treatment of fund income at investor level is dependent on the individual tax regula-

tions applicable to the investor. For information about individual taxation at investor level (especially non-resident investors), a tax adviser should be consulted.

#### (i) UK Taxation

The Directors intend to apply for reporting fund status in respect of RD and DS share classes and exceptionally also certain other share classes made available to UK investors.

The following information is a general guide to the anticipated UK tax treatment of UK-resident investors. Investors should be aware that UK tax law and practice can change. Prospective investors therefore need to consider their specific position at the time they invest and should seek their own advice where appropriate.

The separate share classes are "offshore funds" for the purposes of the UK offshore funds legislation. Under this legislation, any gain arising on the sale, redemption, or other disposal of shares in an offshore fund held by persons who are resident in the UK for tax purposes will be taxed at the time of such sale, disposal or redemption as income and not as a capital gain. This does not apply, however, where a share class is certified by HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") as a "reporting fund" (and previously, where relevant, a "distributing fund") throughout the period during which the shares have been held by that investor.

The UK offshore funds regime is now contained in the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (Statutory Instrument 2009/3001).

For a UK taxpayer to benefit from capital gains tax treatment on the disposal of their investment in a share class in this sub-fund, that class must be certified as a "reporting fund" (and previously, where relevant, a "distributing fund") in respect of all accounting periods during which the UK taxpayer owned the shares.

HMRC maintains a list of offshore funds with reporting fund status at [www.hmrc.gov.uk/collective/rep-funds.xls](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/collective/rep-funds.xls). Prospective investors are advised to check the status of the relevant share class before investing. In the case of a share class with reporting fund status, in order to comply with the requirements of the reporting funds regime, it will be necessary to report to both investors and HMRC the income attributable to that share class for each relevant accounting period. Where the reported income exceeds what has been distributed to investors, then that excess will be treated as additional distributions to

the investors and investors will be liable to tax accordingly.

Dividends paid (and any retained income reported) to a UK resident individual will constitute a dividend (with a notional dividend tax credit attached) for UK income tax purposes and will generally be taxable. Dividends paid (and any retained income reported) to a UK resident company will also constitute dividend income in its hands and will generally be exempt from tax.

The UK tax rules contain a number of anti-avoidance codes that can apply to UK investors in offshore funds in particular circumstances. It is not anticipated that they will normally apply to investors. Any UK taxpaying investor who (together with connected persons) holds over 25% of DWS Invest should take specific advice.

The intended category of investors for the share class registered in the UK is retail investors. The shares in it will be widely available and marketed and made available sufficiently widely to reach them and in a manner appropriate to attract them.

### 14. Shareholders' meetings

A. The shareholders' meeting represents the entire body of shareholders, regardless of which particular sub-fund a shareholder has invested in. It shall have the power to take decisions on all matters pertaining to the Investment Company. Resolutions passed at a shareholders' meeting on matters pertaining to the Investment Company as a whole shall be binding upon all shareholders.

B. The shareholders' meetings take place annually at the registered office of the Investment Company or at any other place determined in the invitation. They are generally held on every fourth Wednesday in April of each year at 11:00 AM CET. In years when such fourth Wednesday in April falls on a bank holiday, the Shareholders' Meeting will be held on the next bank business day. Shareholders may appoint proxies to represent them at a shareholders' meeting.

C. The shareholders of a sub-fund can also hold a shareholders' meeting at any time in order to decide on actions pertaining exclusively to that sub-fund. Similarly, the shareholders of a particular share class of a sub-fund can also hold a shareholders' meeting at any time in order to decide on actions pertaining exclusively to that share class.

D. Resolutions are passed by simple majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and actually voted at the meeting. In all other aspects, the Law on Trading Companies of August 10, 1915, applies. Subject to Clause 2.D. (c), each share of any share class is entitled to one vote, in accord-

ance with Luxembourg law and the articles of incorporation.

E. Invitations to general and extraordinary shareholders' meetings are published at least fifteen days before the meeting in the *Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations* ("RESA") of the Trade and Companies Register, in a Luxembourg newspaper and in additional newspapers, if required by law or if considered appropriate by the Board of Directors in each distribution country. Invitations may also be sent by mail to shareholders holding registered shares at least eight days before the meeting.

If all shares are issued in registered form, the Investment Company may for any general meeting communicate the invitation at least eight days before the meeting by registered letters only.

If all shareholders are represented in person or by proxy and have confirmed that they are aware of the agenda, the requirement for a formal invitation may be waived.

F. The Board of Directors may determine all other conditions that must be fulfilled by Shareholders in order to attend any meeting of Shareholders. To the extent permitted by law, the convening notice to a shareholders' meeting may provide that the quorum and majority requirements will be assessed against the number of shares issued and outstanding at midnight (Luxembourg time) on the fifth day prior to the relevant meeting (the Record Date) in which case, the right of any shareholder to participate in the meeting will be determined by reference to his/her/its holding as at the Record Date.

## 15. Establishment, closing and merger of sub-funds or share classes

### A. Establishment

Resolutions to establish sub-funds or Share Classes are adopted by the Board of Directors.

### B. Closing

In the event that the net asset value of a sub-fund has decreased to an amount determined by the Board of Directors to be the minimum level for such sub-fund to be operated in an economically efficient manner, or if a change in the economic or political situation relating to a sub-fund have occurred, or if necessary in the interest of the shareholders or the Investment Company, the Board of Directors may resolve to dissolve the Investment Company's assets held in a sub-fund and to pay out to shareholders the net asset value of their shares on the valuation date on which the decision takes effect. If a situation arises resulting in the dissolution of the sub-fund, the issue of shares of the respective sub-fund will be halted. If not otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, the redemption of shares remains possible provided the equal treatment of shareholders can be ensured. On order of the Investment Company or the liquidators appointed by the shareholders'

meetings, if applicable, the Depositary will divide the proceeds of the liquidation less the costs of liquidation and fees among the shareholders of the respective sub-fund according to their entitlement. The net proceeds of liquidation not collected by shareholders upon completion of the liquidation proceedings will at that time be deposited by the Depositary with the Caisse de Consignation in Luxembourg for the account of shareholders entitled to them, where such amounts will be forfeited if not claimed by the statutory deadline.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors may declare the cancellation of the issued shares in such a sub-fund and the allocation of shares in another sub-fund, subject to approval by the Shareholders' Meeting of the shareholders of that other sub-fund, provided that for the period of one month after publication according to the provision below the shareholders of the corresponding sub-fund shall have the right to demand the redemption or exchange of all or part of their shares at the applicable net asset value without additional cost.

The Board of Directors may resolve to dissolve a share class within a sub-fund and to pay out to the shareholders of this share class the net asset value of their shares (taking into consideration the actual realization values and realization costs with respect to investments in connection with this cancellation) on the valuation date on which the decision takes effect. Furthermore, the Board of Directors may declare the cancellation of the issued shares of a share class of such a sub-fund and the allocation of shares of another share class of the same sub-fund, provided that for the period of one month after publication according to the provision below, the shareholders of the share class of the sub-fund to be cancelled shall have the right to demand the redemption or exchange of all or part of their shares at the applicable net asset value and in accordance with the procedure described in articles 14 and 15 of the articles of incorporation at no additional cost.

The closure of the liquidation of a sub-fund shall in principle take place within a period of nine (9) months starting from the decision relating to the liquidation. At the closure of the liquidation of a sub-fund any residue shall be deposited as soon as possible at the Caisse de Consignation.

C. In accordance with the definitions and conditions set out in the Law of 2010, any sub-fund may be merged, either as a merging sub-fund or as a receiving sub-fund, with another sub-fund of the Investment Company, with a foreign or a Luxembourg UCITS or sub-fund of a foreign UCITS or Luxembourg UCITS. The Board of Directors is competent to decide on such mergers.

Unless otherwise provided for in individual cases, the execution of the merger shall be carried out as if the merging sub-fund were dissolved without going into liquidation and all assets were

simultaneously taken over by the receiving (sub-) fund or UCITS, as the case may be, in accordance with statutory provisions. The investors in the merging sub-fund receive units of the receiving (sub-)fund or UCITS, as the case may be, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset values per unit of the (sub-)funds or UCITS as the case may be, involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

Notice of the merger will be given to the shareholders on the website of the Management Company and, if required, in the official publication media of the respective jurisdictions in which the units are offered for sale to the public. Shareholders will be given the possibility, during a period of at least thirty days to request either the repurchase or the conversion of shares free of any charges, as further disclosed in the relevant publication.

The Board of Directors can decide to merge share classes within a sub-fund. Such a merger means that the investors in the share class to be cancelled receive shares of the receiving share class, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset values per share of the share classes involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

## 16. Dissolution or merger of the Investment Company

A. The Investment Company can be dissolved at any time by the Shareholders' Meeting. The quorum required by law is necessary for such resolutions to be valid.

B. The dissolution of the Investment Company shall be announced in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA) by the Investment Company and in at least two national daily newspapers, one of which must be a Luxembourg newspaper.

C. If a situation arises resulting in the dissolution of the Investment Company, the issue of shares will be halted. If not otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, the redemption of shares remains possible provided the equal treatment of shareholders can be ensured. On order of the Investment Company or, where applicable, those of the liquidators appointed by the shareholders' meeting, the Depositary will divide the proceeds of the liquidation less the costs of liquidation and fees among the shareholders of the respective sub-funds according to their entitlement.

D. The closure of the dissolution of the Investment Company shall in principle take place within a period of nine (9) months starting from the decision relating to the liquidation. At the closure of the dissolution any residue shall be deposited as soon as possible at the Caisse de Consignation.

E. The Investment Company may, either as a merging UCITS or as a receiving UCITS, be subject

to cross-border and domestic mergers in accordance with the definitions and conditions set out in the Law of 2010. The Board of Directors is competent to decide on such a merger and on the effective date of such a merger in case the Investment Company is the receiving UCITS.

The Shareholders' Meeting, deciding by simple majority of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented at the meeting, shall be competent to decide on the merger and on the effective date of merger, in case the Investment Company is the merging UCITS and thereby ceases to exist. The effective date of merger shall be recorded by notarial deed.

Notice of the merger will be given to the shareholders on the website of the Management Company and, if required, in the official publication media of the respective jurisdictions in which the units are offered for sale to the public. Shareholders will be given the possibility, during a period of at least thirty days to request either the repurchase or the conversion of shares free of any charges, as further disclosed in the relevant publication.

## 17. Publications

A. The net asset value per share may be obtained from the Management Company and all paying agents and it may be published in each distribution country through appropriate media (such as the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.). In order to provide better information for the investors and to satisfy different customary market practices, the Management Company may also publish an issue/redemption price in consideration of a front-end load and redemption fee. Such information may be obtained from the Investment Company, the Management Company, the Transfer Agent or the sales agent on every day such information is published.

B. The Investment Company produces an audited annual report and a semi-annual report according to the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg which are available for inspection at the registered office of the Investment Company.

C. The Sales Prospectus, the Key Information Document (KID), the articles of incorporation, and the annual and semi-annual reports are available free of charge to shareholders at the registered office of the Investment Company and at all sales and paying agents. Copies of the following documents may also be inspected free of charge on any bank business day in Luxembourg during customary business hours at the registered office of the company at 2, Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, 1115 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:

- (i) the Management Company agreement,
- (ii) the Depositary agreement,
- (iii) the administration agreement, and
- (iv) the fund management agreement.

D. Important information will be disclosed to the investors on the website of the Management Company [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com). If required in certain distribution countries, publications will also be made in a newspaper or in other means of publication required by law. In cases where it is required by law in Luxembourg, publications will additionally be made in at least one Luxembourg newspaper and, if applicable, in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA).

## 18. Incorporation, fiscal year, term

The Investment Company was established on March 15, 2002, for an indeterminate period. Its fiscal year ends on December 31 of each year.

## 19. Exchanges and markets

The Management Company may have the sub-funds' shares admitted for listing on an exchange or traded on regulated markets; currently the Management Company is not availing itself of this option. The Management Company is aware that – without its consent – as of the date of creation of this Sales Prospectus, the shares of the following sub-funds are being traded or are listed on the following exchanges and markets:

DWS Invest Asian Small/Mid Cap:

- Düsseldorf Stock Exchange (Börse Düsseldorf)
- Hamburg Stock Exchange (Börse Hamburg)

DWS Invest Convertibles, DWS Invest ESG Euro Bonds (Short), DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds:

- Hamburg Stock Exchange (Börse Hamburg)
- Munich Stock Exchange (Börse München)
- Düsseldorf Stock Exchange (Börse Düsseldorf)
- Berlin-Bremen Stock Exchange (Börse Berlin-Bremen)
- Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Börse Frankfurt)

DWS Invest Chinese Equities:

- Stuttgart Stock Exchange (Börse Stuttgart)

DWS Invest Global Agribusiness:

- Stuttgart Stock Exchange (Börse Stuttgart)
- Munich Stock Exchange (Börse München)
- Düsseldorf Stock Exchange (Börse Düsseldorf)
- Berlin-Bremen Stock Exchange (Börse Berlin-Bremen)
- Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Börse Frankfurt)

DWS Invest European Equity High Conviction, DWS Invest Top Asia, DWS Invest ESG

Top Euroland:

- Hamburg Stock Exchange (Börse Hamburg)
- Stuttgart Stock Exchange (Börse Stuttgart)
- Munich Stock Exchange (Börse München)
- Düsseldorf Stock Exchange (Börse Düsseldorf)
- Berlin-Bremen Stock Exchange (Börse Berlin-Bremen)
- Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Börse Frankfurt)

DWS Invest Africa:

- Hamburg Stock Exchange (Börse Hamburg)

The possibility that such trading might be discontinued at short notice, or that the shares of the sub-funds may be trading or introduced for trading on other markets – including at short notice, where applicable – cannot be excluded. The Management Company has no knowledge of this.

The market price underlying exchange trading or trading on other markets is not determined exclusively by the value of the assets held in the sub-funds. Supply and demand are also contributing factors. The market price may therefore deviate from the calculated net asset value per share.

## B. Sales Prospectus – Special Section

### DWS Invest Africa

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI EFM AFRICA – Total Return Net Dividend in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited five bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited five bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

#### Overview of the share classes\*

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC USD LC GBP D RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LC NC FC, GBP D RD	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)**</b>	LC, LD NC FC USD LC GBP D RD	up to 1.75% up to 2.2% up to 0.85% up to 1.8% up to 0.9%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)**</b>	LC, LD, FC, USD LC, GBP D RD NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, USD LC, GBP D RD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, USD LC GBP D RD	July 10, 2008 January 20, 2009

\* The sub-fund DWS Invest Africa and its share classes are excluded from the option "exchanges of shares" stated in paragraph 8 of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Africa, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Africa is to achieve an appreciation as high as possible of capital invested.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's total assets (after deduction of liquid assets) are invested in shares, stock certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of issuers which have their registered offices or their principal business activity in Africa or which, as holding companies, hold the majority of interests in companies registered in Africa, particularly in South-Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, Morocco and Kenya.

The securities issued by these companies may be listed on the African or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public. The exchanges and other regulated markets must comply with requirements of article 41 of the Law of 2010.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraphs, as well as in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to tempo-

rarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

#### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of

norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of



- which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
  - units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Specific risks

**Investment in or relating to Africa carries a high degree of risk. If any of the following risks occurs, the sub-funds business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. The risks listed below are not exhaustive and are not ranked in any**

**order. The sub-fund's investments will be subject to certain special risks associated with the jurisdictions in which investments by the Investment Company are made, as well as normal investment risks. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Investment Company, or that the Investment Company deem immaterial, may also have an adverse effect on the sub-fund's business. There can be no assurance that the investments of the sub-fund will be successful or that its objectives will be attained. Accordingly, investment in the sub-fund should be considered to be speculative in nature and only suitable for investors who are aware of the risks involved in investment in the sub-fund and who have the ability and willingness to accept the anticipated lack of liquidity in the investments of the sub-fund, the illiquid nature of investment in the shares and the risk of the total loss of capital resulting from investment in the sub-fund.**

**If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you are advised to consult an investment advisor who is duly qualified in your jurisdiction and specialised in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities.**

### Risks relating to investments made by the sub-fund

Prospective investors should be aware of certain specific risk factors relating to Africa, other jurisdictions in which the sub-fund may invest and the nature of the sub-fund's investments. These include:

#### 1. Limited liquidity

It may be considerably more difficult for the sub-fund to invest or exit its investments in African countries or Africa related products than it would be for investors in more developed countries. Limited liquidity may adversely affect the Net Asset Value and the price of the shares.

The sub-fund may also invest in Non-African companies, which may be listed on Non-African Stock Exchanges, and the liquidity in respect of such investments may also be limited.

The sub-fund may endeavour to realise investments in unlisted companies through listing on the relevant African stock exchange. However, there is no guarantee that such stock exchanges will provide liquidity for the sub-fund's investment in unlisted companies. The Investment Company may have to resell the investments of the sub-fund in privately negotiated transactions and the prices realised from these sales could be less than those originally paid by the sub-fund or less than what may be considered to be the fair value or actual market value of such securities.

#### 2. Investment restrictions in listed companies in Africa

Trading on the African stock exchanges could be subject to various restrictions. There may also be restrictions on the total foreign ownership of listed companies in certain African countries.

### 3. Investments in unlisted companies and in unlisted non-African companies

Generally, where the sub-fund invests in securities of unlisted companies or unlisted non-African companies, whether or not traded on an OTC Market, there is no guarantee that the sub-fund will be able to realise the fair value of such securities due to the tendency of such companies to have limited liquidity and comparatively high price volatility. Furthermore, there may be no reliable price source available. Estimates of fair market value of such investments are inherently difficult to establish and are the subject of substantial uncertainty. Furthermore, any companies whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to disclosure and other legal requirements that would otherwise be applicable if their securities were traded on a public exchange.

#### Risks specific to investment in the OTC Market in Africa

Many unlisted companies in Africa trade on the OTC Market in Africa, which acts as an intermediary for the trading of shares of Africa unlisted companies. Transactions on the OTC Market are negotiated and agreed upon directly between buyers and sellers, often with the involvement of facilitating broker-dealers or other intermediaries. The clearance and settlement process with respect to securities that trade on the OTC Market may be time consuming, often requiring endorsement by officials of the subject company.

#### Investments in domestic unlisted companies

The Investment Company's investments in unlisted companies could be subject to foreign ownership restrictions in certain African countries.

While investments in unlisted companies may offer the opportunity for significant capital gains, such investments also involve a high degree of financial risk. Generally, the sub-fund's investments in unlisted companies may be illiquid and difficult to value, and there will be little or no protection for the value of such investments. In many cases, investments will be long-term in nature and may have to be held for many years from the date of initial investment before disposal, especially if a subsequent listing of these investments on an African stock exchange is not possible. Sales of securities in unlisted companies, which fail to obtain a listing, may not be possible and, if possible, may only occur at a substantial discount to the Fund Manager's perception of the market value of or the price originally paid by the sub-fund for such securities. The sub-fund's investments in unlisted companies may require extensive due diligence. However, good due diligence may be difficult to achieve in some contexts, especially where limited information is publicly available. As the sub-fund is likely to be a minority shareholder in any unlisted company in which it invests, the Investment Company will endeavour in appropriate situations to obtain suitable minority shareholder protection by way of a shareholders' agreement and/or observer rights on boards, where possible. However, the Investment Company may not succeed in obtaining such

protection and even where the Investment Company obtains such shareholders' agreement or board representation, they may only offer limited protection.

#### 4. Investments in SOEs

Investment in SOEs (state-owned enterprises) involves a number of special risks. The Investment Company may obtain only very limited financial information available to it in order to evaluate potential investments in equitizing SOEs, either because it may buy shares in a process that allows only limited due diligence or because the SOEs' records are incomplete or unavailable. Furthermore, the managers of former SOEs may have difficulties in adjusting to the private sector following equitization, in following good corporate governance practices, in being transparent and in appointing and retaining talented and qualified staff. It is not uncommon for SOEs after equitization to remain majority-owned by the relevant government and to continue to respond to the requirements of the relevant government rather than acting in the best interests of its shareholders. Former SOEs may in some cases inherit business legacies from their former status, such as excessively large workforces, and on-going and unresolved breaches of environmental regulations.

#### 5. Investments in existing closed-end funds

Closed-end funds operating in the African market may be subject to the same investment risks as outlined herein, including but not limited to political and economic risks and deficiencies in the current legal system in African countries. Investment by the sub-fund in unlisted closed-end funds will be subject to additional risk as unlisted closed-end funds will not be subject to the regulations of any listing authority. The sub-fund may also be subject to capital calls in its investments. In the event that the sub-fund fails to meet any future capital calls, the sub-fund's investments may be forfeited.

#### 6. Other risks relating to investing in companies in Africa

In addition to the risks specified above, investee companies, and in particular former SOEs, whether they are listed or not, may face a number of risks which could cause them to significantly underperform or even result in their bankruptcy. These include, but are not limited to:

- risk of insufficient financing;
- lack of customer diversification and understanding of the product market;
- internal management deficiencies;
- incorrect or lack of strategy or failure to anticipate industry trends due to inexperience;
- overstaffing; and
- changes in competitiveness due to changes to currency exchange rates.

These and other risks may be particularly acute for small companies. The Investment Company may invest in small capitalisation companies.

### Risks relating to market conditions

#### 7. Market environment

Investee companies will be exposed to the risk of a changing market environment including but not limited to increased competition in both local markets and export markets in certain sectors due to further liberalisation of the African economy resulting from some African countries opening their markets for foreign investors. As a result of, and due to, other market forces, any of the sub-fund's investments could be subject to a substantial decline in value at any time.

#### 8. Limited investment opportunities

There are other companies, institutions and investors, both African and foreign, actively seeking and making investments in Africa. Several of these competitors, are expected to raise, significant amounts of capital, and may have similar investment objectives to those of the sub-fund, which may create additional competition for investment opportunities. The Investment Company therefore expects to face significant competition for investment opportunities. Competition for a limited number of potential investment opportunities may lead to a delay in making investments and may increase the price at which investments may be made or divested by the sub-fund, reducing the potential profitability of the sub-fund's investments.

Foreign entities may be subject to certain restrictions regarding investments made into certain African countries, and certain investments may require prior evaluation or approval by the relevant African government. This may increase the competition for a limited number of investments considered to be attractive by the Investment Company, and result in investment delays for the sub-fund. Additionally, in order for the sub-fund to make investments in Non-African companies located in certain non-African jurisdictions it may also need to comply with as-yet unknown local investment restrictions.

The sub-fund could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required approvals for investment in any particular company, as well as by the delays in investment caused by the competition the Investment Company expects to face in the market or by restrictions imposed on investments made in certain jurisdictions. Pending investment of the proceeds of the placing the company may invest in temporary investments, which could remain invested for longer than anticipated and are expected to generate returns that are substantially lower than the returns that the Investment Company anticipates receiving from investments in investee companies.

#### 9. Legal systems

The laws and regulations affecting the certain markets where the sub-fund may invest are in an early stage of development and are not well established. There can be no assurance that the sub-fund will be able to obtain effective enforce-

ment of its rights through legal proceedings, nor is there any assurance that improvements will take place. As these legal systems, there may be inconsistencies and gaps in laws and regulations, the administration of laws and regulations by government agencies may be subject to considerable discretion, and in many areas the legal framework is vague, contradictory and subject to different interpretations. Furthermore, the judicial system may not be reliable or objective, and the ability to enforce legal rights is often lacking. As such, there can be no assurance that the sub-fund will be able to enforce its rights effectively through legal proceedings.

Legal systems may also be unreliable, as a result of, for example, corruption or political instability.

#### 10. Political and economic risks

The sub-fund's investments into African countries and other countries may be affected by unquantifiable changes in economic conditions in such countries or in international political developments, changes in government policies, the imposition of restrictions on the transfer of capital or changes in regulatory, tax and legal requirements. The value of the sub-fund's assets and of an investment in the sub-fund may be adversely affected by changes in government, government personnel or government policies, whether relating to the Government or the government of any overseas market in which the sub-fund is investing, which may include, among other things, changes in policies relating to expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets, and changes in legislation relating to foreign ownership, economic policy, taxation, investment regulations, securities regulations and foreign currency conversion or repatriation.

Political uncertainties have been striking the African continent from time to time and political sentiments vary from nation to nation. Certain African states have been and are affected by civil war and terrorist-linked violence. Certain countries are experiencing and may continue to experience an unstable and volatile political environment. Political uncertainties in certain African countries may affect other countries in the region or even Africa as a whole. All these events and uncertainties may have a negative impact on the sub-fund's investments. Not only the value of the sub-fund's investments may be affected significantly, in the event that any closure of market, state of emergency or moratorium is declared, the sub-fund may not be able to repatriate the value of its investments or such value may be seriously diminished.

#### 11. Operational risks

The sub-fund will be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom it trades and will also bear the risk of settlement default. Market practices in the African markets in relation to the settlement of securities transactions and custody of assets will provide increased risk. Although the African markets are developing, the clearing, settlement and registration systems available to effect trades

on certain of such markets are significantly less developed than those in more mature world markets which can result in delays and other material difficulties in settling trades and in registering transfers of securities. Problems of settlement in these markets may affect the Net Asset Value and liquidity of the sub-fund.

#### **12. Geographic risks and risk of war**

Certain African countries are susceptible to military coups, internal wars and political instability, all of which may cause adverse political and/or economic impacts in Africa in general. Such political and/or economic impacts may in turn adversely affect the operation and profitability of the investments of the sub-fund in Africa.

#### **13. Corruption risks**

Many African countries have very low score on the Corruption Perceptions Index published by the Transparency International. This indicates that the levels of corruption in African countries are very high as opposed to those developed countries. High levels of corruption could have an adverse impact on the political and economic stability of African countries and as a result, the sub-fund's investments in such countries may be adversely affected.

#### **14. Inflation risk**

All the assets of the sub-fund are subject to devaluation through inflation. The exposure to the risk of inflation may be increased in certain jurisdictions in which the sub-fund invests due to political, economic or geographic instability or otherwise.

#### **15. Regulatory risks and accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards**

Financial disclosure and regulatory standards may be less stringent in African countries and other securities markets where the Investment Company may invest than they are in developed OECD member countries, and there may be less publicly available information on potential investee companies than is published by or about an issuer in such OECD member countries. In some countries the legal infrastructure and accounting reporting standards do not provide the same degree of shareholder protection or information to investors as would generally apply in many developed OECD member countries. In particular, greater reliance may be placed by the auditors on representations made by managers of a company, and there may be less independent verification of information than would apply in more developed countries. The valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may also be treated differently from the manner in which they would be treated under international accounting standards.

#### **16. Currency conversion and capital controls**

The sub-fund's investments in certain African and non-African markets may be in securities that are denominated in currencies other than Euro or U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in the exchange rate

between Euro/U.S. dollars and the currency of such assets may lead to a depreciation of the value of the sub-fund's assets as expressed in Euro/U.S. dollars affect, among other things, the foreign currency value of dividend and capital distributions and the Net Asset Value. Furthermore, certain currencies are not convertible currencies. Conversion of such currencies may require approvals from the relevant governments. Any delay in obtaining approvals will increase the sub-fund's exposure to any depreciation of such currencies against other hard currencies such as Euro/U.S. dollar. If the conversion cannot be effected, some of the sub-fund's assets may be dominated in a non-convertible currency, and thus the sub-fund may be unable to make distributions to Shareholders of such assets.

The Investment Company may seek to hedge against a decline in the value of the sub-fund's assets resulting from currency depreciation but only if and when suitable hedging instruments are available on a timely basis and on terms acceptable to the Fund Manager. There is no assurance that any hedging transactions engaged in by the Investment Company will be successful in protecting against currency depreciation or that the Investment Company will have opportunities to hedge on commercially acceptable terms.

#### **17. Tax uncertainty**

The tax regulations in many African countries are under development. There are many areas where sufficiently detailed regulations do not currently exist and where there is a lack of clarity. The implementation and enforcement of tax regulations in some African countries can vary depending on numerous factors, including the identity of the tax authority involved. Furthermore, the tax regulations in other jurisdictions in which the sub-fund may make investments may also not be fully developed. Any change in the Investment Company's tax status, the Fund Manager's tax status, taxation legislation in African countries in which the sub-fund has investments or the taxation requirements in any other non-African jurisdiction in which the sub-fund has made an investment could adversely affect the sub-fund's performance, the value of its investments, its ability to declare dividends and remit profits, and the tax obligations imposed on it.

In addition, the Investment Company, its wholly or partly owned SPVs and the investee companies may be subject to capital gains tax, corporate tax, withholding tax and other taxes, duties, levies, tariffs or imposts which may have an adverse impact on the sub-fund's returns.

#### **18. Transfer and settlement risk**

The collection, transfer and deposit of securities and cash expose the sub-fund to a number of risks including theft, loss, fraud, destruction and delay. Procedures for registration may be unreliable in Africa and may be subject to fraud. Many unlisted securities are still evidenced by paper certificates and not electronically, and the transfer process may be subject to delay. In addition,

the infrastructure and information technology of professional entities operating within the securities industry in African countries and other developing countries (including depositary banks and depositories) are not as advanced as those in more developed countries.

#### **19. Contagious diseases**

An epidemic of human immune deficiency virus ("HIV") or any other contagious disease could potentially cause a significant drop in economic activity in Africa. In the Sub-Saharan region of Africa, an estimated 22.5 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2007 and approximately 1.7 million additional people were infected with HIV during 2007. In four of the southern African countries, namely Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, the national adult HIV prevalence rate has increased significantly and now exceeds 20%. Furthermore, an epidemic of HIV or any other contagious disease such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and avian influenza can occur in any jurisdiction in which the sub-fund may invest, whether in a developed or a developing country, and could result in the performance of investments in such jurisdictions yielding lower than expected results.

#### **20. Risk of default**

The default of an issuer of securities or of a counterparty may result in losses for the sub-fund. The risk of default (or issuer risk) is the risk of the other party to a reciprocal contract failing, in whole or in part, to fulfil its obligation with respect to a claim. This applies to all contracts that are entered into for the account of the sub-fund. Default resulting from the bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty may result in the sub-fund's experiencing delays in liquidating its position and, possibly, significant losses, including the costs of enforcing the Investment Company's rights against the counterparty.

To the extent that the wholly-owned or partly-owned subsidiaries of the Investment Company grant security over their assets, and there is a default on the part of such wholly-owned or partly-owned subsidiaries of the Investment Company, the Investment Company's investments through such subsidiaries may be lost entirely.

Furthermore, bankruptcy laws in African countries and other jurisdictions in which the sub-fund may have investments may be unreliable. As a result, the sub-fund may have limited recourse in realising its investment in the event an investee company becomes insolvent.

#### **21. Custody risk**

The sub-fund faces a risk of loss of assets arising from insolvency of the Depositary or any sub-depositary appointed by it, poor due diligence in choosing the Depositary, or improper conduct on the part of the Depositary or its officers and employees, or any sub-depositary appointed by it.

## 22. Lack of Diversification

The sub-fund will not be subject to any diversification requirements and portfolio diversification is at the sole discretion of the Fund Manager. The sub-fund may invest in a limited number of companies, regions or industry sectors. To the extent the sub-fund concentrates its investments in a particular company, region or sector; it will become more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse business or economic conditions affecting that particular company, region or sector. As a consequence, the aggregate return of investments may be adversely affected by the unfavourable performance of one or a small number of companies or regions in which the sub-fund has invested.

## 23. Restrictions on foreign ownership

The African and non-African regions where investments of the sub-fund are located may restrict the movement of foreign capital in the future. The sub-fund may be subject to controls on foreign investment, including those related to the level of foreign ownership, which may include the risk of expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets, together with possible limitations on repatriation of invested capital. There may be more substantial government intervention in the economy, including industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. The value of the sub-fund's assets may also be affected by uncertainties such as changes in the government or its policies regarding inward investment, taxation and the restrictions on currency repatriation and other developments in the laws and regulations impacting on foreign investments.

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Due to the specifics of these markets the Investment Company and the Management Company notably advert to the right of the Investment Company – for detailed information refer to articles 5 F./G. and 7 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus to temporarily suspend the redemption of shares of the sub-fund, or one or more share classes of the sub-fund, as well as the calculation of the NAV per share, if and while circumstances exist that make this suspension necessary and if the suspension is justified when taking into consideration the interests of the shareholders.

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## Dilution policy

Substantial subscriptions and redemptions of the sub-fund could lead to a dilution of the sub-fund's assets, due to the fact, that the NAV potentially does not entirely reflect all trading- and other costs. These costs occur, if the portfolio manager has to buy or sell securities in order to manage large in- or outflows of the sub-fund. In addition to these costs, substantial order volumes could lead to market prices, which are considerably lower, respectively higher than the market prices under general circumstances. To enhance the shareholder protection of already existing investors the following option allows the usage of the dilution policy in favour of the sub-fund's assets

during exceptional market situations to compensate trading and other costs in case of material impact to the sub-fund.

The Management Company will define limits for the application of the dilution policy, based – amongst others – on the current market conditions, given market liquidity and estimated dilution costs. If an exceptional market situation occurs, as defined by the Management Company, the net asset value of the sub-fund can be adjusted to a higher or lower value to reflect the transactions costs and other dilution effects associated to this trading activity. In accordance with these limits, the adjustment itself will be initiated automatically. The adjusted net asset value will be applied to all subscriptions and redemptions of this trading day equally.

The impact of the dilution policy will not exceed 2% of the original NAV. As the mentioned dilution policy methodology will only be executed when it comes to exceptional market situations and significant in- and outflows and as it is not based on regular volumes, it is assumed that the NAV adjustment will only be executed occasionally.

## Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

## Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Artificial Intelligence

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	50% MSCI World Information Tech Index Net Return in EUR, 35% MSCI All Country World Index in EUR and 15% MSCI China 50 Capped Index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, TFCH (P), PFC, MFC USD FC, USD LC, USD IC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, XC, USD FC, TFCH (P), PFC, MFC, USD IC LC, LD, USD LC NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, USD FC, TFCH (P) LC, LD, USD LC XC NC PFC MFC USD IC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.4% up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, USD FC, USD LC, TFC (P), PFC, MFC, USD IC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, USD FC, USD LC, TFC (P), PFC MFC, USD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC NC USD FC, USD LC TFCH (P) PFC MFC USD IC	October 1, 2018 December 14, 2018 April 4, 2019 May 15, 2019 March 27, 2020 May 25, 2020 October 15, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Artificial Intelligence, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Artificial Intelligence is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing primarily in the global equity markets of companies whose business will benefit from/or is currently related to the evolution of artificial intelligence.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success.

This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with

article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

### Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the

fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk Management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies whose business will benefit from/or is currently related to the evolution of artificial intelligence. At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers

that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

#### - turnover

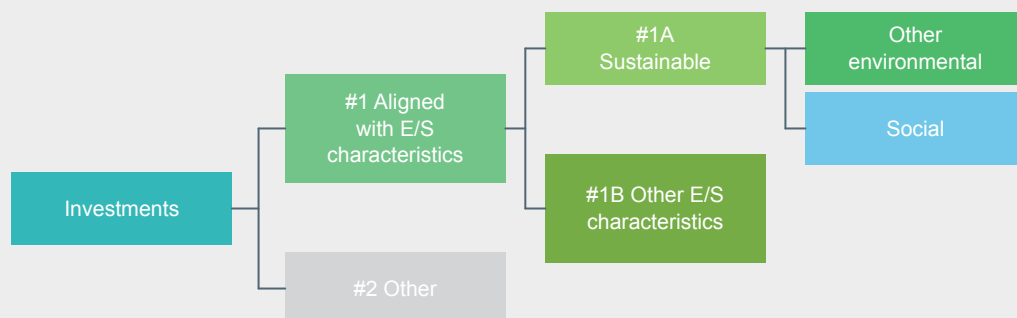
reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

#### - capital expenditure

(CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

#### - operational expenditure

(OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

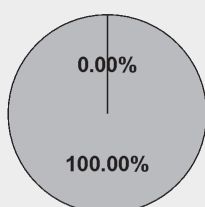


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

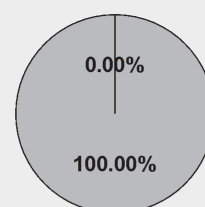
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1863263429/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Asian Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	JPMorgan ASIA CREDIT INDEX, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	JPMorgan ASIA CREDIT INDEX in USD TR – JACI Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FCH, LDH, TFCH, TFDH, LCH, IDH**, LDMH, TFDMH, NCH, FCH500, NDH, PFDH	EUR
	USD FC, USD LDM, USD IC, USD IC500, USD XC, USD TFC, USD LC, USD FC50, USD TFDM	USD
	HKD LDM, HKD LDMH, HKD TFDMH, SGD LDM, SGD LDMH, SGD TFDMH	HKD
	AUD LDMH	SGD
	RMB FCH3500, RMB FCH350	AUD
	CHF LCH, CHF TFCH	CNY
	GBP TFDMH	CHF
		GPB
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FCH, USD FC, USD IC, USD IC500, USD XC, TFCH, TFDH, USD TFC, IDH**, HKD TFDMH, SGD TFDMH, TFDMH, USD FC50, USD TFDM, RMB FCH3500, RMB FCH350, CHF TFCH, FCH500, GBP TFDMH, PFDH	0%
	LDH, USD LDM, LCH, USD LC, HKD LDM, SGD LDMH, AUD LDMH, LDMH, CHF LCH	up to 3%
	NCH, NDH	up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FCH, USD FC, TFCH, TFDH, USD TFC, HKD TFDMH, SGD TFDMH, TFDMH, USD TFDM, CHF TFCH, GBP TFDMH	up to 0.6%
	LDH, USD LDM, LCH, USD LC, HKD LDM, SGD LDM, HKD LDMH, SGD LDMH, AUD LDMH, LDMH, CHF LCH	up to 1.1%
	USD IC, IDH**	up to 0.4%
	USD IC500	up to 0.15%
	USD XC, RMB FCH3500, FCH500	up to 0.2%
	USD FC50, RMB FCH350	up to 0.3%
	PFDH	up to 0.8%

Overview of the share classes (continued)		
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FCH, USD FC, LDH, USD LDM, USD IC, USD IC500, USD XC, TFCH, TFDH, USD TFC, LCH, USD LC, HKD LDM, SGD LDM, IDH**, HKD LDMH, SGD LDMH, AUD LDMH, HKD TFDMH, LDMH, SGD TFDMH, TFDMH, NCH, USD FC50, USD TFDH, RMB FCH3500, RMB FCH350, CHF LCH, CHF TFCH, FCH500, GBP TFDMH, NDH, PFDH	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FCH, USD FC, LDH, USD LDM, USD XC, TFCH, TFDH, USD TFC, LCH, USD LC, HKD LDM, SGD LDM, HKD LDMH, SGD LDMH, AUD LDMH, HKD TFDMH, LDMH, SGD TFDMH, TFDMH, NCH, USD FC50, USD TFDH, RMB FCH3500, RMB FCH350, CHF LCH, CHF TFCH, FCH500, GBP TFDMH, NDH, PFDH	0.05%
	USD IC, USD IC500, IDH**	0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FCH, USD FC LDH USD LDM USD IC, USD IC500, USD XC TFCH, TFDH, USD TFC LCH USD LC HKD LDM, SGD LDM IDH** HKD LDMH, SGD LDMH AUD LDMH, HKD TFDMH, LDMH, SGD TFDMH, TFDMH NCH USD FC50 USD TFDH RMB FCH3500, RMB FCH350 CHF LCH, CHF TFCH FCH500 GBP TFDMH NDH, PFDH	June 16, 2014 November 30, 2016 December 15, 2016 April 13, 2017 December 5, 2017 January 15, 2018 January 29, 2018 February 15, 2018 April 16, 2018 May 15, 2018 October 31, 2018 December 14, 2018 February 28, 2019 March 15, 2019 April 15, 2019 June 28, 2019 July 31, 2019 November 29, 2019 February 15, 2021

\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the IDH share class is not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

cash deposits. In extreme market situations, the fund manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily be invested in interest-bearing securities of United States of America and Japanese and European (EU-Member States and the United Kingdom) government bonds.

The sub-fund will invest less than 30% of its assets in unrated securities.

The sub-fund may invest no more than 10% of its net asset value in debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer (including its government, public or local authority, government agency, or municipal) which is below investment grade. However, the sub-fund will only purchase debt securities that are rated at least D by S&P or its equivalent by another rating agency or, if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality by the fund manager. In applying this requirement, if more than one rating agency rates the security and the ratings are not equivalent, the second highest rating will be considered the security's rating.

Up to 5% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in instruments with loss-absorption features which typically include terms and conditions specifying that the instrument is subject to being written off, written down, or converted to ordinary shares on the occurrence of a trigger event.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

#### **DWS Climate Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their

degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The Management Company currently does not intend to enter into any securities lending or (reverse) repurchase transactions or other similar over-the counter transactions in respect of the sub-fund.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Specific risks**

Debt instruments with loss-absorption features are subject to greater risks as a result of being partly or wholly written off or converted into the issuer's equity upon the occurrence of a pre-defined trigger event, when compared to traditional debt instruments. Such trigger events are likely to be outside of the issuer's control and commonly include a reduction in the issuer's capital ratio below a specified level or upon specific government or regulatory action being taken as a result of the issuer's ongoing financial viability. Trigger events are complex and difficult to predict and can result in a significant or total reduction in the value of such instruments, giving rise to consequential loss of the sub-fund.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Redemption volume

Contrary to the general rule regarding substantial redemptions as described in detail in section 5. F of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the following applies to this sub-fund:

Shareholders may submit for redemption all or part of their shares of all share classes.

The Management Company is under no obligation to execute redemption requests if any such request pertains to shares valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund. The Management Company reserves the right, taking into account the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders, to dispense with minimum redemption amounts (if provided for).

Special procedure for redemptions valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund.

If redemption requests are received on a valuation date (the "First Valuation Date") whose value, individually or together with other requests received, is in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund, the Board of Directors reserves the

right, at its own discretion (and taking into consideration the interests of the remaining shareholders), to reduce the number of shares of every individual redemption request on a pro-rata basis for this First Valuation Date, so that the value of the shares redeemed or exchanged on this First Valuation Date does not exceed 10% of the net asset value of the respective sub-fund. If as a result of the exercise of the right to effect a pro-rata reduction on this First Valuation Date, a redemption request is not executed in full, such request must be treated with respect of the unexecuted portion as though the shareholder submitted a further redemption request for the next valuation date, and if necessary, for the at most seven subsequent valuation dates as well. Requests received for the First Valuation Date are processed on a priority basis over any subsequent requests that are received for redemption on the subsequent valuation dates. Subject to this reservation, however, redemption requests received at a later time are processed as specified in the preceding sentence.

Based on these preconditions, exchange requests are treated like redemption requests.

The Management Company has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the sub-fund have been sold without delay.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



## DWS Invest Asian Small/Mid Cap

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, LS, TFC, TFD USD LC, USD FC, USD TFC GBP C RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, LS, USD LC NC FC, USD FC, GBP C RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, LS, USD LC NC FC, USD FC, GBP C RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, LS, USD LC, USD FC, GBP C RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, LS, USD LC, USD FC, GBP C RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC LC USD LC, USD FC GBP C RD TFC, TFD, USD TFC	January 16, 2006 May 15, 2006 November 20, 2006 September 14, 2015 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Asian Small/Mid Cap, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The main investment objective of the sub-fund DWS Invest Asian Small/Mid Cap is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio of small and medium-sized companies in the Asian markets.

In so doing, at least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares and other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of small and medium-sized companies registered in an Asian jurisdiction, or in companies that conduct their principal business activity in Asia or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interests in companies registered in Asia. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in:

- shares and other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments (participation and dividend-right certificates, etc.) of companies of any size from around the world that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraph;
- interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds that are denominated in any freely convertible currency;
- short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Small and medium-sized companies as defined above are companies included in a market index for small and medium-sized companies (until April 11, 2012, e.g. FTSE Asia Pacific Small Cap Index (excluding Japan) or companies that have a comparable market capitalization; effective April 12, 2012: e.g. MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap TR Net).

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In addition, techniques and instruments based on securities may be employed on behalf of the sub-fund's assets if this is done for the purpose of efficient portfolio management of the sub-fund.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by

means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 3% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to

determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations

equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

**Because the sub-fund is specialized on a specific geographic area, it presents increased opportunities, but these opportunities are countered by equally elevated risks.**

The sub-fund is focused on investments in Asia. Asian exchanges and markets are sometimes subject to substantial fluctuations. Fluctuations in the rate of exchange of the local currencies against the euro can also impact on investment performance. The credit risk associated with an investment in securities, i.e., the risk of a decline in the assets of issuers, cannot be entirely elimi-

nated even by the most careful selection of the instruments to be purchased. Political changes, restrictions on currency exchange, exchange monitoring, taxes, limitations on foreign capital investments and capital repatriation etc. can also affect investment performance.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk Management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 3% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares and other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of small and medium-sized companies registered in an Asian jurisdiction, or in companies that conduct their principal business activity in Asia or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interests in companies registered in Asia. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 3% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



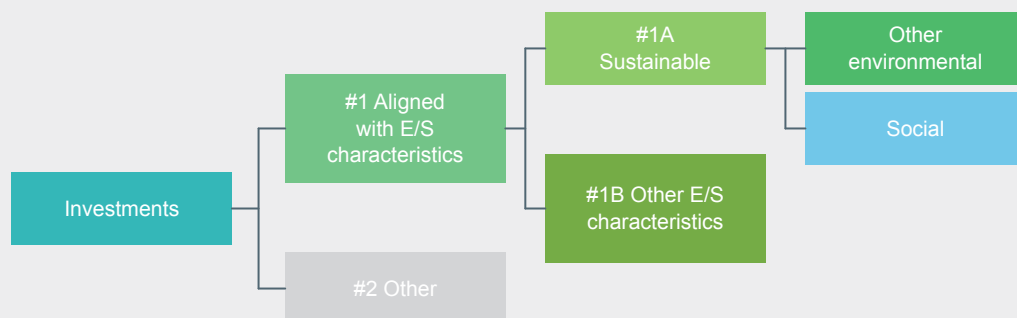


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

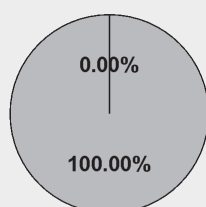


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

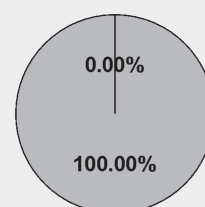
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0236153390/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Brazilian Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager Itau USA Asset Management Inc., 540 Madison Avenue – 24th Floor, New York – 10022, United States of America.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI Brazil 10/40 index in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Brazil 10/40 index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, Frankfurt/Main and exchange trading day on the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, IC, TFC, FC50 USD TFC, USD IC, USD LC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, USD LC NC FC, IC, TFC, FC50, USD TFC, USD IC	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, USD LC NC FC, TFC IC, USD IC FC50 USD TFC	up to 1.75% up to 2.2% up to 0.85% up to 0.5% up to 0.3% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, IC, TFC, FC50, USD TFC, USD IC, USD LC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, TFC, FC50, USD TFC, USD LC IC, USD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC FC IC TFC FC50 USD TFC USD IC, USD LC	October 1, 2012 October 24, 2012 March 15, 2017 December 5, 2017 May 15, 2019 August 16, 2019 November 29, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Brazilian Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Brazilian Equities is to generate an above-average return.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants of issuers registered in Brazil, or of issuers registered outside Brazil that conduct their principal business activity in Brazil.

The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Brazilian or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions or to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, relating to certain definitions of the Law of 2010 (the 2008 Regulation) and article 41 (1) or (2) of the Law of 2010 through Participatory Notes (P-Notes).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use suitable derivative financial instruments and techniques in order to implement the investment strategy and to achieve the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

Where liquid assets cover obligations arising from derivative financial instruments, such liquid assets are attributed to the relevant 70%.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants of issuers that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraph.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits

with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as the investment strategy does not pursue any environmental or social characteristics.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment:

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of

which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;

- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management makes all management decisions for the sub-fund taking into account the legal and contractual investment restrictions considering the sustainability risks.

The following applies to the consideration of sustainability risks in investment decisions: The sub-fund management also considers sustainability risks in its investment decisions besides the common financial data. This consideration applies to the entire investment process, both for the fundamental analysis of investments and for the investment decisions.

The sub-fund management's responsible investment approach is centred in ESG-integrated fundamental analysis, proxy voting activities and engagement with investee companies. The ESG integration approach is centred in the investment research process, with a focus on fundamental equity research. The sub-fund manager's proprietary method projects ESG issues into the discount cash flow models focusing on the cash flow lines, thus influencing target prices of analysed companies. The objective is to estimate the net present value of material ESG issues to anticipate events that may result in value creation or destruction.

Itaú Asset Management exercises active ownership through voting on investee companies' annual general meetings and through engagements with investee companies. The objective is to have a positive dialogue with companies regarding the promotion of best ESG practices.

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

**Because the sub-fund is specialized on companies operating in Brazil, it presents increased opportunities, but these opportunities are countered by equally elevated risks.**

Brazilian exchanges and markets are sometimes subject to substantial fluctuations. The sub-fund is suitable for risk-tolerant investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments. A medium to long-term

investment horizon is recommended for this sub-fund. Investors should be in a position to bear potentially substantial losses. The sub-fund pursues an investment policy focused on opportunities and is particularly suited for inclusion in a highly diversified investment portfolio.

### Disclaimer

In Brazil a tax might be imposed on foreign investors who purchase securities denominated in the Brazilian currency (Real). Currently, a Financial Operating Tax (IOF Tax) applies to foreign exchange inflows into the Brazilian market. IOF Tax imposed will adversely affect the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value at the time of the inflow of the foreign exchange.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



## DWS Invest China Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FCH, LCH, LDH, NCH, NC, NDH, PFCH, PFDQH, FDH, NDQH, TFCH USD FC, USD LC, USD FCH (P), USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), USD TFC CHF FCH, CHF LCH RMB FC, RMB LC SEK FCH, SEK LCH	EUR  USD CHF RMB SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FCH, USD FC, CHF FCH, RMB FC, PFCH, PFDQH, FDH, USD FCH (P), SEK FCH, TFCH, USD TFC, RMB FCH LCH, USD LC, LDH, CHF LCH, RMB LC, USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), SEK LCH, RMB LCH NCH, NC, NDH, NDQH	0%  up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FCH, USD FC, CHF FCH, RMB FC, PFCH, PFDQH, FDH, USD FCH (P), SEK FCH, TFCH, USD TFC, RMB FCH LCH, USD LC, LDH, CHF LCH, RMB LC, USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), SEK LCH, RMB LCH NCH, NC, NDH, NDQH	up to 0.6%  up to 1.1% up to 1.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FCH, LCH, USD FC, USD LC, LDH, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, RMB FC, RMB LC, PFCH, PFDQH, FDH, USD FCH (P), USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), SEK FCH, SEK LCH, TFCH, USD TFC, RMB FCH, RMB LCH NCH, NC, NDH, NDQH	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FCH, LCH, USD FC, USD LC, LDH, NCH, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, RMB FC, RMB LC, NC, NDH, PFCH, PFDQH, FDH, USD FCH (P), USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), SEK FCH, SEK LCH, NDQH, TFCH, USD TFC, RMB FCH, RMB LCH	0.05%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	FCH, LCH, USD FC, USD LC LDH, NCH CHF FCH, CHF LCH RMB FC, RMB LC NC NDH PFCH, PFDQH FDH USD FCH (P), USD LDH (P), USD LDMH (P), SEK FCH, SEK LCH NDQH TFCH, USD TFC RMB FCH, RMB LCH	August 16, 2011 April 2, 2012 December 10, 2012 February 18, 2013 August 19, 2013 January 20, 2014 May 26, 2014 August 31, 2015 December 1, 2015 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017 January 31, 2020
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFCH and PFDQH: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFCH and PFDQH: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest China Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest China Bonds is to achieve an above average return for the sub-fund by investing at least 60% of net assets in securities of issuers that have their head office or majority of their activity in the Greater China region.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by:

- the Chinese government,
- Chinese government agencies,
- Chinese municipals,
- companies which have their registered office in China or that conduct their principal business activity in China.

The sub-fund's assets are generally hedged to the U.S. dollar, and are invested in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in or hedged to the U.S. dollar as well as in U.S. dollar-denominated cash deposits. Renminbi-denominated assets may be invested via the Chinese offshore as well as the Chinese onshore market.

Investments in domestic securities via the Chinese onshore market will be done in listed securities, via direct access to the inter-bank bond market (CIBM) or via Bond Connect. When investing via Bond Connect the investment shall be limited to 50% of the sub-fund's assets.

Due to the fact that investments made by the sub-fund and income received by the sub-fund may be denominated in Renminbi, investors should be aware of a possible depreciation of the Renminbi.

The above-mentioned securities may be listed on Asian or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public. The exchanges and other regulated markets must comply with requirements of article 41 of the Law of 2010.

In extreme market situations, the fund manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. This is dependent on the market context but can generally be understood as a sustained and severe period of market volatility. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily (potentially several months) be invested in interest-bearing securities of United States of America and Japanese and European (EU-Member States and the United Kingdom) government bonds.

Notwithstanding the principle of risk spreading and in accordance with article 45 of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in interest-bearing debt securities that are issued or guaranteed by the Chinese government.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 100% of its assets in interest-bearing debt securities issued or guaranteed by a member state of the European Union, its local authorities, an OECD member country, or by a public international body of which one or more member states of the European Union are members. The sub-fund must hold securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any one issue may not account for more than 30% of the sub-fund's net assets.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 40% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 40% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

#### **DWS Climate Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations.

Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### **Involvement in Controversial Weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in

article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **Specific risks**

Investments in or related to China carry specific risks, we refer in that context to the specific risk factors outlined in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Liquidity risk**

The sub-fund may be investing parts of its assets in RMB-denominated interest-bearing debt securities issued or distributed via the RMB offshore markets, such as Hong Kong and Singapore. The quantity of RMB-denominated interest-bearing debt securities issued or distributed via the RMB offshore markets is currently limited. The sub-fund may therefore under certain market conditions have to invest a significant portion of its assets in RMB-denominated deposits. This may have an impact on the NAV of the sub-fund's share classes.

#### **Trading costs**

Due to potentially limited liquidity of RMB-denominated interest-bearing debt securities issued or distributed via the RMB offshore market the spread between bid and offer prices for these securities may be higher compared to those of other fixed income securities.

#### **Credit risk**

Parts of the interest-bearing debt securities the sub-fund invests in may not be rated. Unrated interest-bearing debt securities are generally more susceptible to the credit risk of their issuers. Defaults of interest-bearing debt securities will have an impact on the NAV of the sub-fund's share classes. Furthermore, the sub-fund may encounter difficulties or delays if having to enforce its rights against the Chinese issuers of interest-bearing debt securities. This is due to the fact that such issuers may be incorporated outside the jurisdiction in which the sub-fund has been authorized or registered and subject to foreign laws.

#### **Exchange rate risk**

Investors will be exposed to exchange rate risks if the currency of the share class (e.g. EUR) differs from the currency of the sub-fund (USD).

Since the Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency and is subject to exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions put in place by the Chinese government, the sub-fund's assets may directly or indirectly be impacted by

exchange control regulations or possible changes thereto.

The exchange rate used for Share Classes denominated in RMB is the offshore Chinese Renminbi. The value of the offshore Chinese Renminbi may deviate significantly from that of the onshore Chinese Renminbi due to various reasons, such as foreign exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions pursued by the Chinese government and other external market forces.

### China market risk

Investment in China is subject to legal, regulatory, monetary and economic risks. China is dominated by the one-party rule of the Communist Party. Investments in China involve greater control over the economy, political and legal uncertainties and currency fluctuations or blockage, the risk that the Chinese government may decide not to continue to support the economic reform programs implemented in 1978 and possibly return to the completely centrally planned economy that existed prior to 1978, and the risk of confiscatory taxation, and nationalization or expropriation of assets.

The Chinese government exercises significant control over China's economic growth through the allocation of resources, controlling payment of foreign currency denominated obligations, setting monetary policy and providing preferential treatment to particular industries or companies. The willingness and ability of the Chinese government to support the Chinese and Hong Kong economies is uncertain. The growing interconnectivity of global economies and financial markets has increased the possibility that conditions in one country or region might adversely impact the issuers of securities in a different country or region. In particular, the adoption or continuation of protectionist trade policies by one or more countries could lead to a decrease in demand for Chinese products and reduced flows of private capital to these economies. Government supervision and regulation of Chinese stock exchanges, currency markets, trading systems and brokers may be less than in developed countries.

Companies in China may not be subject to the same disclosure, accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices as in developed countries. Thus, there may be less information publicly available about Chinese companies than about other companies. Political, social or economic disruptions in the region, including conflicts and currency devaluations, even in countries in which the Fund is not invested, may adversely affect security values in other countries in the region and thus the Fund's holdings.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The

leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Chinese Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI China 10/40 Index in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI China 10/40 Index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Performance fee</b>	Yes, for certain share classes and in accordance with the methodology described below.
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, TFC USD LC, USD FC, USD TFC GBP D RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, USD LC NC FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, USD TFC	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC NC FC, TFC USD LC USD FC, GBP D RD, USD TFC	up to 1.5% plus an additional performance fee up to 2% plus an additional performance fee up to 0.75% plus an additional performance fee up to 1.7% up to 0.85%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, USD LC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, USD TFC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, USD LC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, USD TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, FC, USD LC, USD FC GBP D RD TFC, USD TFC	December 15, 2006 December 21, 2007 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.



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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to substantial downward or upward fluctuation, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced and risk-tolerant investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses. A medium to long-term investment horizon is recommended for this sub-fund. Investors should be in a position to bear potentially substantial losses. The sub-fund pursues an investment policy focused on opportunities, and is particularly suited for inclusion in a highly diversified investment portfolio.**

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Chinese Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Chinese Equities is to participate in the opportunities presented by the emerging country China (including Hong Kong) and to achieve sustained capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark for the sub-fund (MSCI China 10/40 (EUR)). The majority of the sub-fund's securities are expected to be components of the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The strategy offers investors broad access to the Chinese equity markets. In regard to the benchmark the sub-fund offers a broader risk diversification approach (e.g. by avoiding high single stock rates). Due to the characteristic of the Chinese market (e.g. dominated by relatively few companies), the deviation of the portfolio from the benchmark is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of issuers registered in China, or of issuers registered outside China that conduct their principal business activity in China. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraph, as well as in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

The sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 5% in money market funds. The investment in money market instruments, money market funds, deposits with credit institutions and the holding of ancillary liquid assets, as referred to below, will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. (o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### Involvement in Controversial Weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The Management Company currently does not intend to enter into any securities lending or (reverse) repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter transactions in respect of the sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to

corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;

- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Performance fee

The Management Company receives a performance fee for the share classes LC, NC, FC and TFC. The amount of the performance fee is up to 25% of the amount by which the performance of the asset value of a share class (less all costs) exceeds the performance of the MSCI China 10/40 Index in EUR (benchmark); such amount shall, however, not exceed 4% of the average net asset value of the respective share class during the settlement period. The reference period for the performance, at the end of which the mechanism for compensating for an earlier negatively deviating performance can be initiated, commences upon the inception of the relevant share class and corresponds to five years.

The benchmark is a net return index that replicates the performance of equities in Chinese emerging markets. It is therefore suitable as a benchmark for the performance of this sub-fund.

The performance fee is determined on each valuation date when calculating the net asset value, less all costs and taking into account the average number of units in circulation. If the performance of the asset value per share of the respective share class (less all costs) in accordance with the comparison carried out each valuation date is above the performance of the benchmark (positive performance) and if, additionally, a possible negative deviation from the past 5 years has been offset, any performance fee accrued is deferred. If the performance of the asset value per share of the respective share class (less all costs) in accordance with the comparison carried out each valuation date is below the performance of the benchmark (negative performance), any previously deferred performance fee is reversed again on a pro rata basis.

A deferred performance fee is generally credited to the respective recipient on an annual basis if the performance of the asset value per share of the respective share class at the end of the settlement period is above the performance of the benchmark.

The settlement period commences on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each calendar year. The first settlement period commences upon the calculation of the first asset value per share of the respective share class. If the sub-fund or a share class is closed or merged during the settlement period or if units are redeemed or exchanged by the investors and a performance fee is accrued for the units affected by this, the performance fee is credited to the recipient on a pro rata basis up to the date of the closure or merger or up to the date on which the units were returned or exchanged.

**The performance fee can also be withdrawn if the asset value per share at the end of the settlement period falls below the asset value per share at the beginning of the settlement period, provided the performance of the asset value per share exceeds that of the benchmark.**

#### Sample calculation of the performance fee:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Average no. of shares	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
No. of shares	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Average fund assets	99,000.00	98,500.00	104,500.00	108,562.50	119,000.00	124,875.00
Share class NAV (beginning)	100.00	98.00	99.00	109.13	108.00	129.75
Share class NAV (end before performance fee)	98.00	99.00	110.00	108.00	130.00	120.00
Benchmark (beginning)	100.00	98.00	99.00	109.13	108.00	129.75
Benchmark (end)	99.00	98.50	105.00	115.00	120.00	118.00
Performance fee rate	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
Performance fee rate (effective)	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Performance fee applicable	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
(NAV- Benchmark) * Performance fee rate	-0.250	0.125	1.250	-1.750	2.500	0.500
(NAV- Benchmark) * Performance fee rate (effective)	-0.200	0.100	1.000	-1.400	2.000	0.400
Carry forward per share	0.000	-0.250	-0.125	0.000	-1.750	0.000
Performance fee (before cap)	0.000	0.000	875.000	0.000	250.000	400.000
Performance fee per share (before cap)	0.000	0.000	0.875	0.000	0.250	0.400
Cap: 4%	3,960.00	3,940.00	4,180.00	4,342.50	4,760.00	4,995.00
Performance fee (after cap)	0.000	0.000	875.000	0.000	250.000	400.000
Performance fee per share (after cap)	0.000	0.000	0.875	0.000	0.250	0.400
Final NAV	98.00	99.00	109.13	108.00	129.75	119.60

#### Year 1

The performance of the share class is lower than the performance of the benchmark. No performance fee is accrued. A negative carry-forward per share of -0.250 occurs that is considered in year 2.

#### Year 2

The performance of the share class exceeds the performance of the benchmark but cannot offset the negative carry-forward per share of -0.250 from year 1. No performance fee is accrued. The negative carry-forward per share of -0.250 from year 1 is reduced to -0.125 and is considered in year 3.

#### Year 3

The performance of the share class exceeds the performance of the benchmark and can offset the negative carry-forward per share of -0.125 from year 2. A performance fee is accrued.

#### Year 4

The performance of the share class is lower than the performance of the benchmark. No performance fee is accrued. A negative carry-forward per share of -1.750 occurs that is considered in year 5.

#### Year 5

The performance of the share class exceeds the performance of the benchmark and can offset the negative carry-forward per share of -1.750 from year 4. A performance fee is accrued.

#### Year 6

The share class price decreases but the performance of the share class exceeds the performance of the benchmark. A performance fee is accrued.

The performance fee is paid out at the expense of and in the currency of the respective share class. It is exclusive of any value-added tax payable.

The Management Company shall pass on any accruing performance fee to the sub-fund manager.

The benchmark is administered by MSCI Limited. MSCI Limited is not registered in the public register of benchmark administrators and of third country benchmarks at the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) but does currently profit from regulatory prescribed transitional arrangements. The Management Company has drawn up robust written plans in which it sets out measures that it would take if the benchmark changes substantially or is no longer provided. In this case, the Management Company will define another comparable benchmark that will take the place of the named benchmark.

#### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or

overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

#### Redemption volume

Contrary to the general rule regarding substantial redemptions as described in detail in section 5. F of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the following applies to this sub-fund:

Shareholders may submit for redemption all or part of their shares of all share classes. The Management Company is under no obligation to execute redemption requests if any such request pertains to shares valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund. The

Management Company reserves the right, taking into account the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders, to dispense with minimum redemption amounts (if provided for).

Special procedure for redemptions valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund.

If redemption requests are received on a valuation date (the "First Valuation Date") whose value, individually or together with other requests received, is in excess of 10% of the net asset value of a sub-fund, the Board of Directors reserves the right, at its own discretion (and taking into consideration the interests of the remaining shareholders), to reduce the number of shares of every individual redemption request on a pro-rata basis for this First Valuation Date, so that the value of the shares redeemed or exchanged on this First Valuation Date does not exceed 10% of the net asset value of the respective sub-fund. If as a result of the exercise of the right to effect a pro-rata reduction on this First Valuation Date, a redemption request is not executed in full, such request must be treated with respect of the unexecuted portion as though the shareholder submitted a further redemption request for the next valuation date, and if necessary, for the at most seven subsequent valuation dates as well. Requests received for the First Valuation Date are processed on a priority basis over any subsequent requests that are received for redemption on the subsequent valuation dates. Subject to this reservation, however, redemption requests received at a later time are processed as specified in the preceding sentence.

Based on these preconditions, exchange requests are treated like redemption requests.

The Management Company has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the sub-fund have been sold without delay.

### Specific risks

**Because the sub-fund is specialized on companies operating in China, it presents increased opportunities, but these opportunities are countered by equally elevated risks. Chinese exchanges and markets are sometimes subject to substantial fluctuations. The sub-fund is suitable for risk-tolerant investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments.**

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The

leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Conservative Impact Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited two bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited two bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Conservative Impact Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund has sustainable investment as its objective and reports as product in accordance with article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Conservative Impact Bonds is to generate an above-average return in EUR.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities from issuers domiciled in the European Economic Area (EEA) that finance special ESG related/themed projects (use of proceeds bonds, so called impact bonds), while maintaining a conservative risk profile.

All of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. The average credit rating of the sub-fund's

assets shall have a minimum of A3 (rated by Moody's) or A- (rated by S&P and Fitch). In case of split rating between three agencies, the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. The minimum credit rating of a holding asset shall be Baa2 (rated by Moody's) or BBB (rated by S&P and Fitch). When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than Baa2/BBB, such asset will be sold within three months.

The average duration of the sub-fund's assets is limited to a maximum of five years.

All investments must be denominated in a currency from EEA members. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

The sub-fund management invests at least 90% of the sub-fund's assets in debt instruments where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental, climate benefits and/or other sustainability or ESG themed projects (i.e. Green Bonds, Blue Bonds, Social Bonds, Sustainability Bonds).

Use of proceeds bonds are devoted to (re)finance projects or activities with positive environmental

and/or social impacts. The decisive difference to conventional bonds is that the issuers of use of proceeds bonds invest the issue proceeds in environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities.

The sub-fund management applies proprietary assessment methodologies to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective:

### DWS use of proceeds bond assessment methodology

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed with a two-stage process. In a first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a use of proceeds bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors.



The proprietary ESG assessment methodology to assess these factors is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance

(i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, DWS will measure the bond via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that such investment can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether the bond contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the issuer of such bond significantly harms any of these objectives (DNSH assessment) and (3) whether the issuer as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if a bond is sustainable. If a positive contribution is determined, the bond will be considered sustainable if the issuer passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sub-fund management invests at least 80% of the sub-fund's assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR with a minimum share of at least 40% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments with an environmental objective and a minimum share of at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments with a social objective.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I

of the Commission Delegated Regulation EU 2022/1288 in relation to the sustainable investments in the portfolio. Principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR.

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its sustainable investment objective.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g. issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the sustainable investment is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The term "asset backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and

the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 10% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 10% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

Contrary to the provision in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus the sub-fund may hold up to 10% ancillary liquid assets.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Risk Disclaimer**

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk Management**

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Conservative Impact Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

**Sustainable Investment objective**

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The sustainable investment objective of this sub-fund is to finance environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities *with a contribution to one or several UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)*.

The sub-fund management invests at least 90% of the sub-fund's assets in in debt instruments where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental, climate benefits and/or other sustainability or ESG themed projects (i.e. Green Bonds, Blue Bonds, Social Bonds, Sustainability Bonds).

Use of proceeds bonds are devoted to (re)finance projects or activities with positive environmental and/or social impacts. The decisive difference to conventional bonds is that the issuers of use of proceeds bonds invest the issue proceeds in environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its sustainable investment objective.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

DWS applies proprietary assessment methodologies with a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective:

- **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment** is used as indicator for qualifying a bond as use of proceeds bond that follows recognized industry standards and to check whether the issuer meets defined ESG criteria

- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

The assessment methodologies are further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”.

How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- ☒ Yes, the sub-fund management considers all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation EU 2022/1288 in relation to the sustainable investments in the portfolio. Principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on the consideration of principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund’s annual report.

☐ No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund’s assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities from issuers domiciled in the European Economic Area (EEA) that finance special related/themed projects. All of the sub-fund’s assets shall be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. The average duration of the sub-fund’s assets is limited to a maximum of 5 years. All investments must be denominated in a currency from EEA members. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund’s assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the sustainable investment objective as described in the following sections.

The attainment of the sub-fund’s strategy is integral part of the investment process and continuously monitored via the sub-fund’s investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?

#### **DWS use of proceeds bond assessment methodology**

The financing of special UN SDG related/themed projects (use of proceeds bonds) will be assessed with a two-stage process.

In a first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a use of proceeds bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social and corporate governance factors.

The proprietary ESG assessment methodology to assess these factors is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer’s future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer’s willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.



The ESG database derives “A” to “F” letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with “A” being the highest score and “F” being the lowest score. If an issuer’s score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers’ rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, DWS will measure the bond via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that such investment can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether the bond contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the issuer of such bond significantly harms any of these objectives (DNSH assessment) and (3) whether the issuer as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if a bond is sustainable. If a positive contribution is determined, the bond will be considered sustainable if the issuer passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

#### What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practises of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

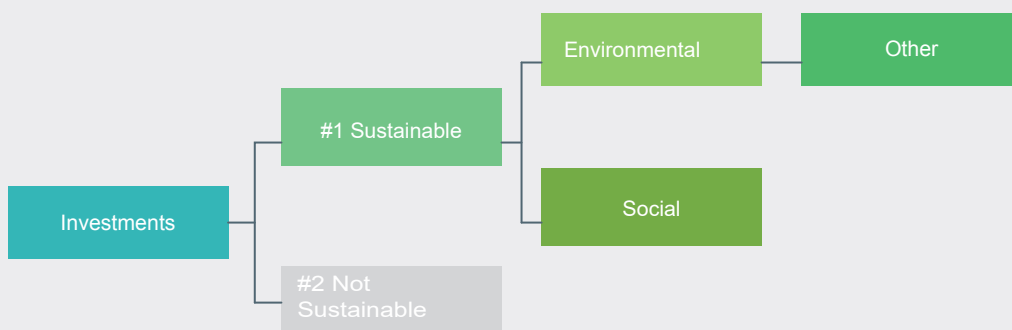


**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in sustainable investments (#1 Sustainable). Up to 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund are invested in investments that do not qualify as sustainable investments (#2 Not sustainable).

A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not Sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#### How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the sustainable investment objective of the sub-fund.



#### To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover**

reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

- **capital expenditure**

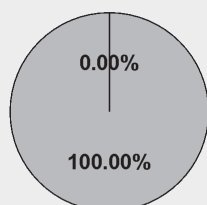
(CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

- **operational expenditure**

(OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

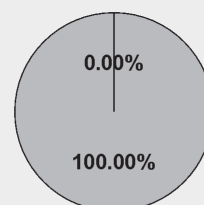
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

*\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures*

**Enabling activities**

directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities**

are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmental sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund intends to invest a minimum share of at least 40% of its net assets in environmentally sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 80% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The sub-fund intends to invest a minimum share of at least 5% of its net assets in socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 80% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund will invest the remaining proportion of the net assets in investments that are not aligned with the sustainable investment objective (#2 Not sustainable). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management in particular for liquidity and/or hedging purposes.

The proportion and use of investments that are considered as not sustainable does not affect the delivery of the sustainable investment objective, as these investments are neutral to such objective.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest Conservative Opportunities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	iBoxx EUR Overall Total Return in EUR (70%) and MSCI AC WORLD INDEX Constituents in EUR (30%)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg. A bank business day is any day on which banks are open for business and payments are processed in Luxembourg.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FD, LC, LD, ND, NC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FD ND, NC LC, LD	0% up to 1.5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD LC, LD ND, NC	up to 0.5% up to 0.95% up to 1.15%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD, LC, LD, ND, NC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FD, LC, LD, ND, NC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FD, LC, LD, ND NC	August 30, 2019 May 29, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Conservative Opportunities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While

the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest Conservative Opportunities is to achieve an above-average return.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund combines eligible investment vehicles from different asset classes in order to achieve a defensive risk-reward investment profile and targets an annualized volatility between 2% and 5% over a rolling 5-year period. However, it cannot be guaranteed that the volatility range will be met at any time.

The sub-fund may invest in equities, in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on, for example, equities, bonds and indices, in investment funds,



in derivatives, in convertible and warrant-linked bonds whose warrants relate to securities, in warrants on securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in money market instruments and cash.

Depending on the targeted volatility, the portfolio manager will weight such asset classes in the portfolio of the sub-fund and, if necessary, may fully invest the sub-fund's assets in one of these categories.

At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in investment funds such as equity, balanced, bond and money market funds.

Equity investments may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets, through American Depository Receipts (ADRs) issued by top-rated international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative complies with the provisions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

Notwithstanding article 2 B. (i), the following applies:

The sub-fund's assets may be used to acquire shares of UCITS and/or other UCI as defined in article 2 A. (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCIs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties.

Investments in shares of other UCI other than UCITS must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in total.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCIs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 2 B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial

instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The described investment policy may also be implemented by using Synthetic Dynamic Underlyings (SDU).

The sub-fund also intends from time to time to utilize the developments on the international natural resources and commodity markets up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets. For this purpose and within this 10% limit, the sub-fund may acquire derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments are commodity indices and sub-indices in accordance with the 2008 Regulation, equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, convertible debentures and warrant-linked bonds, index certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates and equity warrants, as well as 1:1 certificates (including Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)) the underlying of which are single commodities/precious metals and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in A. a).

The sub-fund does not invest into futures on soft commodities, e.g. cotton, sugar, rice and wheat as well as all manner of livestock.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted

by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business

sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the

proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action

- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal

adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 30%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 60%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process"..

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
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- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund combines eligible investment vehicles from different asset classes in order to achieve a defensive risk-reward investment profile and targets an annualized volatility between 2% and 5% over a rolling 5-year period. The sub-fund may invest in equities, in interest-bearing securities, in certificates, in investment funds, in derivatives, in convertible and warrant-linked bonds whose warrants relate to securities, in warrants on securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in money market instruments and cash. At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in investment funds such as equity, balanced, bond and money market funds. In addition the sub-fund may invest in equities, in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on, for example, equities, bonds and indices, in derivatives, in convertible and warrant-linked bonds, in warrants on securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in money market instruments and cash.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described

above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

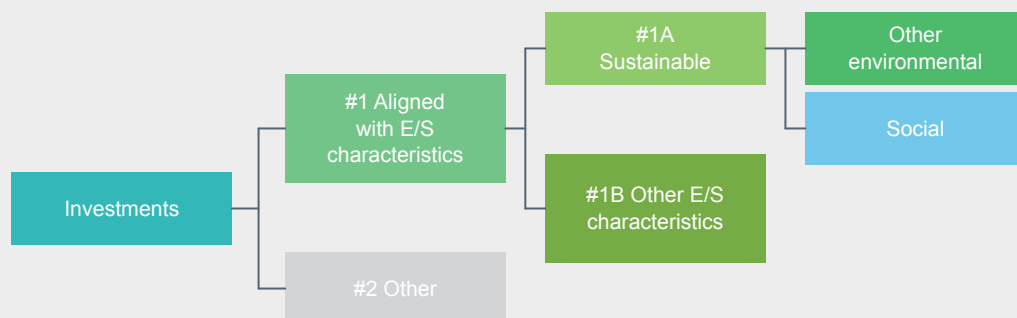


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

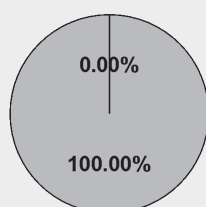


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

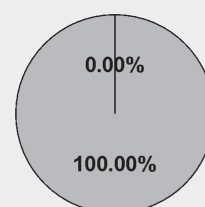
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU2034326152/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Convertibles

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Citi – EuroBIG Corporate Index-A sector (25%), Citi – WorldBIG Corporate A in EUR (25%), MSCI THE WORLD INDEX in EUR (25%) and STOXX 50 (25%)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, FC (CE), FD, PFC, LC (CE), RC (CE), TFC, TFD USD LCH, USD FCH, USD TFCH GBP DH RD CHF FCH, CHF LCH SEK FCH, SEK LCH	EUR USD GBP CHF SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, USD FCH, GBP DH RD, CHF FCH, FC (CE), FD, PFC, SEK FCH, RC (CE), TFC, TFD, USD TFCH LC, LD, CHF LCH, LC (CE), SEK LCH NC	0% up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, USD FCH, GBP DH RD, CHF FCH, FC (CE), FD, SEK FCH, RC (CE), TFC, TFD, USD TFCH LC, LD, USD LCH, CHF LCH, LC (CE), SEK LCH NC PFC	up to 0.65% up to 1.2% up to 1.5% up to 0.8%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, USD LCH, USD FCH, GBP DH RD, CHF FCH, FC (CE), FD, CHF LCH, PFC, LC (CE), SEK FCH, SEK LCH, RC (CE), TFC, TFD, USD TFCH NC	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, USD LCH, USD FCH, GBP DH RD, CHF FCH, FC (CE), FD, CHF LCH, PFC, LC (CE), SEK FCH, SEK LCH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH RC (CE)	0.05% 0.01%



## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC USD LCH, USD FCH GBP DH RD CHF FCH FC (CE) FD CHF LCH PFC LC (CE) SEK FCH, SEK LCH RC (CE) TFC, TFD, USD TFCH	January 12, 2004 November 20, 2006 March 23, 2009 September 8, 2011 April 10, 2012 December 13, 2013 March 24, 2014 May 26, 2014 June 4, 2014 September 30, 2015 September 15, 2016 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **considerable** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Convertibles, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Convertibles is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund in Euros. However, no assurance can be given that the investment objective will be achieved.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds and similar convertible instruments of national and international issuers.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in fixed-interest and variable-interest securities excluding conversion rights and in equities, equity warrants and participation certi-

cates, with the aggregate percentage of equities, equity warrants and participation certificates not to exceed 10%. In conjunction with the management of credit risks linked with the sub-fund, the sub-fund may also use credit derivatives such as default swaps (CDS). Such instruments may be used both for transferring credit risks to a counterparty and for accepting additional credit risks.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Besides various types of fixed interest payment, convertible bonds vest in the holder the right to convert these securities into shares in the company concerned. Bonds with warrants can simultaneously vest in the holder the right to interest payments and repayment and the right to acquire shares, i.e., the shares can be acquired in addition to the bond by exercising the option. Convertible preference shares regularly include the right or obligation to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares at a later date. The respective price of these securities depends both on the assessment of the share price and on changes in interest rates.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries.

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage. At least 95% of the sub-fund's assets are either denominated in EUR or hedged against the EUR.

The sub-fund may use, particularly in accordance with the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, derivatives to optimize the investment objective.

The derivatives may only be used in compliance with the investment policy and the investment objective of DWS Invest Convertibles. The performance of the sub-fund is therefore besides other factors depending on the respective proportion of derivatives, e.g. swaps in the sub-fund's total assets.

To implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective it is anticipated that the derivatives, such as swaps, will be entered with

at least BBB3 (Moody's) /BBB- (S&P, Fitch) rated financial institutions specializing in such transactions. Such OTC-agreements are standardized agreements.

In conjunction with the OTC transactions, it is important to note the associated counterparty risk. The sub-fund's counterparty risk resulting from the use of portfolio total return swaps will be fully collateralized. The use of swaps may furthermore entail specific risks that are explained in the general risk warnings.

The sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several OTC-transactions negotiated with a counterparty under customary market conditions. Therefore, the sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several transactions.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on

ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental,

social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The following investment restriction applies to the sub-fund due to a possible registration in Korea: The sub-fund must invest more than 70% of the net assets in non-Korean Won-denominated assets.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section “Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process”.

## Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (“risk benchmark”).

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net pres-

ent value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Convertibles

**Legal entity identifier:** 22TBFQY7IVP2I86LED50

**ISIN:** LU0179219752

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
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- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds and similar convertible instruments of national and international issuers. Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in fixed-interest and variable-interest securities excluding conversion rights and in equities, equity warrants and participation certificates, with the aggregate percentage of equities, equity warrants and participation certificates not to exceed 10%. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

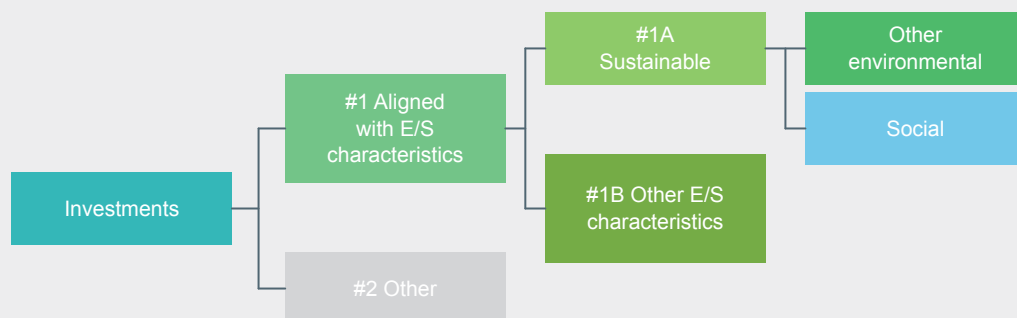


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

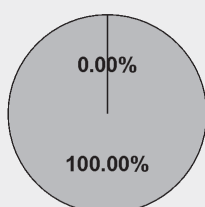


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

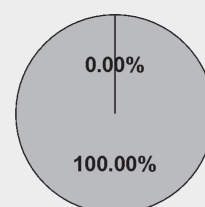
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU0179219752/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Corporate Green Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Corporate Green Bond 5% Capped Index, administered by Bloomberg Index Services Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Corporate Green Bond 5% Capped Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FD, LD, XD, ND, TFC, LC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FD, XD, TFC LD, LC ND	0% up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD, TFC LD, LC XD ND	up to 0.5% up to 0.7% up to 0.2% up to 1.1%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD, LD, XD, ND, TFC, LC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FD, LD, XD, ND, TFC, LC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FD, LD, XD ND TFC LC	October 15, 2018 December 14, 2018 March 15, 2019 May 15, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Corporate Green Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund has sustainable investment as its objective and reports as product in accordance with article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Corporate Green Bonds is to achieve capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Corporate Green Bond 5% Capped Index.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by public, private and semi-private issuers worldwide that finance special ESG (Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance) related/ themed projects. The sub-fund will mainly invest in green bonds where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental and/or climate benefits (use of proceeds bonds). The sub-fund may also invest in social bonds where the use of proceeds is targeted to projects with social benefits, but without a minimum commitment in terms of investment allocation at portfolio level.

Use of proceeds bonds are devoted to (re)finance projects or activities with positive environmental and/or social impacts. The decisive difference to conventional bonds is that the issuers of use of proceeds bonds invest the issue proceeds in environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities.

The sub-fund management applies proprietary assessment methodologies to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective:

#### DWS use of proceeds bond assessment methodology

The financing of use of proceed bonds will be assessed with a two-stage process. In a first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a use of proceeds bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles or the ICMA Social Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors.

The proprietary ESG assessment methodology to assess these factors is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers,

public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Sustainability investment assessment methodology

Further, DWS will measure the bond via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that such investment can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether the bond contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the issuer of such bond significantly harms any of these objectives (DNSH assessment) and (3) whether the issuer as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if a bond is sustainable. If a positive contribution is determined, the bond will be considered sustainable if the issuer passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment. The sub-fund management invests at least 80% of the sub-fund's assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation EU 2022/1288 in relation to the sustainable investments in the portfolio. Principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR.

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its sustainable investment objective.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g. issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the sustainable investment is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in corporate bonds denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of split rating between three agencies, the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the

extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund. In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

The leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the net assets of the fund. However, the expected leverage should not be viewed as an additional risk limit for the fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information provided in the general section of the sales prospectus, the following applies to this fund:

When investments are made in affiliated target funds, the all-in fee attributable to units of affiliated target funds is reduced by the all-in fee/management fee charged by the acquired target funds, if necessary up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Corporate Green Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300WYDG1U2NN4WJ19

**ISIN:** LU1873225616

## Sustainable investment objective

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☒ **X** Yes

☒ ☐ ☐ No

**X** It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 80%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

**X** in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☐ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of % of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The sustainable investment objective of this sub-fund is to finance environmentally beneficial projects or activities with a contribution to one or several UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund will mainly invest in green bonds where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental and/or climate benefits (use of proceeds bonds). The sub-fund may also invest in social bonds where the use of proceeds is targeted to projects with social benefits, but without a minimum commitment in terms of investment allocation at portfolio level.

Use of proceeds bonds are devoted to (re)finance projects or activities with positive environmental and/or social impacts. The decisive difference to conventional bonds is that the issuers of use of proceeds bonds invest the issue proceeds in environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its sustainable investment objective.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

DWS applies proprietary assessment methodologies with a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective:

- **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment** is used as indicator for qualifying a bond as use of proceeds bond that follows recognized industry standards and to check whether the issuer meets defined ESG criteria
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

The assessment methodologies are further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”.

How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- ☒ Yes, the sub-fund management considers all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation EU 2022/1288 in relation to the sustainable investments in the portfolio. Principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”. Further information on the consideration of principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund’s annual report.
- ☐ No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund’s assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by public, private and semi-private issuers worldwide. At least 80% of the sub-fund’s assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund’s assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody’s) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund’s assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the sustainable investment objective as described in the following sections.

The attainment of the sub-fund’s strategy is integral part of the investment process and continuously monitored via the sub-fund’s investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?

#### **DWS use of proceeds bond assessment methodology**

The financing of special UN SDG related/themed projects (use of proceeds bonds) will be assessed with a two-stage process.

In a first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a use of proceeds bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social and corporate governance factors.

The proprietary ESG assessment methodology to assess these factors is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer’s future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer’s willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.



The ESG database derives “A” to “F” letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with “A” being the highest score and “F” being the lowest score. If an issuer’s score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers’ rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, DWS will measure the bond via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that such investment can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether the bond contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the issuer of such bond significantly harms any of these objectives (DNSH assessment) and (3) whether the issuer as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if a bond is sustainable. If a positive contribution is determined, the bond will be considered sustainable if the issuer passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practises of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in sustainable investments (#1 Sustainable). Up to 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund are invested in investments that do not qualify as sustainable investments (#2 Not sustainable).

A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover**

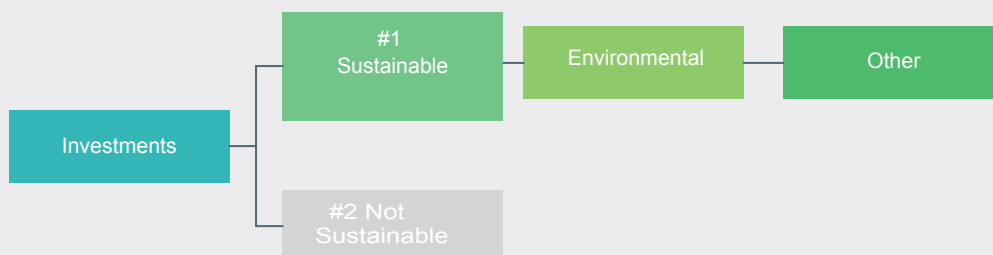
reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

- **capital expenditure**

(CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

- **operational expenditure**

(OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

**#2 Not sustainable** includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the sustainable investment objective of the sub-fund.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

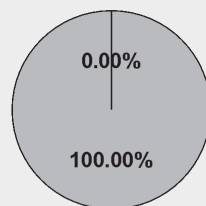


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

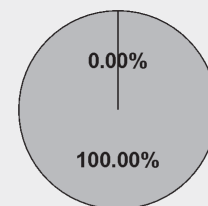
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are environmentally sustainable investments that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund intends to invest a minimum share of at least 80% of its net assets in environmentally sustainable investments not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The sub-fund does not commit to a minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective.



What investments are included under "#2 Not sustainable", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund will invest the remaining proportion of the net assets in investments that are not aligned with the sustainable investment objective (#2 Not sustainable). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management in particular for liquidity and/or hedging purposes. The proportion and use of investments that are considered as not sustainable does not affect the delivery of the sustainable investment objective, as these investments are neutral to such objective.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objectives.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1873225616/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Corporate Hybrid Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, XD, FD, TFC, TFD, FC10 CHF FCH, CHF LCH USD FCH, USD LCH, USD LDMH, USD FDH, USD FDQH SGD LDMH	EUR CHF USD SGD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, XC, XD, CHF FCH, USD FCH, USD FDH, USD FDQH, FD, TFC, TFD, FC10 LC, LD, CHF LCH, USD LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LDMH	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, CHF FCH, USD FCH, USD FDH, USD FDQH, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD, CHF LCH, USD LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LDMH XC, XD FC10	up to 0.6% up to 0.9% up to 0.2% up to 0.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, XD, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, USD FCH, USD LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LDMH, USD FDH, USD FDQH, FD, TFC, TFD, FC10	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, XD, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, USD FCH, USD LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LDMH, USD FDH, USD FDQH, FD, TFC, TFD, FC10	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD XC, XD, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, USD FCH, USD LCH SGD LDMH, USD LDMH, USD FDH USD FDQH FD TFC, TFD FC10	July 06, 2015 October 15, 2015 December 15, 2016 January 30, 2017 March 15, 2017 December 5, 2017 February 28, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Corporate Hybrid Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Corporate Hybrid Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may invest globally in interest-bearing securities, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments and liquid assets.

At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in hybrid bonds issued by corporate issuers.

Hybrid bonds are bonds, which due to their structure have both debt and equity capital characteristics. Equity-like features can include loss participations and profit-linked interest payments.

Debt-like features can include a fixed maturity date or call dates fixed on issue, which are frequently associated with hybrid bonds.

Hybrid bonds also encompass subordinated bonds (Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds), dividend-right certificates, convertible and warrant-linked bonds as well as insurance company subordinated bonds.

Up to 49% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in subordinated bonds.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities (via exercising conversion rights), including convertible preference shares, perpetual preferred stock and perpetual preferred securities.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

Derivatives may be used for hedging and investment purposes.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is

eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a



moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these

objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s’ assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance,

risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Additional information**

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

**Risk management**

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

**Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**ISIN:** LU1245923484

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested globally in interest-bearing securities, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments and liquid assets. At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in hybrid bonds issued by corporate issuers. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in subordinated bonds.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and



environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of

“E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

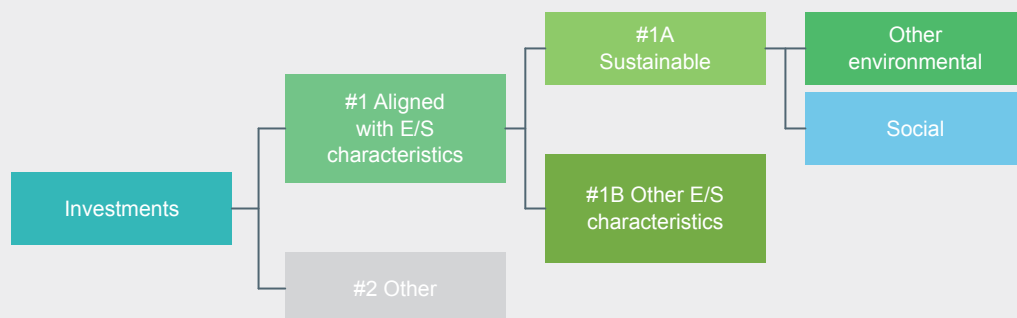
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

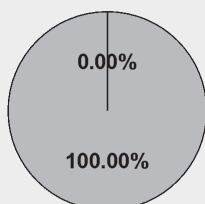


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

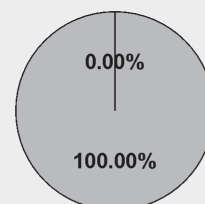
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1245923484/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Credit Opportunities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	(absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC	0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC	up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC	April 30, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Credit Opportunities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a

sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Credit Opportunities is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets may be invested globally in the following instruments:

- interest-bearing debt securities issued by sovereign institutions (central banks, government agencies, government authorities and supra-national institutions) from developed countries or Emerging Markets;
- corporate bonds issued by companies from developed countries or Emerging Markets that may or may not offer an investment-grade status at the time of acquisition;
- covered bonds;
- convertible bonds;
- contingent convertibles;
- subordinated bonds.

The sub-fund's investments in the above-mentioned assets may account for up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets each. Furthermore, equity-linked derivatives may be used to achieve the sub-fund's objective. At least 90% of the sub-fund's assets have a rating of B or higher. Not more than 10% may have a rating of CCC+, CCC or CCC- or the equivalent rating of a different rating agency.

Derivatives may be used for hedging and investment purposes.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The term "asset-backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations.

At least 95% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.



As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by

means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to

determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

The term "asset-backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage backed securities and collateralized debt obligations.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk disclaimer**

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

### **Additional information**

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 100%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 200%. The calculation is performed in line with the guide-

lines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Risk management**

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund, it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Credit Opportunities

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493000JDDVBZ8UZSN12

**ISIN:** LU1968688876

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested worldwide in government bonds, bonds of near-government issuers, asset backed securities and covered bonds. Near-government issuers include central banks, government authorities, regional authorities and supra-national institutions. Corporate bonds and bonds of emerging-market issuers may be included. At least 90% of the sub-fund's assets have a rating of B or higher. Not more than 10% may have a rating of CCC+, CCC or CCC- or the equivalent rating of a different rating agency. At least 95% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**



The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

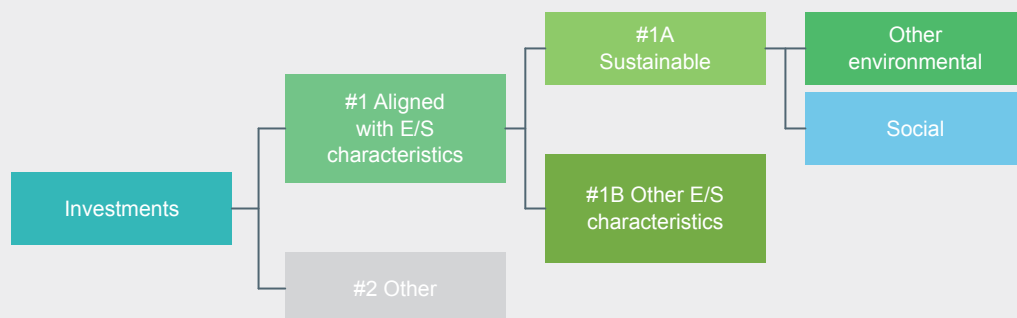


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

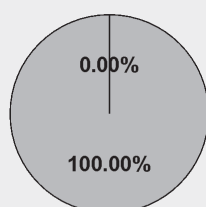


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

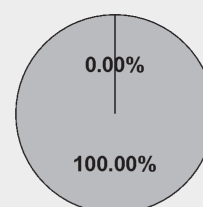
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1968688876/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI Euro

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	EURO STOXX 50 Net Return EUR, administered by STOXX Ltd.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	EURO STOXX 50 Net Return EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IC, LC, LD, TFC, NC, IC50, TFD USD LCH, USD TFCH	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IC, TFC, NC, IC50, USD TFCH , TFD LC, LD USD LCH	0% up to 2% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC, TFC, USD TFCH , TFD LC, LD, USD LCH NC IC50	up to 0.5% up to 1% up to 2% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC, LC, LD, TFC, USD LCH, NC, IC50, USD TFCH , TFD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IC, IC50 LC, LD, TFC, USD LCH, NC, USD TFCH , TFD	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IC, LC, LD, TFC, USD LCH NC IC50 USD TFCH TFD	August 28, 2018 November 15, 2018 January 31, 2019 February, 26, 2021 April 15, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Euro, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Euro is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap Eurozone equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Euro investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select shares of approximately thirty issuers with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising the largest Eurozone equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. In addition, stocks with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than thirty shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be investment strategy. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when the CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than that of the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the thirty lowest CROCI Economic P/Es among shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the thirty shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately thirty constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately thirty

shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than thirty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted

by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of



workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Sovereign Assessment

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The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

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- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well

as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always

designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E, which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

#### CROCI Strategies

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### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Legal entity identifier:** 549300E42GKGVU82TT24

**ISIN:** LU1769938041

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in large cap Eurozone equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Euro investment strategy. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer

will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

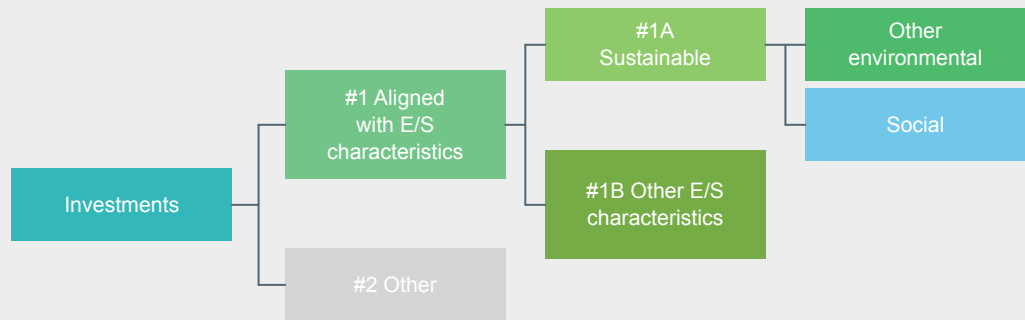
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

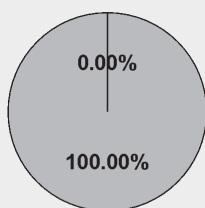


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

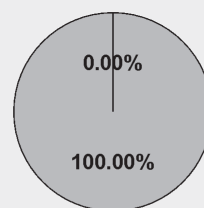
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

*\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures*

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769938041/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest CROCI Europe SDG

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Europe Net Return EUR Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on the London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IC EB, TFC LC	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC EB LC TFC	up to 0.4% up to 1% up to 0.5%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IC EB LC, TFC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC	August 28, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Europe SDG, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Europe SDG is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in predominantly large cap, European equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Europe SDG investment strategy, and that are considered to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The outcome of following the rules-based and systematic investment strategy will be a concentrated portfolio derived by selecting shares based on CROCI metrics including, but not limited to, low positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E"). Eligible shares are selected from a universe comprising the predominantly largest European companies by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics (ESG assessment methodology) as well as with the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology detailed below.

### ESG assessment methodology

The sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to

engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio

weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### DWS SDG investment assessment methodology

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy’s

rules, at least 80% of the investment strategy’s (and consequently the sub-fund’s) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores “A” to “C”) of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

However, if the investment strategy’s allocation to issuers with letter scores “A” to “C” subsequently falls below 80% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in score of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation below 80% in issuers with SDG scores “A” to “C” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy’s rules. However, if the investment strategy’s allocation to issuers with letter score “D” subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in DWS SDG investment assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### Sustainability investment assessment methodology

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as well as the ESG assessment methodology in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 50% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assess-

ment methodology and DWS SDG investment assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Portfolio optimization techniques may be utilised by the investment strategy in analysing the risk profile of eligible shares (in absolute terms or relative to a benchmark) and in determining the final investment strategy constituents and weights. The investment strategy may also utilise techniques and consider factors which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the sub-fund during re-compositions to circumstances when the CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than that of the proposed replacement share. In addition, the strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity and transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. In order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional

shares and may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;

- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of

company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

#### CROCI Strategies

The CROCI strategies (each a "Strategy" and together the "Strategies") are devised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, which is part of DWS Investments UK Limited ("CROCI"), and have been licensed for use by DWS Invest. CROCI is a registered trademark of DWS. The CROCI sub-funds in the DWS Invest SICAV (the "Sub-Funds") are not sponsored or sold by DWS CROCI and DWS CROCI has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Sub-Funds. No representation, warranty or condition, express or implied, is given or assumed by DWS CROCI with respect to any Sub-Fund and DWS CROCI shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to any party for any loss or charges arising in connection with any Sub-Fund. DWS CROCI has no obligation to take the needs of any of its licensees or the owners of the Sub-Funds into consideration in determining or composing the Strategies.

DWS CROCI does not undertake any discretionary or non-discretionary asset management and does not make any suggestions or recommendations (including, without limitation, any investment recommendations), whether express or implied, in relation to any financial instruments, issuers, Sub-Funds or the Strategies and does not express any opinions in relation to the, present or future value or price of financial instruments. Inclusion of a financial instrument in a Strategy is not a recommendation by CROCI to buy, sell or hold such security, nor shall it be considered investment advice or a recommendation in any manner or form.

DWS CROCI provides no representation, guarantee or warranty, whether express or implied, as to the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, completeness

or fitness for a particular purpose of the Strategies, any data or information related thereto nor as to the results obtained by any of its users. DWS CROCI shall in no way be liable for any errors, inaccuracies, omissions or delays relating to the Strategies or any related data and shall have no obligation to update, modify or amend any Strategy or any related data in the event that it proves inaccurate.

#### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS SDG Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the allocation to issuers contributing to the UN SDGs
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

**X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversitysensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as well as the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly large cap, European equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Europe SDG investment strategy, and that are considered to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The sub-fund manager considers in its asset allocation the resulting scores from the SDG investment methodology. At least 80% of the investment strategy's (and consequently the sub-fund's) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next

regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of "D" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant.

Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### • DWS SDG investment assessment methodology

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules, at least 80% of the investment strategy's (and consequently the sub-fund's) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter scores "A" to "C" subsequently falls below 80% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in score of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation below 80% in issuers with letter scores "A" to "C" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in DWS SDG investment



assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

#### **Good governance**

practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 50% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

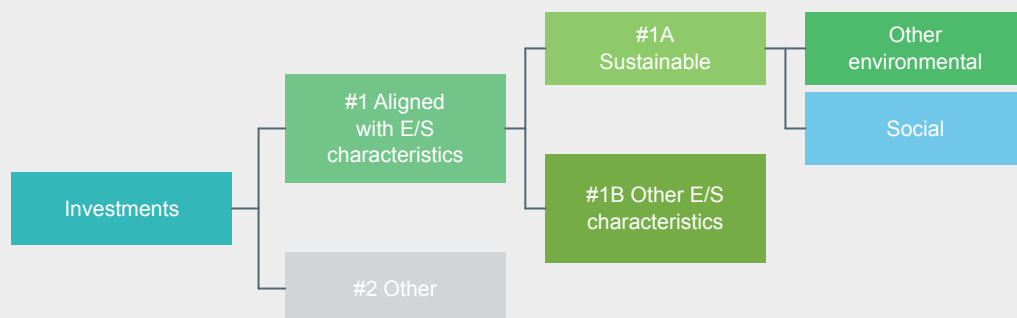
Up to 20% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

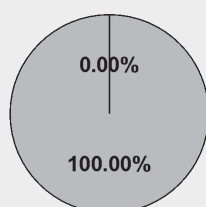


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

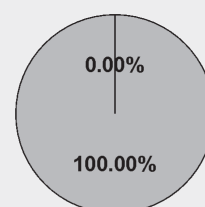
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769938637/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI Global Dividends

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI World Net Total Return Index, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World Net Total Return Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, GBP LC, GBP TFC IC, ID, LC, LD, TFC USD IC, USD LC, USD LDQ	GBP EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, GBP TFC, IC, ID, TFC, USD IC GBP LC, LC, LD, USD LC, USD LDQ	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, GBP TFC, IC, ID, TFC, USD IC GBP LC, LC, LD, USD LC, USD LDQ	up to 0.65% up to 1.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, GBP LC, GBP TFC, IC, ID, LC, LD, TFC, USD IC, USD LC, USD LDQ	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, IC, ID, USD IC GBP LC, GBP TFC, LC, LD, TFC, USD LC, USD LDQ	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	GBP IC, GBP ID, GBP LC, GBP TFC, IC, ID, LC, LD, TFC, USD IC, USD LC, USD LDQ	August 30, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Global Dividends, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Global Dividends is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap developed market global equities that are considered undervalued and offer comparatively high and sustainable dividend yield according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Global Dividends investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select shares of approximately fifty issuers with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising of the largest developed market global equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. The investment strategy will also exclude from selection any stocks that do not pass a series of dividend sustainability screens based on cash returns (further described below under "CROCI Sustainable Dividends Process"), financial leverage and volatility, stocks paying zero dividends and stocks with a below median current dividend yield. In addition, stocks with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than fifty shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be included in the investment strategy. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher or its dividend yield is sufficiently lower than that of the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the fifty lowest CROCI Economic P/Es or above median dividend yield of shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the fifty shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es or having an above median dividend yield. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately fifty constitu-

ents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity and transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately fifty selected shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than fifty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment method-

ology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of

the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental



objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- (i) Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- (ii) Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- (iii) Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

## CROCI Sustainable Dividends Process

The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group believe that the ability of a company to continue to pay dividends may be dependent upon both the financial strength and cash-generation capabilities of the company. This has led to the development of a "sustainable dividends" investment strategy that attempts to identify and exclude

shares that may have a higher risk of a future dividend cut. Therefore, when attempting to identify companies that are attractive in the dividend investment strategy, shares with the highest financial leverage and lowest cash returns are filtered from the selection process. In addition, shares with the highest price volatility and those with a below- median dividend yield are also excluded.

### **CROCI Strategies**

The CROCI strategies (each a “Strategy” and together the “Strategies”) are devised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, which is part of DWS Investments UK Limited (“CROCI”) and have been licensed for use by DWS Invest. CROCI is a registered trademark of DWS. The CROCI sub-funds in the DWS Invest SICAV (the “Sub-Funds”) are not sponsored or sold by DWS CROCI and DWS CROCI has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Sub-Funds. No representation, warranty or condition, express or implied, is given or assumed by DWS CROCI with respect to any Sub-Fund and DWS CROCI shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to any party for any loss or charges arising in connection with any Sub-Fund. DWS CROCI has no obligation to take the needs of any of its licensees or the owners of the Sub-Funds into consideration in determining or composing the Strategies.

DWS CROCI does not undertake any discretionary or non-discretionary asset management and does not make any suggestions or recommendations (including, without limitation, any investment recommendations), whether express or implied, in relation to any financial instruments, issuers, Sub-Funds or the Strategies and does not express any opinions in relation to the present or future value or price of financial instruments. Inclusion of a financial instrument in a Strategy is not a recommendation by CROCI to buy, sell or hold such security, nor shall it be considered investment advice or a recommendation in any manner or form.

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### **Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of

benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund’s securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager’s evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (“risk benchmark”).

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund’s assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are predominantly in large cap developed market global equities that are considered undervalued and offer comparatively high and sustainable dividend yield according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Global Dividends investment strategy.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the



reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

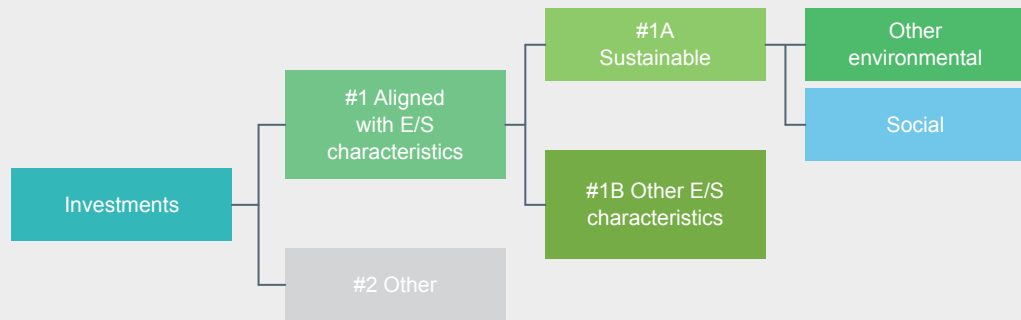
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

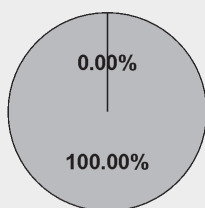


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

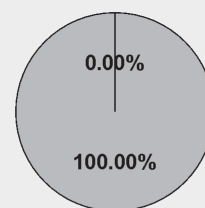
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769944106/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI Intellectual Capital ESG

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI World NR in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World NR in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC, XC USD LC, USD TFC, USD XC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IC EB, TFC, USD TFC, USD XC, XC LC, USD LC	up to 0% up to 2%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC EB, USD XC, XC LC, USD LC TFC, USD TFC	up to 0.3% up to 0.9% up to 0.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC, USD LC, USD TFC, USD XC, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IC EB LC, TFC, USD LC, USD TFC, USD XC, XC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IC EB, LC, TFC, USD LC, USD TFC, USD XC, XC	April 15, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Intellectual Capital ESG, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Intellectual Capital ESG is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in large and mid-cap firms in any industry (in those countries classified as developed or emerging markets by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group) that have intellectual capital according to the CROCI methodology and the systematic CROCI Intellectual Capital investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select shares that are identified by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group as having intellectual capital, which is defined and calculated by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group as research & development (R&D) and advertising (brand) assets. Company accounts generally do not treat intellectual capital as an asset because an asset is financed by a capital expenditure. R&D and advertising are typically represented as operating expenses, which appear as costs on the income statement but not as assets on the balance sheet. These expenses are traditionally assumed to have an expected economic benefit of only one year and are therefore categorized as operating expenditures rather than capital investment. However, capital expenditures are investment in buying or developing assets, which are expected to generate sales well beyond the current year, which is why the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group include them as assets on the balance sheet. The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group include R&D and Brands on the balance sheet because they believe that investment into these intellectual property assets can continue to generate revenues in the years after they are spent. Therefore, R&D Investment for product development and advertising investment to establish and grow brands should be treated as capital expenditures rather than annual expenses. Companies, which do not report either R&D expense or Advertising expense do not have intellectual capital and are therefore not eligible to be in the Strategy.

The investment strategy will generally select approximately one hundred shares out of the CROCI company coverage universe using the following rules-based approach:

- (1) Identify companies with intellectual capital as determined by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group;
- (2) Exclude companies with low growth potential (lowest risk-adjusted cash returns) and high financial risk (high financial leverage) as determined by the CROCI Intellectual Capital investment strategy; and other risks including but not limited to ESG risks; and
- (3) Utilise portfolio optimisation to further reduce the number of remaining eligible shares in order to select approximately one hundred shares whose portfolio weights will be based on each company's CROCI Equity Earnings, having a risk profile that is similar to that of the entire list of remaining eligible shares while also accounting for residual ESG risks. In addition, the Strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares.

In the event that fewer than one hundred shares under CROCI coverage are identified as having intellectual capital, the Strategy and therefore the sub-fund may have fewer than one hundred different shares. The sub-fund operates on a net total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares with the appropriate local withholding taxes applied.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately one hundred shares that the sub-fund will invest in). In order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time.

The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the Strategy into the sub-fund.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

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The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the

sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of "D" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates

(1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activi-

ties or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area

and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### CROCI Intellectual Capital Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return on Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional financial analysis (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. CROCI Intellectual Capital is a proprietary measure of a company's intangible assets which are capitalised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group for the purpose of providing a better economic understanding of the company. The CROCI Intellectual Capital methodology considers operating expenses such as research and development expense (which create R&D intellectual capital) and advertising expenses (which creates brand intellectual property) as genuine assets if they are deemed by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group to potentially contribute to revenue generation in the years after those expenses are reported. Therefore, for the purposes of the CROCI Intellectual Capital investment strategy, the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group will systematically treat R&D and advertising expenses as capital expenditures rather than operating expenditures, which results in the addition of intellectual capital assets on the company's balance sheet and an adjustment to depreciation of those assets.

Among others, this sub-fund will make use of CROCI Capitalised Intangibles, CROCI Equity Earnings and the CROCI Economic Earnings proprietary information which are determined by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group. CROCI

Capitalised Intangibles represent the treatment of company reported research and development expense and advertising expense as depreciable fixed assets which are capitalised on the company's balance sheet and impact the company's depreciation accordingly. CROCI Equity Earnings is the share of CROCI Economic Earnings attributable to shareholders by taking into account the impact of financial leverage on a company's total earnings. CROCI Economic Earnings are the earnings of a company as determined by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group based upon detailed assessment and adjustment of company financial statements according to the CROCI methodology.

### CROCI Strategies

The CROCI strategies (each a "Strategy" and together the "Strategies") are devised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, which is part of DWS Investments UK Limited, and have been licensed for use by DWS Invest SICAV. CROCI is a registered trademark of DWS. The CROCI sub-funds in the DWS Invest SICAV (the "Sub-Funds") are not sponsored or sold by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group and the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing, or trading of the Sub-Funds. No representation, warranty or condition, express or implied, is given or assumed by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group with respect to any Sub-Fund and the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to any party for any loss or charges arising in connection with any Sub-Fund. The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group has no obligation to take the needs of any of its licensees or the owners of the Sub-Funds into consideration in determining or composing the Strategies.

The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group does not undertake any discretionary or non-discretionary asset management and does not make any suggestions or recommendations (including, without limitation, any investment recommendations), whether express or implied, in relation to any financial instruments, Sub-Funds or the Strategies and their past, present, or future value. Inclusion of a financial instrument in a Strategy is not a recommendation by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group to buy, sell or hold such security, nor shall it be considered investment advice or a recommendation in any manner or form.

The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group provides no representation, guarantee or warranty, whether express or implied, as to the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, completeness, or fitness for a particular purpose of the Strategies, any data or information related thereto nor as to the results obtained by any of its users. The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group shall in no way be liable for any errors, inaccuracies, omissions, or delays relating to the Strategies or any related data and shall have no obligation to update, modify or amend any Strategy or any related data in the event that it proves inaccurate.

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested in large and mid-cap firms in any industry (in those countries classified as developed or emerging markets by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group) that have intellectual capital according to the CROCI methodology and the systematic CROCI Intellectual Capital investment strategy. The investment strategy will generally select approximately one hundred shares out of the CROCI company coverage universe.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next

regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of "D" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three

months.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or

several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

#### Good governance

practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### Asset allocation

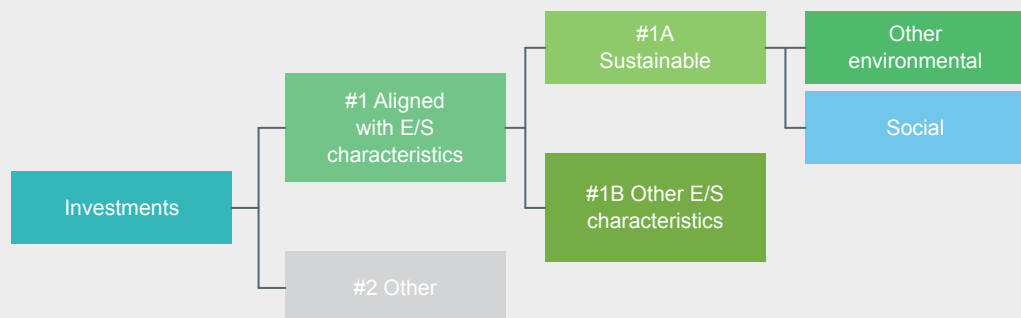
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.



How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.  
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

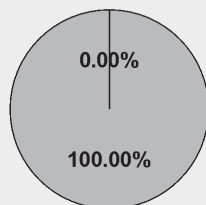


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

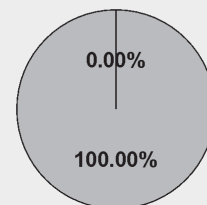
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.





What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1968687985/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI Japan

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	JPY
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	TOPIX 100, administered by Tokyo Stock Exchange.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	TOPIX 100
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	GBP TFC ICH, LCH, TFD JPY IC, JPY LC, JPY IC7500 USD ICH, USD TFC	GBP EUR JPY USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, JPY IC, USD ICH, JPY IC7500, TFD, USD TFC JPY LC, LCH	0% up to 2%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, JPY IC, USD ICH, TFD, USD TFC JPY LC LCH JPY IC7500	up to 0.5% up to 1% up to 1.3% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, JPY IC, JPY LC, LCH, USD ICH, JPY IC7500, TFD, USD TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	GBP TFC, JPY LC, LCH, TFD, USD TFC ICH, JPY IC, USD ICH, JPY IC7500	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, JPY IC, JPY LC, LCH, USD ICH JPY IC7500 TFD USD TFC	August 30, 2018 February 28, 2019 March 15, 2019 May 31, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Japan, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Japan is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap Japanese equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Japan investment strategy.

The investment strategy will generally select the thirty shares with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising the largest Japanese equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. In addition, stocks with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than thirty shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be included in the sub-fund. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the thirty lowest CROCI Economic P/Es among shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the thirty shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately thirty constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately thirty shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that

each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than thirty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with

article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting

data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards, which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

### CROCI Strategies

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### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Legal entity identifier:** 549300ZET7UNS8RIVP43

**ISIN:** LU1769942159

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap Japanese equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Japan investment strategy. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

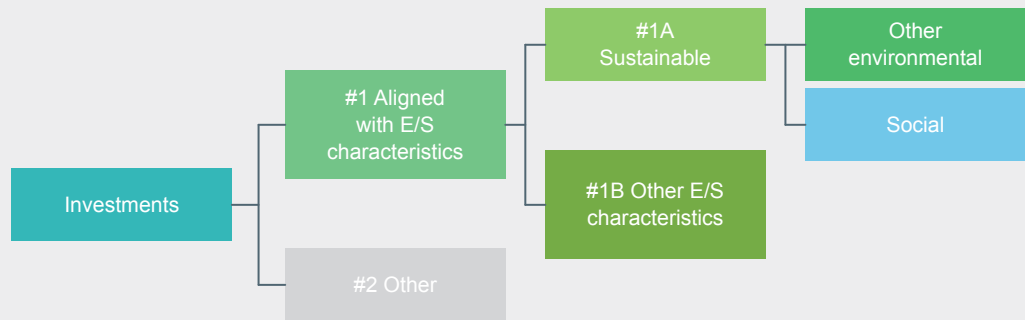
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

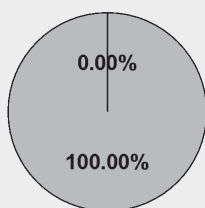


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

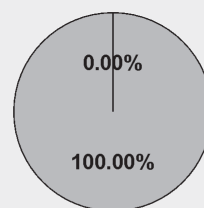
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769942159/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI Sectors Plus

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI World Net TR in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World Net TR in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, NC, XC, TFC, FCH (P), ICH (P), LCH (P), LDH (P), IC AUD ID NOK LCH USD IC, USD LC	EUR AUD NOK USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, XC, TFC, FCH (P), ICH (P), AUD ID, IC, USD IC LC, LCH (P), LDH (P), NOK LCH, USD LC NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, FCH (P), AUD ID, IC, USD IC LC, LCH (P), LDH (P), NOK LCH, USD LC NC XC ICH (P)	up to 0.75% up to 1.35% up to 2% up to 0.4% up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, XC, TFC, FCH (P), ICH (P), LCH (P), LDH (P), AUD ID, IC, NOK LCH, USD IC, USD LC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, NC, XC, TFC, FCH (P), LCH (P), LDH (P), NOK LCH, USD LC ICH (P), AUD ID, IC, USD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, NC, XC TFC FCH (P), ICH (P), LCH (P), LDH (P) AUD ID, IC, NOK LCH, USD IC, USD LC	August 28, 2018 December 5, 2017 May 24, 2018 September 14, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI Sectors Plus, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI Sectors Plus is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap global equities which are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Sectors Plus investment strategy.

The investment strategy is designed to select shares with the lowest CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from the three sectors with the lowest median CROCI Economic P/Es. The sectors eligible for selection are: Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples, Energy, Health Care, Industrials, Information Technology, Materials and Utilities. Within each sector the shares are selected from a universe comprising the largest developed market global equities by market capitalisation from the U.S., Europe and Japan and for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select approximately thirty shares using the following approach:

- (1) the three global sectors (from nine) with the lowest median CROCI Economic P/E are determined; and
- (2) the approximately ten shares with the lowest positive CROCI Economic P/E are selected from each of the sectors selected above in (1).

The investment strategy may exclude stocks with low liquidity from selection. In the event that fewer than ten shares in a selected sector have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, this sector will include only those shares that do have a positive CROCI Economic P/E and the sub-fund will have fewer than 30 different shares. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include but are not limited to limiting the replacement of an existing sector from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its median CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than the proposed replacement sector or limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy

during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a sector or a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the three lowest median CROCI Economic P/Es or one of the ten lowest CROCI Economic P/Es among shares eligible for selection. Equally, a sector may remain as a selected sector even if it is no longer one of the three sectors with the lowest median CROCI Economic P/E and a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the ten shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es in a selected sector. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining three sectors and approximately thirty constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the thirty selected shares that will make up the sub-fund) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance from trading large quantities of single stocks at one point in time, this re-composition may take place in stages over a period. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times consist of more than thirty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing any dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controver-

sial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and

Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are



measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more

than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **CROCI methodology**

The CROCI (Cash Return on Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- (i) Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- (ii) Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- (iii) Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies,

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest CROCI Sectors Plus

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
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- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
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- Goal 14: Life below water
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap global equities which are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI Sectors Plus investment strategy. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.



For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.



In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

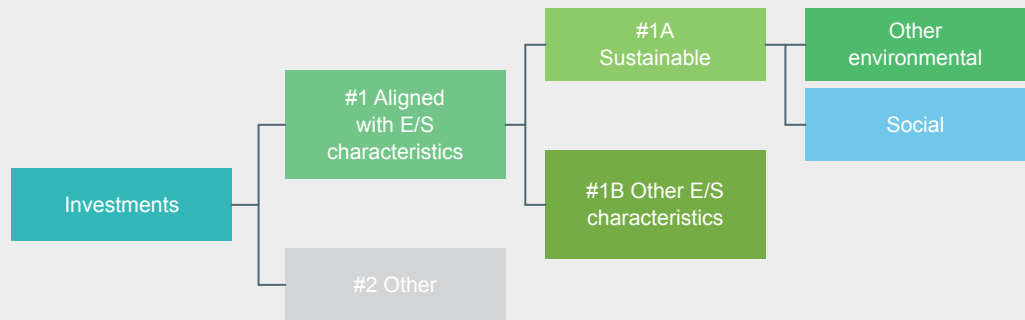
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

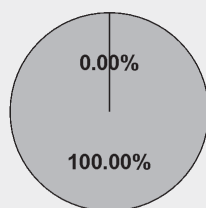


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

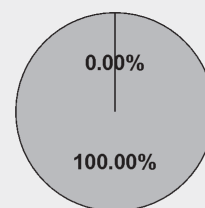
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1278917452/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI US

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	S&P 500 Net Total Return Index, administered by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	S&P 500 Net Total Return Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), NASDAQ Stock Market, American Stock Exchange and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	GBP TFC ICH, LC, LCH, IC USD IC, USD LC, USD TFC	GBP EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, USD IC, USD TFC, IC, TFC LC, LCH, USD LC	0% up to 2%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, USD IC, USD TFC, IC, TFC LC, LCH USD LC	up to 0.5% up to 1.3% up to 1%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, LC, LCH, USD IC, USD LC, USD TFC, IC, TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	GBP TFC, LC, LCH, USD LC, USD TFC, TFC ICH, USD IC, IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	GBP TFC, ICH, LC, LCH, USD IC, USD LC, USD TFC IC TFC	August 30, 2018 November 15, 2018 November 30, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI US, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI US is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap US equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI US investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select approximately forty shares with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising the largest US equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. In addition, stocks with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than forty shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be included in the investment strategy. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the forty lowest CROCI Economic P/Es among shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the forty shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately forty constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately forty

selected shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than forty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options, or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
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Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further

described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as

being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- (i) Instead of price (market capitalization), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- (ii) Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- (iii) Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

### CROCI Strategies

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# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap US equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI US investment strategy.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.



For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

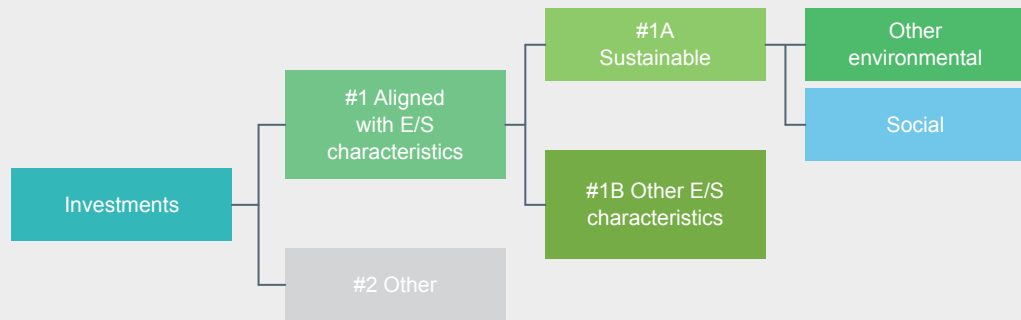
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

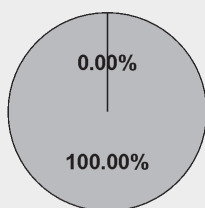


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

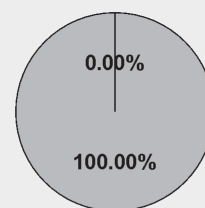
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

*\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures*

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

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### **Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund’s securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in

securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager’s evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (“risk benchmark”). Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund’s assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



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## DWS Invest CROCI US Dividends

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	S&P 500 Net Total Return Index, administered by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	S&P 500 Net Total Return Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt, that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), NASDAQ Stock Market, American Stock Exchange and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	TFC, TFD USD IC, USD ID, USD LC, USD LD, USD IC50, USD TFC, LC, NC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	TFC, USD IC, USD ID, USD IC50, USD TFC, TFD USD LC, USD LD, LC NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	TFC, USD IC, USD ID, USD TFC, TFD USD LC, USD LD, LC USD IC50 NC	up to 0.5% up to 1% up to 0.35% up to 2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	TFC, USD IC, USD ID, USD LC, USD LD, USD IC50, USD TFC, TFD, LC, NC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	TFC, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC, TFD, LC, NC USD IC, USD ID, USD IC50	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	TFC, USD IC, USD ID, USD LC, USD LD USD IC50 USD TFC TFD LC, NC	August 28, 2018 February 28, 2019 March 31, 2021 April 15, 2021 May 13, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI US Dividends, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI US Dividends is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap US equities that are considered undervalued and offer comparatively high and sustainable dividend yield according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI US Dividends investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select approximately forty shares with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising the largest US equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/E's are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. The investment strategy will also exclude from selection any stocks that do not pass a series of dividend sustainability screens based on cash returns (further described below under "CROCI Sustainable Dividends Process"), financial leverage and volatility, stocks paying zero dividends and stocks with a below median current dividend yield. In addition, stocks with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than forty shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be included in the sub-fund. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher or its dividend yield is sufficiently lower than that of the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the forty lowest CROCI Economic P/E's or above median dividend yield of shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the forty shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/E or having an above median dividend yield. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately forty constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may

consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately forty shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than forty different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of

success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may

only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly

specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E, which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- (i) Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- (ii) Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- (iii) Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

## CROCI Sustainable Dividends Process

The CROCI Investment and Valuation Group believe that the ability of a company to continue to pay dividends may be dependent upon both the

financial strength and cash-generation capabilities of the company. This has led to the development of a “sustainable dividends” investment strategy that attempts to identify and exclude shares that may have a higher risk of a future dividend cut. Therefore, when attempting to identify companies that are attractive in the dividend investment strategy, shares with the highest financial leverage and lowest cash returns are filtered from the selection process. In addition, shares with the highest price volatility and those with a below-median dividend yield are also excluded.

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### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their

administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund’s securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager’s evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (“risk benchmark”).

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund’s assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest CROCI US Dividends

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493002IABFLPMN5KN63

**ISIN:** LU1769942746

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap US equities that are considered undervalued and offer comparatively high and sustainable dividend yield according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI US Dividends investment strategy.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the

reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

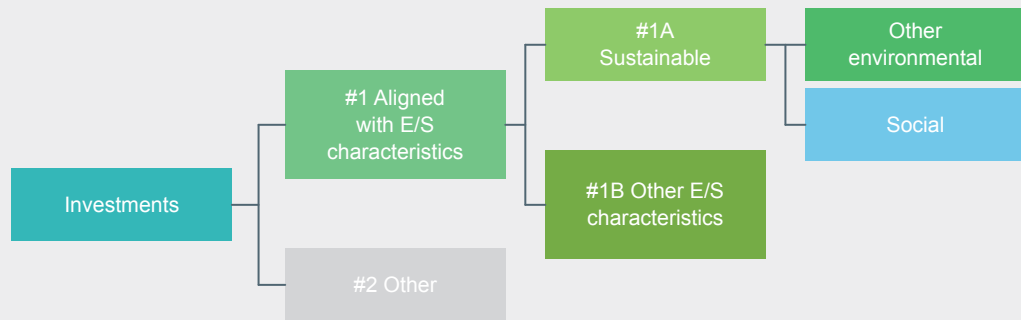
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

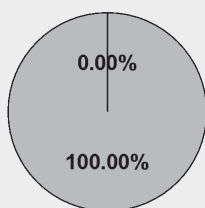


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

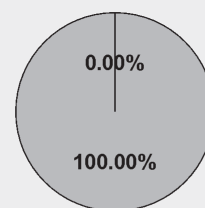
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

*\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures*

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769942746/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI World

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI Daily TR Net World, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Daily TR Net World
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IC, ID, LC, TFC USD IC, USD LC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IC, ID, USD IC, TFC LC, USD LC	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC, ID, USD IC, TFC LC, USD LC	up to 0.65% up to 1.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IC, ID, LC, USD IC, USD LC, TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IC, ID, USD IC LC, USD LC, TFC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IC, ID, LC, USD IC, USD LC TFC	August 28, 2018 November 30, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI World, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI World is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in large cap developed market global equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI World investment strategy.

Subject to the application of the ESG assessment methodology described below, the investment strategy will generally select approximately one hundred shares with the lowest positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E") from a universe comprising the largest developed market global equities by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated. Companies in the Financial and Real Estate sectors are not eligible for selection. The investment strategy attempts to match specific regional weightings and also limits exposure to a single economic sector to no more than 25%. As a result of the regional and sector constraints, fewer than 100 shares may be included in the investment strategy. In addition, shares with low liquidity may be excluded from selection. In the event that fewer than one hundred shares have a positive CROCI Economic P/E, only those shares with a positive CROCI Economic P/E will be included in the investment strategy. The investment strategy may also utilise rules-based techniques which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the investment strategy during re-compositions to circumstances when its CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than the proposed replacement share. Consequently, in some cases, a share may not be added during a sub-fund re-composition despite having one of the one hundred lowest CROCI Economic P/Es among shares eligible for selection. Equally, a share may remain in the sub-fund despite no longer being amongst the one hundred shares with the lowest CROCI Economic P/Es. These techniques have no impact on the investment strategy maintaining approximately one hundred constituents. In addition, the investment strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible

shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules (re-selecting the approximately one hundred shares that the sub-fund will invest in) with the intention that each constituent share is equally weighted. However, in order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. Consequently, the sub-fund may at certain times hold more or less than one hundred different shares and may not therefore be equally weighted at all times. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis, re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal

assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within

generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufac-

turing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the invest-



ments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment

limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### CROCI Methodology

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or "P/E" Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valuation and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- (i) Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- (ii) Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- (iii) Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or 'CROCI' is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

### CROCI Strategies

The CROCI strategies (each a "Strategy" and together the "Strategies") are devised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, which is part of DWS Investments UK Limited ("CROCI") and have been licensed for use by DWS Invest. DWS CROCI is a registered trademark of DWS. The CROCI sub-funds in the DWS Invest SICAV (the "Sub-Funds") are not sponsored or sold by DWS CROCI and DWS CROCI has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Sub-Funds. No representation, warranty or condition, express or

implied, is given or assumed by DWS CROCI with respect to any Sub-Fund and CROCI shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to any party for any loss or charges arising in connection with any Sub-Fund. DWS CROCI has no obligation to take the needs of any of its licensees or the owners of the Sub-Funds into consideration in determining or composing the Strategies.

DWS CROCI does not undertake any discretionary or non-discretionary asset management and does not make any suggestions or recommendations (including, without limitation, any investment recommendations), whether express or implied, in relation to any financial instruments, issuers, Sub-Funds or the Strategies and does not express any opinions in relation to the present or future value or price of financial instruments. Inclusion of a financial instrument in a Strategy is not a recommendation by CROCI to buy, sell or hold such security, nor shall it be considered investment advice or a recommendation in any manner or form.

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### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited

depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap developed market global equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI World investment strategy. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.



For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

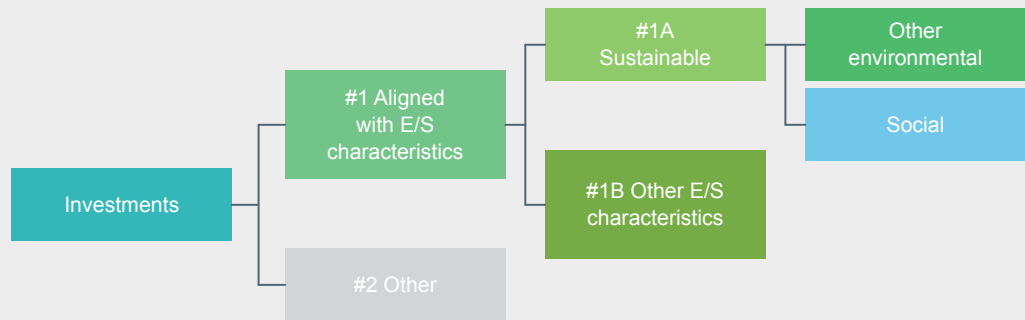
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

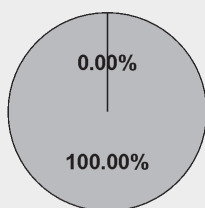


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

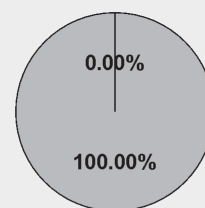
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769941003/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest CROCI World SDG

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments UK Limited, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Daily TR Net World
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and London Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	ID, LD, TFC USD IC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	ID, TFC, USD IC LD	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	ID, TFC, USD IC LD	up to 0.5% up to 1.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	ID, LD, TFC, USD IC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	ID, USD IC LD, TFC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	ID, LD, TFC, USD IC	August 30, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest CROCI World SDG, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest CROCI World SDG is to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in predominantly large cap, global developed market equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI World SDG investment strategy, and that are considered to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The outcome of following the rules-based and systematic investment strategy will be a concentrated portfolio derived by selecting shares based on CROCI metrics including, but not limited to, low positive CROCI Economic Price Earnings Ratio ("CROCI Economic P/E"). Eligible shares are selected from a universe comprising the largest global developed market companies by market capitalisation for which CROCI Economic P/Es are calculated.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics (ESG assessment methodology) as well as with the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology detailed below.

### ESG assessment methodology

The sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to

engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio

weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### DWS SDG investment assessment methodology

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy’s rules, at least 80% of the investment strategy’s (and consequently the sub-fund’s) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the

highest three scores (letter scores “A” to “C”) of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

However, if the investment strategy’s allocation to issuers with letter scores “A” to “C” subsequently falls below 80% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in score of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation below 80% in issuers with SDG scores “A” to “C” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy’s rules. However, if the investment strategy’s allocation to issuers with letter score “D” subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in DWS SDG investment assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### Sustainability investment assessment methodology

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as well as the ESG assessment methodology in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 50% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assess-

ment methodology and DWS SDG investment assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Portfolio optimization techniques may be utilised by the investment strategy in analysing the risk profile of eligible shares (in absolute terms or relative to a benchmark) and in determining the final investment strategy constituents and weights. The investment strategy may also utilise techniques and consider factors which aim to reduce unnecessary portfolio turnover in order to reduce market impact and transaction costs. These techniques include, but are not limited to, limiting the replacement of an existing share from the sub-fund during re-compositions to circumstances when the CROCI Economic P/E is sufficiently higher than that of the proposed replacement share. In addition, the strategy may consider other factors such as liquidity, and transaction costs and, upon notification by the sub-fund to the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, market events in respect of the eligible shares. The sub-fund manager may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. In order to minimise impacts on performance when trading the sub-fund's assets, the sub-fund manager may take necessary steps to reduce the costs related to trading and market impact, including effecting the re-composition in stages over a period of time. The sub-fund operates on a total return basis,

re-investing dividends received in the purchase of additional shares and may consider risk limits when determining the implementation of the investment strategy into the sub-fund.

Further information on the investment strategy and the CROCI methodology can be found on the website of the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group [www.dws.com/croci](http://www.dws.com/croci).

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;

- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **CROCI Methodology**

The CROCI (Cash Return On Capital Invested) methodology is based on the belief that the data used in traditional valuations (i.e. accounting data) does not accurately appraise assets, reflect all liabilities or represent the real value of a company. This is because accounting rules are not always designed specifically for investors and often utilise widely differing standards which can make measuring the real asset value of companies difficult. For example, it is difficult to compare the price-to-earnings or “P/E” Ratio of a car manufacturing stock to that of a technology stock and equally difficult to compare a Japanese Utility to a U.S. Utility. The CROCI methodology seeks to generate data that will enable valuation comparisons on a consistent basis, resulting in an effective and efficient stock selection process targeting investment in real value. The investment strategy will primarily make use of the CROCI Economic P/E which is a proprietary measure of company valuation using the same relationships between valua-

tion and return as an accounting P/E ratio (i.e. price/book value divided by return on equity).

However, the CROCI Economic P/E substitutes alternative calculation inputs as follows:

- Instead of price (market capitalisation), the CROCI Enterprise Value is used as the economic measure of the market value of a company. It includes not only financial liabilities (e.g. debts) but also operational liabilities (e.g. warranties, pension underfunding, lease obligations and specific provisions).
- Instead of book value, the CROCI Net Capital Invested is used as the economic measure of the book value of a company. This is an assessment of the inflation-adjusted value of net assets.
- Instead of return on equity, the Cash Return on Capital Invested or ‘CROCI’ is used as the economic measure of return on equity. It is a measure of the cash earnings yield (or cash return) and is standardised for all companies, regardless of their sector or geographic location.

#### **CROCI Strategies**

The CROCI strategies (each a “Strategy” and together the “Strategies”) are devised by the CROCI Investment and Valuation Group, which is part of DWS Investments UK Limited (“CROCI”), and have been licensed for use by DWS Invest. CROCI is a registered trademark of DWS. The CROCI sub-funds in the DWS Invest SICAV (the “Sub-Funds”) are not sponsored or sold by DWS CROCI and DWS CROCI has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Sub-Funds. No representation, warranty or condition, express or implied, is given or assumed by DWS CROCI with respect to any Sub-Fund and DWS CROCI shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to any party for any loss or charges arising in connection with any Sub-Fund. DWS CROCI has no obligation to take the needs of any of its licensees or the owners of the Sub-Funds into consideration in determining or composing the Strategies.

DWS CROCI does not undertake any discretionary or non-discretionary asset management and does not make any suggestions or recommendations (including, without limitation, any investment recommendations), whether express or implied, in relation to any financial instruments, issuers, Sub-Funds or the Strategies and does not express any opinions in relation to the present or future value or price of financial instruments. Inclusion of a financial instrument in a Strategy is not a recommendation by CROCI to buy, sell or hold such security, nor shall it be considered investment advice or a recommendation in any manner or form.

DWS CROCI provides no representation, guarantee or warranty, whether express or implied, as to the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, completeness or fitness for a particular purpose of the Strategies, any data or information related thereto nor as to

the results obtained by any of its users. DWS CROCI shall in no way be liable for any errors, inaccuracies, omissions or delays relating to the Strategies or any related data and shall have no obligation to update, modify or amend any Strategy or any related data in the event that it proves inaccurate.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section “Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process”..

#### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives (“risk benchmark”).

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund’s assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer's environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS SDG Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the allocation to issuers contributing to the UN SDGs
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments



What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

**X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversitysensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as well as the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested predominantly in large cap, global developed market equities that are considered undervalued according to the CROCI methodology and the CROCI World SDG investment strategy, and that are considered to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). At least 80% of the investment strategy's (and consequently the sub-fund's) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) is prohibited from investing in that issuer, (even if it is eligible according to other categories) at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy holds a share whose issuer score in one of the relevant ESG categories subsequently deteriorates to a score below the eligibility threshold (for new investments) in that category, the investment strategy may in some cases continue to hold such a share until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months. If at the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy such issuer's letter score is still below the eligibility threshold in one of the relevant ESG categories, shares of such issuer will be removed from the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) as part of the reconstitution process, in accordance with the investment strategy's rules.

For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in climate risk rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high climate risk profile until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three

months.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "E" subsequently exceeds 5% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 5% in issuers with high severity of norm issues until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in norm assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of "D" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant.

Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons,

component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### • **DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules, at least 80% of the investment strategy's (and consequently the sub-fund's) net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter scores "A" to "C" subsequently falls below 80% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in score of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may in some cases continue to hold an allocation below 80% in issuers with letter scores "A" to "C" until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets at the time when the investment strategy is periodically reconstituted in accordance with the investment strategy's rules. However, if the investment strategy's allocation to issuers with letter score "D" subsequently exceeds 15% (due to drifts in portfolio weights because of differential price performance between holdings, or due to a change in DWS SDG investment assessment rating of individual issuers), the investment strategy (and consequently the sub-fund) may



in some cases continue to hold an allocation exceeding 15% in issuers with a letter score of “D” until the next regularly scheduled reconstitution of the investment strategy, potentially for a period of up to three months.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

#### **Good governance**

practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 50% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

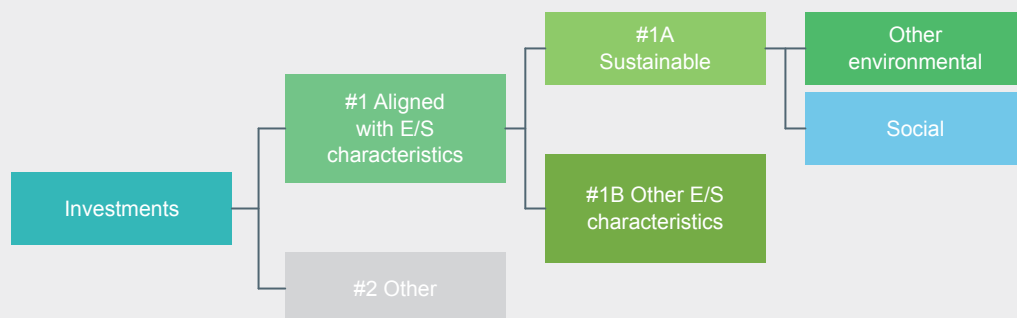
Up to 20% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.  
br>**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

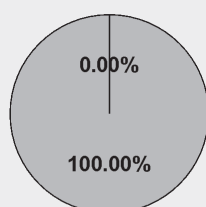


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

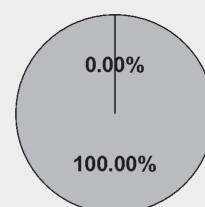
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1769941425/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Emerging Markets IG Sovereign Debt

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	JPM EMBI Global Diversified Investment-Grade, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	JPM EMBI Global Diversified
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IDH**, TFCH USD IC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IDH**, TFCH, USD IC	0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IDH**, USD IC TFCH	up to 0.4% up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IDH**, TFCH, USD IC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IDH**, USD IC TFCH	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IDH** TFCH USD IC	March 20, 2015 December 5, 2017 June 30, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the IDH share class is not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Emerging Markets IG Sovereign Debt, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Emerging Markets IG Sovereign Debt is to achieve sustained capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark JPM EMBI Global Diversified Investment-Grade.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in debt securities issued by sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns (government owned corporates/companies/agencies) from emerging markets or quasi-sovereigns conducting their principal business activity in such a country.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested into interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade (IG) status. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition.

In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second-best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

Emerging Markets are countries that are part of the index 'JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified' or that are classified as 'emerging market and developing economies' by the International Monetary Fund (World Economic Outlook). Countries listed as low or middle (both lower middle and higher middle) income by the World Bank will determine if a country is an emerging market if such country is not listed in the JP Morgan EMBI Global Div. index and if it is not classified as 'emerging market and developing economy' by the International Monetary Fund.

The sub-fund will not invest in any securities that are rated below B- by S&P or an equivalent rating from another rating agency as at the date of investment. In the event that any securities held by the sub-fund are subsequently downgraded to a rating below B-, the fund manager may maintain a maximum total exposure of 3% of the sub-fund's NAV to such downgraded securities but will divest any such security that has not been upgraded to a rat-

ing of at least B- within six months of its downgrade.

On a weighted average, the sub-fund's assets shall have an investment grade rating.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in Art. 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards (e.g. FX-forwards, non-deliverable forwards (NDFs)), futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### Involvement in Controversial Weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus. Non-deliverable forwards (NDFs) are forward currency transactions, which can be used to hedge the exchange rate between a freely convertible currency (usually the U.S. dollar or the euro) and a currency that is not freely convertible.

The following is stipulated in the NDF agreement:

- a specified amount in one of the two currencies,
- the forward price (NDF price),
- the maturity date,
- the direction (purchase or sale).

Unlike with a normal forward transaction, only a compensatory payment is made in the freely convertible currency on the maturity date. The amount of the compensatory payment is calculated from the difference between the agreed NDF price and the reference price (price on the maturity date). Depending on the price performance, the compensatory payment is either made to the purchaser or the seller of the NDF.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar

weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Emerging Markets Opportunities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified High Yield
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, FC, IC**, IC100, XC, ID50	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC FC, IC**, IC100, XC, ID50	up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC FC IC** IC100, XC ID50	up to 1.1% up to 0.6% up to 0.4% up to 0.2% up to 0.25%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, IC**, IC100, XC, ID50	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, FC, XC IC**, IC100, ID50	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, FC, IC**, IC100, XC ID50	January 15, 2018 August 31, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the IC share class is not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Emerging Markets Opportunities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Emerging Markets Opportunities is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing debt securities of issuers based in an Emerging Market or those that conduct their principal business activity in such a country.

Emerging Markets are defined as non-G7 and non-Western European countries.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities may only be invested into if (i) the debtor or issuing company of such investments is domiciled in the EEA or in a full member state of the OECD or (ii) if listed at a regulated market inside the EEA or admitted to the official market on an exchange in a state outside the EEA, or being included into a regulated market in such state. Such investments must be rated investment grade by the relevant recognised rating agencies (Moody's and S&P) or, if only one of these recognised rating agencies has rated the relevant investment, this rating shall be decisive, or, if no such external rating is available, there must be a positive assessment by the sub-fund manager of the credit quality of the receivables portfolio and of the security and profitability of the investment as a whole that is documented transparently.

The sub-fund will not invest in any securities that are rated below B- by S&P or an equivalent rating from another rating agency as at the date of investment. In the event that any securities held by the sub-fund are subsequently downgraded to a rating below B-, the sub-fund manager may maintain a maximum total exposure of 3% of the sub-fund's NAV to such downgraded securities but will divest any such security that has not been upgraded to a rating of at least B- within six months of its downgrade.

In case of split rating between three agencies (Moody's, S&P and Fitch), the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower

rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. If no internal rating is available, then the ratings of the issuer will be used.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments.

These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### Involvement in Controversial Weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment:

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be

justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

In extreme market situations, the Portfolio Manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily be invested in interest-bearing debt securities and money market instruments permissible under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio).

However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

- When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Emerging Markets Sovereign Debt

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	JPM EMBI Global Diversified, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	JPM EMBI Global Diversified
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	IDH**, LDH USD IC**, USD XC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	IDH**, USD IC**, USD XC LDH	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IDH**, USD IC** LDH USD XC	up to 0.4% up to 1.1% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	IDH**, LDH, USD IC**, USD XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	IDH**, USD IC** LDH, USD XC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	IDH**, LDH, USD IC** USD XC	March 25, 2015 January 31, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the IDH and USD IC share classes are not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Emerging Markets Sovereign Debt, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Emerging Markets Sovereign Debt is to achieve sustained capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark JPM EMBI Global Diversified.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in debt securities issued by sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns (government owned corporates/companies/agencies) from emerging markets or quasi-sovereigns conducting their principal business activity in such a country, denominated in USD or euro.

Emerging Markets are countries that are part of the index 'JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified' or that are classified as 'emerging market and developing economies' by the International Monetary Fund (World Economic Outlook). Countries listed as low or middle (both lower middle and higher middle) income by the World Bank will determine if a country is an emerging market if such country is not listed in the JP Morgan EMBI Global Div. index and if it is not classified as 'emerging market and developing economy' by the International Monetary Fund.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund will only invest into interest-bearing debt securities with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition.

In the event that any securities held by the sub-fund are subsequently downgraded to a rating below B-, the sub-fund manager may maintain a maximum total exposure of 3% of the sub-fund's NAV to such downgraded securities but will divest any such security that has not been upgraded to a rating of at least B- within six months of its downgrade.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments.

These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards (e.g. FX-forwards, non-deliverable forwards (NDFs), futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps,

forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

#### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

#### Involvement in Controversial Weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

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The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Non-deliverable forwards (NDFs) are forward currency transactions, which can be used to hedge the exchange rate between a freely convertible currency (usually the U.S. dollar or the euro) and a currency that is not freely convertible.

The following is stipulated in the NDF agreement:

- a specified amount in one of the two currencies,
- the forward price (NDF price),
- the maturity date,
- the direction (purchase or sale).

Unlike with a normal forward transaction, only a compensatory payment is made in the freely convertible currency on the maturity date. The amount of the compensatory payment is calculated from the difference between the agreed NDF price and the reference price (price on the maturity date). Depending on the price performance, the compensatory payment is either made to the purchaser or the seller of the NDF.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Enhanced Commodity Strategy

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return, administered by Bloomberg Index Services Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each day that is a bank business day in Luxembourg and a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular trading
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee. The applied expense cap of a share class will not exceed 0.10% p.a. based on the net asset value of the relevant share class.

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P) USD IC, USD TFC, USD LC LCH, TFCH, IC, LC CHF IC, CHF LC SDG LC	JPY USD EUR CHF SGD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P), USD IC, USD TFC, TFCH, CHF IC, IC LCH, CHF LC, LC, SDG LC, USD LC	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P), USD TFC, TFCH CHF IC, IC, USD IC LCH, CHF LC, LC, SDG LC, USD LC	up to 0.75% up to 0.65% up to 1.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P), USD IC, USD TFC, LCH, TFCH, CHF IC, CHF LC, IC, LC, SDG LC, USD LC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P), USD IC, CHF IC, IC USD TFC, LCH, TFCH, CHF LC, LC, SDG LC, USD LC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	JPY JC, JPY JCH (P), USD IC, USD TFC LCH, TFCH CHF IC, CHF LC, IC, LC, SDG LC, USD LC	October 15, 2018 March 15, 2019 May 7, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Enhanced Commodity Strategy the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Enhanced Commodity Strategy is to achieve a long-term capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return by investing primarily in the commodity markets. The sub-fund will gain exposure to a broad range of commodity sectors including, but not limited to agriculture, industrial and precious metals, and energy.

The fund manager will generally allocate the sub-fund's commodity-linked investments among a variety of different commodity sectors. Portfolio management employs three main strategies with respect to its commodity-linked investments: a relative value strategy, a tactical strategy, and a "roll enhancement" strategy. In implementing the relative value strategy, the fund manager will use a proprietary, quantitative, rules-based methodology in determining the sub-fund's commodity sector weightings relative to the benchmark index. The fund manager normally will rebalance commodity sector positions when a sector undergoes a "trigger event" (meaning a commodity price increase or decline relative to historical trend prices or relative to the change in prices in other commodities), reducing the sub-fund's exposure to commodity sectors that are believed to be "expensive" and increasing its exposure to sectors that are believed to be "cheap." The tactical strategy focuses on the direction of commodity markets as a whole. The fund manager will use a proprietary quantitative formula to adjust commodity exposure by using the returns from the most recent 12 months to create indicators based on whether the returns for the last up to 12 months were positive or negative. These indicators are then combined to determine the sub-fund's effective exposure in relation to Bloomberg commodity index. The exposure will be scaled from at least 50% of the sub-fund's net asset value to a maximum of 130% of its net asset value, depending on the sum of the positive indicators. The formula will exclude agriculture and livestock sectors, so far as any momentum-based strategies are concerned. In implementing the "roll enhancement" strategy, portfolio management seeks to invest in commodity contracts whose expiration is further out on the "commodity curve" than the subsequent month so as to avoid continually paying premiums to replace expiring contracts. "Commodity contracts" are commodity futures contracts which comprise the commodity indices in which the sub-fund may be invested. A commodity futures contract is a standardised agreement to buy or sell a set amount of a commodity, such as oil or gold, at pre-determined price and date. The fund manager may reduce the sub-fund's exposure to all commodity sectors when commodities in general appear overvalued.

The sub-fund may invest in financial derivatives whose underlying include commodity indices. Such commodity indices will qualify as financial indices comprised of various non-correlated, and sufficiently diversified commodities in accordance with ESMA guidelines (ESMA/2012/832). The sub-fund may not enter into any obligations regarding the transfer of physical commodities.

The sub-fund may also invest in listed bond futures.

The sub-fund may also invest in currency forward contracts whose maturities are within 120 days or less except NDF.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 100% of its assets in fixed Income investments of varying types and maturities including (i) government bonds, T-Bills, covered bonds, corporate bonds and bonds issued by financial institutions and inflation-linked bonds, ABS and MBS (ii) money market instruments excluding CPs and (iii) deposits and CPs whose maturities are within 120 days and (iv) cash and cash equivalents. The exposure to single issuer of fixed income investments including above (i) (ii) (iii) except a) deposits and CPs whose maturities are within 120 days, b) bonds issued or guaranteed by central/local government, central bank or quasi-government organizations in USA and c) bonds issued or guaranteed by international organizations (i.e. IBRD, ADB, IFC, ESM, EFSF) is up to 10%.

With respect to the sub-fund's fixed income investments, the fund manager uses a relative value style to seek to construct a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities. With respect to these investments, the fund manager normally targets a dollar-weighted average portfolio duration of three years or less, and primarily invests in fixed income securities that are at least rated BBB (rated by S&P and Fitch) or Baa (rated by Moody's), at the time of purchase. In the case of no rating, an Advisor rating of similar quality or an internal rating is applied.

A maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status at time of acquisition. Non-investment grade encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds.

The sub-fund will not invest in the instruments other than listed above.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assess-

ment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG

criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

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The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Additional information**

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 400%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 500%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed

expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

#### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed five times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest ESG Asian Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Total Return, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Total Return
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	CHF FCH FCH, ICH, LCH, LDH, NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH, PFCH, PFDQH, TFCH, TFDH SEK LCH SGD LDMH USD FC, USD IC, USD LC, USD LD, USD LDM, USD RC, USD TFC, USD FC100, USD IC500	CHF  EUR SEK SGD  USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	CHF FCH, FCH, ICH, PFCH, PFDQH, TFCH, TFDH, USD FC, USD FC100, USD IC, USD IC500, USD RC, USD TFC NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH LCH, LDH, SEK LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LD, USD LDM USD LC	0% up to 1.4% up to 3% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	USD IC500, USD RC USD FC100 ICH, USD IC CHF FCH, FCH, TFCH, TFDH, USD FC, USD TFC PFCH, PFDQH LCH, LDH, SEK LCH, SGD LDMH, USD LC, USD LD, USD LDM NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH	up to 0.15% up to 0.2% up to 0.4% up to 0.6% up to 0.8% up to 1.1% up to 1.4
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	CHF FCH, FCH, ICH, LCH, LDH, NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH, PFCH, PFDQH, SEK LCH, SGD LDMH, TFCH, TFDH, USD FC, USD FC100, USD IC, USD IC500, USD LC, USD LD, USD LDM, USD RC, USD TFC	0%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	ICH, USD IC, USD IC500, USD RC CHF FCH, FCH, LCH, LDH, NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH, PFCH, PFDQH, SEK LCH, SGD LDMH, TFCH, TFDH, USD FC, USD FC100, USD LC, USD LD, USD LDM, USD TFC,	0.01%  0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	ICH, TFCH, USD IC, USD LC, USD TFC USD FC100 USD IC500 CHF FCH, FCH, LCH, LDH, NCH, ND, NDH, NDQH, PFCH, PFDQH, SEK LCH, SGD LDMH, TFDH, USD FC, USD LD, USD LDM, USD RC, USD TFC	October 31, 2018 February 28, 2019 August 16, 2019  November 10, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Asian Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR..

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Asian Bonds is to generate an above benchmark return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund will predominantly invest in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in USD that are issued by companies based in Asia or those that conduct their principal business activity in an Asian jurisdiction. U.S. dollar bonds refer to APAC government related bonds (Agency, Local Authority, Supranationals and Sovereign) and corporate bonds (for e.g., Industrial, Utility, Financial Institutions).

A maximum of 49% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund's assets are predominately invested into interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition.

Essentially, an instrument would be classified as investment grade if the second-best rating of the three agencies (S&P, Moody's Fitch) is classified as investment grade.

If a security is rated by only two agencies instead of three, the lower of the two ratings will be used

for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

A maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (Moody's) or B- (S&P/Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months. In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps. At present, the sub-fund will not make use of total return swaps within the meaning of the SFTR.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assess-

ments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same

region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involve-

ment (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well



as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process"..

**Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

**Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

**Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Asian Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493009UAEL028SQYF79

**ISIN:** LU1859276286

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in USD that are issued by companies based in Asia or those that conduct their principal business activity in an Asian jurisdiction. U.S. dollar bonds refer to APAC government related bonds (Agency, Local Authority, Supranationals and Sovereign) and corporate bonds (for e.g., Industrial, Utility, Financial Institutions). The sub-fund's assets are predominately invested into interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 49% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria, cash and money market instruments. A maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (Moody's) or B- (S&P/Fitch) at time of acquisition. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered

individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.



The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

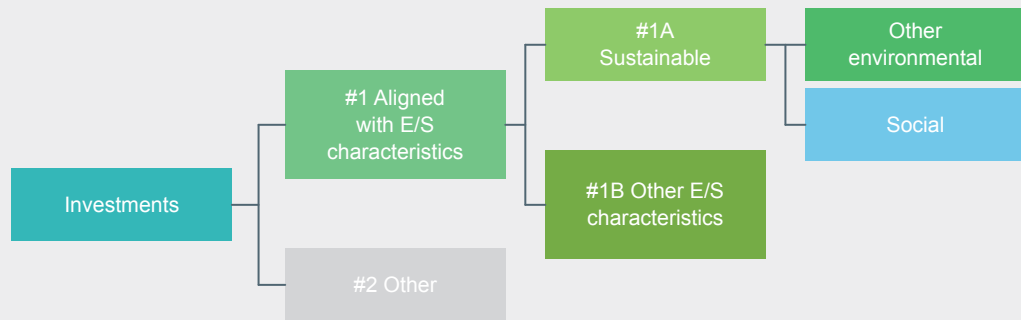
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

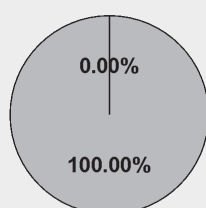


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

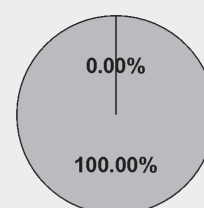
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1859276286/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Clean Energy

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	S&P Global Clean Energy Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Clean Energy, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR..

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The main investment objective of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Clean Energy is to achieve a long-term sustained capital appreciation in Euros.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for

securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's total assets are invested in equities of companies, which benefit from a shift to Clean Energy. The term "clean energy" is considering several aspects and nuances of non-fossil fuel-based business models besides the classical fields of application like energy production, energy transportation and energy storage. Clean energy either encompasses technologies that clean the carbon out of fossil fuels, or carbon free fuel sources. This includes solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, thermo, and nuclear. The sub-fund management intends to invest in the upstream and downstream supply chains of these companies.

A total of up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in

- equities and/or securities similar to equities issued by companies worldwide that do not meet the requirements as mentioned above.
- interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds issued by companies in the global infrastructure sector or by issuers in accordance with (a) above and which are denominated in any freely convertible currency.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits

with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

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as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 30% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates

(1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the

position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy can also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forward contracts, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument.

In particular, derivatives based on equities, bonds, currencies or recognized financial indices may also be acquired.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund’s gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund’s assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;



- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The opportunities afforded by an investment of this type are therefore countered by significant risks.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net pres-

ent value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Clean Energy

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 30% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests at least 80% in equities of companies which benefit from a shift to Clean Energy. The term "clean energy" is considering several aspects and nuances of non-fossil fuel-based business models besides the classical fields of application like energy production, energy transportation and energy storage. Clean energy either encompasses technologies that clean the carbon out of fossil fuels, or carbon free fuel sources. This includes solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, thermo, and nuclear. The sub-fund's management intends to invest in the upstream and downstream supply chains of these companies. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in equities and/or securities similar to equities issued by companies worldwide that do not meet the "clean energy" requirements and interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds issued by companies in the global infrastructure sector.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.



In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 30% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

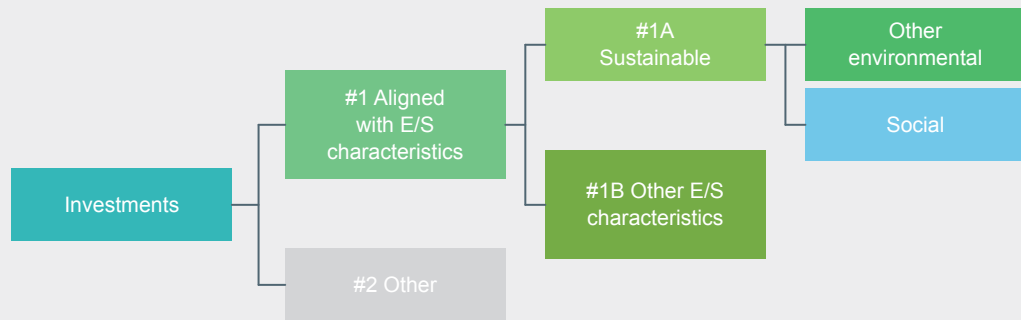
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

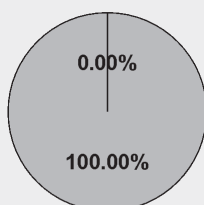


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

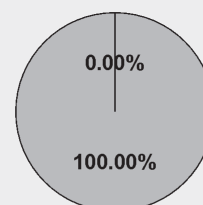
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 30% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 30% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/ATTENTION ERROR IN TAG!!! ISIN/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Climate Tech

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World AC Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, TFD, PFC, IC USD FC, USD LC, USD TFC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P) JPY FC GBP D RD	EUR USD JPY GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, XC, TFD, USD FC, USD TFC, PFC, JPY FC, USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD, IC LC, LD, USD LC, USD LCH (P) NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, TFD, USD FC, USD TFC, JPY FC, USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD LC, LD, USD LC, USD LCH (P) XC NC PFC IC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.5%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, TFD, USD FC, USD LC, USD TFC, PFC, JPY FC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD, IC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC, NC, TFD, USD FC, USD LC, USD TFC, PFC, JPY FC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC, XC NC TFD, USD FC, USD LC, USD TFC PFC JPY FC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P) GBP D RD IC	October 1, 2018 December 14, 2018 April 9, 2019 February 7, 2020 April 15, 2021 September 15, 2021 February 15, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Climate Tech, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Climate Tech is to achieve an above average appreciation of capital in Euros.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies that are primarily active in business areas suited to restricting or reducing climate change and its effects or help to adapt to it, specifically companies offering products, services and solutions helping to lower emissions by generating clean energy, transmit energy efficiently or increase energy efficiency, but also companies that are active in climate change impact management across areas like health, water, agriculture or disaster prevention/recovery.

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the

lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared



to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country’s governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good

governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 25% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus**

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock

exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Climate Tech

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300E3NA7HC2KH3T16

**ISIN:** LU1863261647

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 25% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests in equities and in equity linked instruments that are primarily active in business areas suited to restricting or reducing climate change, specifically companies offering products, services and solutions helping to lower emissions by generating clean energy, transmit energy efficiently or increase energy efficiency, but also companies that are active in climate change impact management across areas like health, water, agriculture or disaster prevention/recovery. Therefore at least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies. Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.



The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 25% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

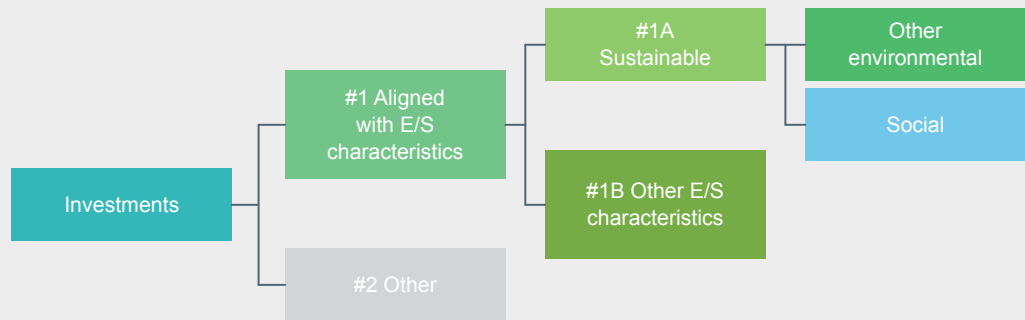
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

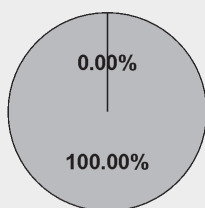


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

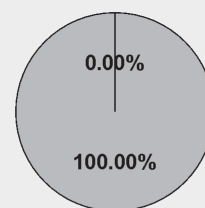
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1863261647/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Dynamic Opportunities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	80% MSCI WORLD ALL COUNTRY and 20% IBOXX EUR Overall
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, IC, LC, NC, PFC, TFC, FD USD FCH , USD ICH	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, IC, PFC, TFC, USD FCH , FD, USD ICH LC NC	0% up to 4% up to 2%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, USD FCH , FD IC, USD ICH LC NC PFC	up to 0.75% up to 0.4% up to 1.3% up to 1.8% up to 1.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, IC, LC, NC, PFC, TFC, USD FCH , FD, USD ICH	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, NC, PFC, TFC, USD FCH , FD IC, USD ICH	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, IC, LC, NC, PFC, TFC, USD FCH FD USD ICH	October 15, 2018 November 30, 2018 March 31, 2022
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Dynamic Opportunities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ('SFDR'). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

### 1. Investment objective and policy of DWS Invest ESG Dynamic Opportunities

DWS Invest ESG Dynamic Opportunities is a directive-compliant feeder fund (the "feeder fund") of the UCITS master fund DWS ESG Dynamic Opportunities (the "master fund").

As such, the feeder fund permanently invests at least 85% of its assets in units of the master fund.

The objective of the investment policy of the feeder fund is to enable investors to participate in the performance of the master fund. For this reason, the fund management actually strives to invest the full value of the feeder fund in the master fund, so that share certificate holders are able to participate in the performance of the master fund almost in full.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The feeder fund may hold up to 15% of its assets in liquid assets, including cash, cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits in accordance with the provisions of article 41 (2) of the Law of 2010 and financial derivative instruments, which may be used for hedging purposes only in accordance with article 41 (1) g) and article 42 (2) and (3) of the Law of 2010.

The feeder fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus at least 85% of the feeder fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in units of the master fund (equity fund).

The master fund reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) SFDR. Due to its predominant investment in the master fund, the feeder fund also reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) SFDR.

Via its predominant exposure to the master fund, at least 63% of the feeder fund's net assets are indirectly invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics. The ESG methodology of the master fund is further described in section 2.B. below.

Via its predominant exposure to the master fund, at least 12% of the feeder fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR.

Due to a lack of reliable data the feeder fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the feeder fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The management company of the master fund considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered via the feeder funds' predominant investment in the master fund.

This feeder fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

### Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this feeder fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this feeder fund are disclosed in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The feeder fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## 2. The master fund

### A. General information

The master fund, a collective investment undertaking with variable capital, was incorporated pursuant to Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities, which was most recently amended by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 23, 2014, amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions, as defined by the German Investment Code (KAGB). The registered office of the master fund is Mainzer Landstraße 17-19, 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

The management company of the master fund is DWS Investment GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 11-17, in 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

The Depositary of the master fund is State Street Bank International GmbH, Brienner Straße 59, 80333 Munich, Germany.

The Sales Prospectus, Key Information Document, the annual and semi-annual reports and further information about the master fund are available on request from the Management Company, as is the master feeder agreement between this feeder fund and the master fund.

### B. Investment objective and policy of the master fund

Through the master fund, the management company promotes environmental or social characteristics or a combination of these characteristics and qualifies the master fund according to article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosure obligations in the financial services ("SFDR").

The objective of the investment policy of DWS ESG Dynamic Opportunities is to achieve an above average appreciation of capital in Euros taking in account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets.

To achieve this objective, the master fund invests worldwide in asset classes including equities, interest-bearing securities, certificates, funds, derivatives, and money market instruments, among others.

The master fund acquires and sells the assets permitted under the German Investment Code (KAGB) and the Terms and Conditions of Investment in accordance with its assessment of economic and capital-market conditions and of future prospects on the exchanges.

At least 60% of the master fund's asset are invested in equities.

Up to 40% of the master fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities. Derivatives relating to interest-bearing securities and not intended for hedging shall be attributed to this limit accordingly.

Up to 40% of the master fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments, term deposits and bank balances respectively.

Between 5% and 10% of the master fund's assets may be invested in securities and money market instruments of the same issuer if the total value of the securities and money market instruments of these issuers does not exceed 40% of the master fund's assets.

Up to 25% of the master fund's assets may be held in bank balances.

The master fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in units of other funds ("investment fund units").

At least 75% of the master fund's assets must be invested in assets that meet defined ESG standards in relation to environmental, social and corporate governance criteria. When conducting their business activity, issuers consider the governance aspects in accordance with article 2(17) SFDR.

In order to determine whether and to what extent assets meet the defined ESG standards, a proprietary ESG database assesses assets according to ESG criteria independently of economic prospects.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions of the issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether assets meet ESG standards, including:

#### **Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, arms industry, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

When assessing issuers, the ESG database takes into consideration the share of total revenues that the issuers generate in the relevant business areas and business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the relevant business areas and business activities, the better the score.

#### **Exclusion Assessment in the sector "controversial weapons"**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are evaluated primarily according to the degree of their involvement in, among other things, the production of controversial weapons and their components.

#### **ESG Quality Assessment**

The ESG database distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the ESG database compares issuers based on their ESG quality. When assessing issuers, the ESG Quality Assessment takes into account different ESG factors such as the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics.

The ESG Quality Assessment adopts what is known as the "best in class" approach. In this, issuers receive an assessment relative to their peer group. The peer group is composed of companies from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in the peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score.

For sovereigns, the ESG database assesses the integrated government leadership while taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties.

#### **Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The ESG database evaluates the behaviour of issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or that are less exposed to such risks receive a better score.

#### **Norm Assessment**

The ESG database evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization, and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics.

#### **Assessment of investment fund units**

The ESG database assesses investment fund units according to the ESG Quality Assessment (with the exception of Sovereigns Assessment), Climate and Transition Risk Assessment and Norm Assessment.

The assets receive one of six possible scores in the individual assessment categories, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

Bank balances are not assessed.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the master fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the master fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG standards.

Assets that have a score of A-D in the individual assessment categories, a score of A-C in the Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors as well as in the Exclusion Assessment for the sector "controversial weapons" meet the ESG standards.

The respective scores for the assets are considered individually. If an asset in an assessment category has a score that is considered to be unsuitable in that assessment category, the asset cannot be acquired even if it has a score in another assessment category that would be suitable.

Up to 15% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have an ESG Quality Assessment score of D. Assets that receive an ESG Quality Assessment score of E are excluded as investment.

Up to 5% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have a Climate and Transition Risk Assessment score of E.

Up to 5% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have a Norm Assessment score of E.

Assets that receive a score of D or E in the Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors as well as in the Exclusion Assessment for the sector "controversial weapons" are excluded as investment. Assets that have a score of D are excluded as investment insofar as these are related to coal mining and coal-based power generation.

In addition, specifically in the case of the master fund, assets shall be excluded which are issued by:

- issuers that generate revenues from the manufacture or distribution of weapons outlawed based on international conventions (e.g., chemical weapons conventions),
- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from power generation or other use of fossil fuels (excluding natural gas),
- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from coal and crude oil,

- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from mining, exploration and services for oil sand and oil shale.

As a derogation, the green bonds, social bonds or similar bonds issued by the issuers excluded above may be acquired provided these bonds comply with the relevant Bond Principles of the ICMA (International Capital Market Association).

Please note:

Issuers that generate their revenues from activities related to power generation or other use of nuclear energy and natural gas as well as from the extraction of uranium or natural gas may be acquired for the investment fund.

Assets that receive a letter score of F in an assessment category are excluded as investment.

Up to 25% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that do not meet the ESG standards or are not assessed.

At least 15% of the master fund's assets shall be invested in sustainable investments as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation that contribute to achieving an environmental or social objective, whereby the sustainable investments meet the aforementioned ESG standards.

The management company uses data collected by several data providers, from public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine whether an economic activity is sustainable. Economic activities that make a positive contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are assessed based on turnover, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). Where a contribution is determined to be positive, the economic activity is deemed sustainable if the Does Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) and minimum safeguards assessments for the enterprise are positive.

For assets that meet the ESG standards, the management company of the master fund takes into consideration the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors based on the configuration of the investment limits:

- carbon footprint;
- GHG intensity of investee companies;
- exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector;
- emissions to water;
- violations of the UNGC principles and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and
- exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons).

In addition to the investment limits defined above and in the General Terms and Conditions of Invest-

ment, it applies for the purposes of bringing about a partial exemption as defined in the German Investment Tax Act (InvStG) that at least 60% of the master fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) will be invested in such equity capital investments as defined by article 2 (8) InvStG that are equities which are admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market ("equity funds").

The master -fund will not invest in contingent convertibles. In addition to the investment limits of the master fund described above and for the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act at least 60% of the master fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in such equity capital investments as defined in article 2 (8) of the German Investment Tax Act admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market (equity fund).

No assurance can be given that the objectives of the investment strategy will actually be achieved.

### Use of total return swaps

Total return swaps are entered into for the master fund for efficient portfolio management. In principle, all of the assets of the master fund may be the object of total return swaps. Up to 200% of the master fund's assets may be the object of such transactions. The management company of the master fund expects that not more than 100% of the master fund's assets will be the object of total return swaps in general cases. This, however, is only an estimated value, which can be exceeded in specific cases. The income from total return swaps – after deduction of transaction costs – accrues to the master fund in its entirety. The stated share of the master fund's net assets is not to be considered an additional investment limit for the master fund.

### C. Special agreements

The Management Company of the feeder fund and the management company of the master fund have entered into an information sharing agreement in accordance with the Law of 2010. It specifies, inter alia, the documents and categories of information to be routinely shared between the Management Company and the management company of the master fund, the information to be transmitted by the management company of the master fund to the Management Company in case the master fund breaches any of its legal or contractual obligations, the transmission of subscription and redemption orders and the suspension of subscriptions and redemptions.

The Shareholders may obtain further information on the master fund and the information sharing

agreement on request and free of charge at the registered office of the Management Company.

The Depositary of the feeder fund and the depositary of the master fund have entered into an information sharing agreement in accordance with the Law of 2010. It specifies, inter alia, the documents and categories of information to be routinely shared between both depositary and those which must be made available upon request, the manner and timing of transmission, the coordination of involvement of each depositary in operational matters in view of their duties under their respective national law, the coordination of accounting year-end procedures, reportable breaches committed by the master fund, the procedure for hedging purposes and in order to achieve the investment objective, ad hoc requests for assistance and particular contingent events reportable on an ad hoc basis.

The auditors of the feeder fund and the master fund have entered into an information sharing agreement in accordance with the Law of 2010. It specifies, inter alia, the documents and categories of information to be routinely shared between the auditors and those which must be made available upon request, the manner and timing of transmission of information, the coordination of involvement of each auditor in accounting year-end procedures of the feeder fund and the master fund, reportable irregularities identified in the master fund and standard arrangements for ad hoc requests for assistance.

### D. Risk profile of the master fund

The performance of the master fund is influenced in particular by the following factors, which give rise to both opportunities and risks:

- Risk of price changes in equities;
- Increased volatility.

In addition, the master fund may temporarily concentrate more or less intensively on particular sectors, countries or market segments. This, too, may give rise to opportunities and risks.

Please consult the master fund's prospectus for further detailed description of such risks and the general risks described in section "Risk Factors" of the master fund prospectus.

### 3. Costs and expenses to be borne by the feeder fund when investing in the master fund

The fees and expenses for the units of the master fund held in the feeder fund shall also be charged in the feeder fund. The fees charged by the management company of the master fund to the feeder fund include:

- The all-in fee of the master fund of 0.40%.

The following additional fees may also apply:

In addition to the all-in fee payable to the master fund's management company, the following additional expenses may also be charged to the feeder fund:

- Costs incurred in connection with the acquisition and sale of assets.
- Taxes imposed in connection with the fees payable to the master fund's management company, the Depositary and third parties, as well as with the expenses mentioned herein-after, including taxes arising in connection with administration and custody.
- The costs incurred by the master fund's management company for asserting and enforcing legal claims for the account of the master fund, and for defending any claims asserted against the master fund's management company to the detriment of the master fund.
- The cost of informing investors by durable medium, not including the cost of informing investors by durable medium in cases of
  - fund mergers and
  - measures taken in connection with computation errors in the determination of the net asset value per unit, or in cases of investment limit violations.

Further costs can be incurred in connection with securities lending and repurchase agreements, such as:

The master fund is entitled to any net income from securities lending transactions and securities repurchase agreements. The master fund's management company shall receive a flat fee for initiating, preparing and implementing securities lending transactions (including synthetic securities lending transactions) and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions for the account of the sub-fund amounting to up to one third of the income from these transactions. This fee is up to 50% of the income from these transactions.

Additional costs may be incurred in connection with securities lending transactions and securities repurchase agreements, such as:

- Depositary fees;
- account fees in line with normal banking practice (including, where applicable, normal costs for holding foreign securities in custody abroad); and
- fees payable to external service providers engaged by the master fund's management company to conduct the transactions (see also the section on securities lending transactions and repurchase agreements earlier in this sales prospectus).

These additional transaction costs are borne by the master fund's management company.

Further fees and expenses to be paid at the level of the master fund are described in the prospectus and in the terms and conditions of investment of the master fund.

The master fund's management company is not permitted to impose initial sales charges or redemption fees upon acquisition or redemption of units of the master fund. The annual and semi-annual reports will disclose the remuneration charged to the feeder fund as the all-in fee for the units in the master fund by the relevant management company. In addition, the annual report contains an explanation of the combined fee deducted from the feeder fund and master fund.

Additionally, to the costs in consequence of the feeder fund investing in the master fund, the shareholder will be charged with the fees of the feeder fund as stated in the chart above.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the feeder fund.

In addition to the provisions of the General Section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the feeder fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment feeder fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the feeder fund.

### Performance of feeder and master

The performance of the feeder fund and the master fund will be similar but not identical due to costs and expenses incurred and cash held by the feeder fund.

### Tax implications

Tax effects of an investment in a master fund at the level of the feeder fund.

At the level of a Luxembourg fund serving as a feeder fund that acquires units/shares of a German fund serving as the master fund, the following applies:

No withholding tax is levied on the investment income within the meaning of article 16 of the German Investment Tax Act – distributions, advance lump-sum amount ("Vorabpauschale"), gains on the redemption/sale of units/shares in the master fund – that flows into the feeder fund from the master fund or that is attributable to the feeder fund.

A refund at the level of the master fund of any corporate income tax on domestic participation income ("inländische Beteiligungseinnahmen") and on other domestic income in the sense of the limited income tax liability, with the exception of gains from the sale of shares of corporations, is not possible for investors in the feeder fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this feeder fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the feeder fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

DWS Invest ESG Dynamic Opportunities is a feeder fund (the “feeder fund”) of the UCITS master fund DWS ESG Dynamic Opportunities (the “master fund”). The master fund reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) SFDR and invests at least 75% of its assets in assets that meet defined ESG standards in relation to environmental, social and corporate governance criteria. The master fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The feeder fund permanently invests at least 85% of its assets in units of the master fund. Via its predominant exposure to the master fund, the feeder fund’s assets are indirectly invested in assets that comply with environmental and social characteristics and also partly in sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the UN SDGs.

The feeder fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer's environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments



What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This will be achieved via indirect exposure to the portfolio of the master fund which shall invest a portion of the assets in sustainable investments as defined in article 2(17) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("Disclosure Regulation"). These sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) which have environmental and/or social objectives such as the following (non-exhaustive) list:

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The management company uses data from multiple data providers, from public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment methodology) to determine whether an economic activity is a sustainable investment as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation. Economic activities that make a positive contribution to the UN SDGs are assessed based on turnover, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx).

Where a contribution is determined to be positive, the economic activity is deemed sustainable if the Does Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) and minimum safeguards assessments for the enterprise are positive.

The DNSH assessment evaluates whether an economic activity that contributes to a UN SDG significantly harms one or several other environmental or social objectives. Where significant harm is determined, the economic activity does not pass the DNSH assessment and an investment can therefore not be deemed sustainable.

The safeguard assessment examines the extent to which an enterprise meets international standards. This entails tests of compliance with international standards such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organisation. Enterprises that have been found and confirmed to be in serious breach of any of these international standards do not pass the safeguard assessment and their economic activities do not qualify as sustainable.

The extent of the contribution to the individual UN SDGs will vary depending on the actual investments in the master fund assets.

With the master fund the management company does not currently pursue a minimum proportion of sustainable investments that are consistent with an environmental objective under the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment forms an integral part of determining whether an investment is a sustainable investment as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

A DNSH assessment shall integrate all mandatory indicators for the principal adverse impacts from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 in Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Disclosure Regulation. Taking these adverse impacts into account, the Company has set quantitative thresholds and/or defined qualitative values to determine whether an investment significantly harms the environmental or social objectives. These values are defined based on various external and internal factors, such as data availability, policy objectives or market trends, and may be adjusted over time.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The safeguard assessment forms an integral part of determining whether an investment is a sustainable investment as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation. When performing the safeguard assessment, the management company determines whether enterprises comply with the OECD Guidelines and the UN Guiding Principles.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- ☒ Yes, for the feeder fund the management company considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions and chemical and biological weapons) (no. 14)

The principal adverse impacts listed above are considered through the exclusion strategy implemented at the level of the master fund.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are also considered in the DNSH assessment.

Further information on the principal adverse impacts will be disclosed in an annex to the annual report of the feeder fund.

☐ No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The feeder fund permanently invests at least 85% of its assets in units of the master fund. The investment policy of the master fund is further detailed in the specific section of the sales prospectus.

The objective of the investment policy of the feeder fund is to enable investors to participate in the performance of the master fund. For this reason, the fund management actually strives to invest the full value of the feeder fund in the master fund, so that share certificate holders are able to participate in the performance of the master fund almost in full.

The feeder fund may hold up to 15% of its assets in liquid assets, including cash, cash equivalents and short term bank deposits in accordance with the provisions of article 41 (2) of the Law of 2010 and financial derivative instruments, which may be used for hedging purposes only in accordance with article 41 (1) g) and article 42 (2) and (3) of the Law of 2010.

The feeder fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the sales prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the articles of incorporation and the sales prospectus at least 85% of the feeder fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the feeder fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in units of the master fund (equity fund).

The feeder fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the feeder fund's investment guidelines.

#### What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The feeder fund permanently invests at least 85% of its assets in units of the master fund. The master fund uses the following investment strategy to attain its promoted environmental and/or social characteristics:

##### **ESG assessment methodology of the master fund**

The master fund invests at least 75% in assets that meet the defined ESG standards in relation to environmental, social and governance criteria. Investment limits are set for this.

In order to determine whether and to what extent assets meet the defined ESG standards, a proprietary ESG database assesses the assets according to ESG criteria independently of economic prospects.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers and public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand, on assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogue on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether assets meet ESG standards, including:

##### **• Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The ESG database evaluates the behavior of issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., with respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or that are less exposed to such risks receive a better score.

##### **• Norm Assessment**

The ESG database evaluates the behavior of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization, and behavior within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labor, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics.

##### **• ESG Quality Assessment**

The ESG database distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For companies, the ESG

database compares issuers based on their ESG quality. When assessing issuers, the ESG Quality Assessment takes into account different ESG factors such as the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics.

The ESG Quality Assessment adopts what is known as the “best in class” approach. In this, issuers receive an assessment relative to their peer group. The peer group is composed of companies from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in the peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score.

For sovereigns, the ESG database assesses the integrated government leadership while taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties.

• **Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, arms industry, tobacco and adult entertainment.

Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

When assessing issuers, the ESG database takes into consideration the share of total revenues that the issuers generate in the relevant business areas and business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the relevant business areas and business activities, the better the score.

• **Exclusion Assessment for the controversial weapons sector**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include, for example, antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, and chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are evaluated primarily according to the degree of their involvement in, among other things, the production of controversial weapons and their components.

• **Assessment of investment fund units**

The ESG database assesses investment fund units in accordance with the ESG Quality Assessment (with the exception of Sovereigns Assessment), Climate and Transition Risk Assessment and Norm Assessment.

Bank balances are not assessed.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the master fund, and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the master fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG standards.

The respective scores for the assets are considered individually. If an asset in an assessment category has a score that is considered to be unsuitable in that assessment category, the asset cannot be acquired even if it has a score in another assessment category that would be suitable.

Assets that have a score of A-D in the individual assessment categories, a score of A-C in the Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors and a score of A-C in the Exclusion Assessment for the controversial weapons sector meet the ESG standards. Up to 15% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have an ESG Quality Assessment score of D. Assets that receive an ESG Quality Assessment score of E are excluded as an investment.

Up to 5% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have a Climate and Transition Risk Assessment score of E.

Up to 5% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that have a Norm Assessment score of E.

Assets that receive a score of D or E in the Exclusion Assessment for controversial sectors as well as in the Exclusion Assessment for the controversial weapons sector are excluded as an investment. Assets that have a score of D are excluded as an investment insofar as these are related to coal mining and coal-based power generation.

In addition, specifically in the case of the master fund, assets shall be excluded which are issued by

- issuers that generate revenues from the manufacture or distribution of weapons outlawed based on international conventions (e.g., chemical weapons conventions),
- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from power generation or other use of fossil fuels (excluding natural gas),
- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from coal and crude oil,
- issuers that generate more than 10% of their revenues from mining, exploration and services for oil sand and oil shale.

As a derogation, the green bonds, social bonds or similar bonds issued by the issuers excluded above may be acquired provided these bonds comply with the relevant Bond Principles of the ICMA (International Capital Market Association).

**Issuers that generate their revenues from activities related to power generation or other use of nuclear energy and natural gas as well as from the extraction of uranium or natural gas may be acquired for the master fund.**

Assets that receive a score of F in an assessment category are excluded as an investment.

Up to 25% of the master fund's assets may be invested in assets that do not meet the ESG standards or are not assessed.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology of the master fund**

In addition, the master fund shall determine whether an economic activity is a sustainable investment as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation.

At least 15% of the master fund's assets shall be invested in sustainable investments as defined in article 2 (17) of the Disclosure Regulation that contribute to achieving an environmental or social objective, whereby the sustainable investments meet the aforementioned ESG standards.

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practises of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?". Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The feeder fund invests at least 63% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 12% of the feeder fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

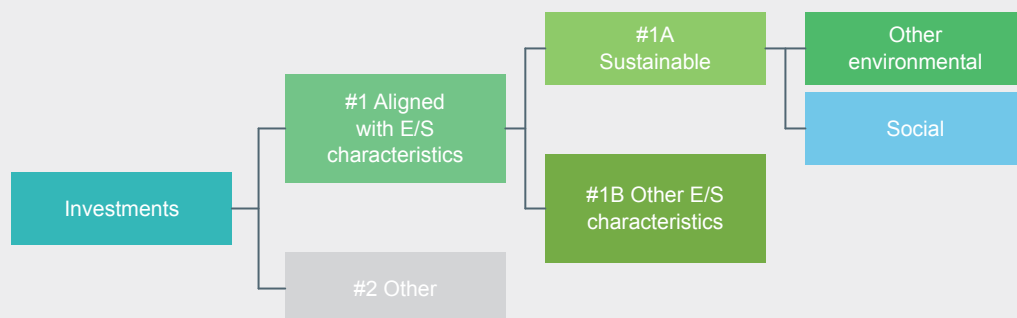
Up to 37% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of the feeder fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the feeder fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

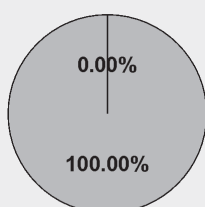


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the feeder fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the feeder fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

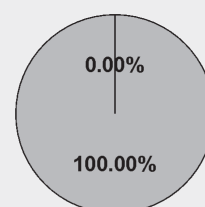
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The feeder fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The feeder fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 12% of the net assets of the feeder fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The feeder fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 12% of the net assets of the feeder fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The feeder fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, the feeder fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

The main purpose of the remaining investments of the feeder fund is to provide flexibility in terms of diversification, liquidity and hedging.

In line with the market positioning of the master fund, the purpose of its remaining investments that do not meet ESG standards is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

The feeder fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/total-return-strategies/LU1868537090/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Emerging Markets Top Dividend

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, PFC, PFD, ND, TFC, TFD USD FC, USD TFC, USD TFD	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD NC, ND FC, USD FC, PFC, PFD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, USD TFD	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD NC, ND FC, USD FC, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, USD TFD PFC, PFD	up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 0.75% up to 1.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, LD, USD FC, PFC, PFD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, USD TFD NC, ND	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, USD FC, PFC, PFD, ND, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, USD TFD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, FC LD USD FC PFC, PFD ND TFC, TFD, USD TFC, USD TFD	January 14, 2008 July 1, 2008 September 15, 2008 May 26, 2014 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFD: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFD: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Emerging Markets Top Dividend, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability - related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Emerging Markets Top Dividend is to achieve an above average appreciation of capital in Euros.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds, warrants, dividend-right certificates, index certificates and financial instruments certificated in securities of well-established issuers based in Emerging Markets.

At least 70% (after deduction of liquid assets) of the sub-fund's asset must be invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or in companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries, that can be expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield. Emerging markets are countries listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or listed in the Standard & Poor's Emerging Markets Database (EMDB). Further, countries which are listed as low or middle income (including both lower middle and higher middle income) by the World Bank will be considered as Emerging Markets even if such countries are neither listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index nor in the EMDB but must not be included in the MSCI World Index.

When selecting equities, the following criteria shall be of decisive importance: dividend yield above the market average; sustainability of dividend yield and growth; historical and forecast profit growth; attractive price/earnings ratio. In addition to these criteria, the proven stock-picking process of the fund manager will be

applied. This means that a company's fundamental data, such as asset quality, management skills, profitability, competitive position and valuation, are analysed and applied in decision making. These criteria and fundamental data may be weighted differently and do not always have to be present at the same time.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in equities, other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraph, as well as in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the

processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country’s governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 3% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU

Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Emerging Markets Top Dividend

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493004IT6HNQG6YQG05

**ISIN:** LU0329760002

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 3% of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
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- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds, warrants, dividend-right certificates, index certificates and financial instruments certificated in securities of well-established issuers based in Emerging Markets. At least 70% (after deduction of liquid assets) of the sub-fund's asset must be invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or in companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries, that can be expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

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• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

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• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.



In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 3% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

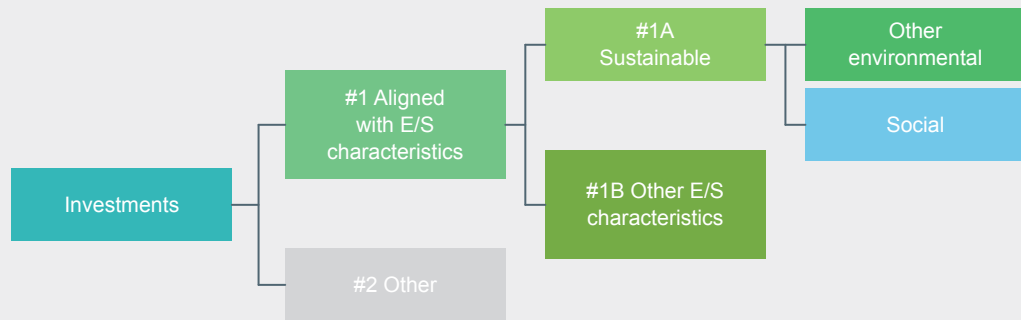
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

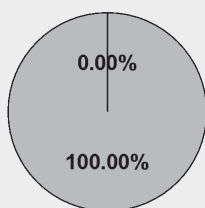


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

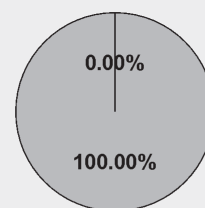
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0329760002/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Equity Income

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World High Dividend Yield TR net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, XD, LCH (P), NC, NCH (P), PFC, PFCH (P), TFC, TFD, WFD, TFCH (P), IC, ID, ND, PFD, ID100, IC250 GBP D RD USD FCH (P), USD LCH (P), USD IC CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P), CHF TFCH (P)	EUR GBP USD CHF
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, XC, XD, PFC, PFCH (P), TFC, TFD, WFD, GBP D RD, USD FCH (P), TFCH (P), USD IC, IC, ID, PFD, ID100, CHF TFCH (P), IC250 LC, LD, LCH (P), USD LCH (P), CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P) NC, NCH (P), ND	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, WFD, GBP D RD, USD FCH (P), TFCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) LC, LD, LCH (P), USD LCH (P), CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P) XC, XD, IC250 NC, NCH (P), ND PFC, PFCH (P), PFD USD IC, IC, ID ID100	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.5% up to 0.25%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, XD, LCH (P), NC, NCH (P), PFC, PFCH (P), TFC, TFD, WFD, GBP D RD, USD FCH (P), USD LCH (P), TFCH (P), USD IC, IC, ID, ND, PFD, CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P), ID100, CHF TFCH (P), IC250	0%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, XD, LCH (P), NC, NCH (P), PFC, PFCH (P), TFC, TFD, WFD, GBP D RD, USD FCH (P), USD LCH (P), TFCH (P), ND, PFD, CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P), CHF TFCH (P) USD IC, IC, ID, ID100, IC250	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, XD LCH (P), NC NCH (P), PFC, PFCH (P), TFC, TFD WFD GBP D RD USD FCH (P), USD LCH (P) TFCH (P) USD IC IC, ID ND, PFD CHF LCH (P), CHF LDH (P) ID100 CHF TFCH (P) IC250	August 7, 2017 January 29, 2018 February 15, 2018 May 30, 2018 June, 15, 2018 February 15, 2019 May 15, 2019 July 31, 2019 September 30, 2019 February 7, 2020 September 30, 2020 October 30, 2020 August 16, 2021 January 1, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Equity Income, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Equity Income is to achieve an above average return.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities from international issuers that are expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield.

When selecting equities, the following criteria shall be of decisive importance: dividend yield above the market average; sustainability of dividend yield and growth; historical and future earnings growth; price/earnings ratio. In addition to these criteria, the proven stock-picking process of the Fund Manager will be applied. This means

that a company's fundamental data, such as asset quality, management skills, profitability, competitive position and valuation, are analysed.

These criteria may be weighted differently and do not always have to be present at the same time.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

Against this background, positions could be built up that anticipate declining stock prices and index levels.

According to the prohibition stipulated in article 2 F. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, no short sales of securities will be undertaken.

Short positions are achieved by using securitized and non-securitized derivative instruments.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets, or through American Depository Receipts (ADRs) issued by international financial institutions.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in instruments that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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dards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.



Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
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- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity

will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**ISIN:** LU1616932866

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
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The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
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- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities from international issuers that are expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield. Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers



that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

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- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

#### - turnover

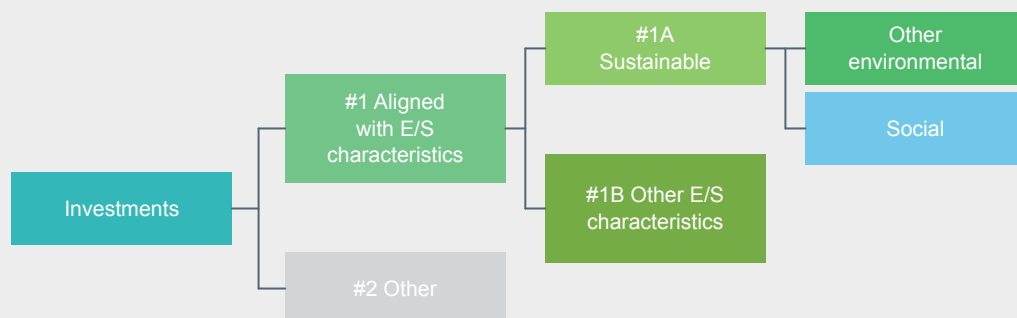
reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

#### - capital expenditure

(CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

#### - operational expenditure

(OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

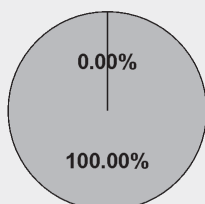


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

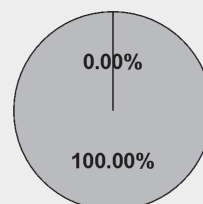
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1616932866/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Euro Bonds (Short)

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	iBoxx Euro overall 1-3Y, administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 7.5% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, PFC, PFDQ, NDQ, TFC, TFD, IC100 SEK LCH	EUR SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, SEK LCH NC, NDQ FC, PFC, PFDQ, TFC, TFD, IC100***	up to 3% up to 1.5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, SEK LCH, NDQ NC FC, TFC, TFD PFC, PFDQ IC100	up to 0.6% up to 1.1% up to 0.2% up to 0.3% up to 0.15%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, PFC, PFDQ, SEK LCH, TFC, TFD, IC100 NC, NDQ	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, PFC, PFDQ, SEK LCH, NDQ, TFC, TFD IC100	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC PFC, PFDQ SEK LCH NDQ TFC, TFD IC100	June 3, 2002 May 26, 2014 January 14, 2016 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017 May 15, 2018
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFDQ: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFDQ: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

\*\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the IC100 share class is not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Euro Bonds (Short), the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Euro Bonds (Short) is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund. The sub-fund may acquire interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities denominated in Euros. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are traded on exchanges or on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public. Furthermore, at least 70% of the sub-fund's assets with the securities having maturities classified as short-term. "Short term" relates to a term to maturity of investments ranging between zero and three years. Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest into money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds.

No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in debt instruments or other securities of other countries that do not meet the above criteria.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS stan-

dards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment



### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 7.5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure

(OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The absolute value-at-risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

Due to the limitation of the Global Exposure of the sub-fund with the absolute VaR approach, it may occur that the risk profile of the sub-fund differs significantly from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected

level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Euro Bonds (Short)

**Legal entity identifier:** 54930058ZGYNVVZRI740

**ISIN:** LU0145655824

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 7.5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may acquire interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities denominated in Euros. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are traded on exchanges or on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public. Furthermore, at least 70% of the sub-fund's assets with the securities having maturities ranging between zero and three years. No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

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• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

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• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 7.5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

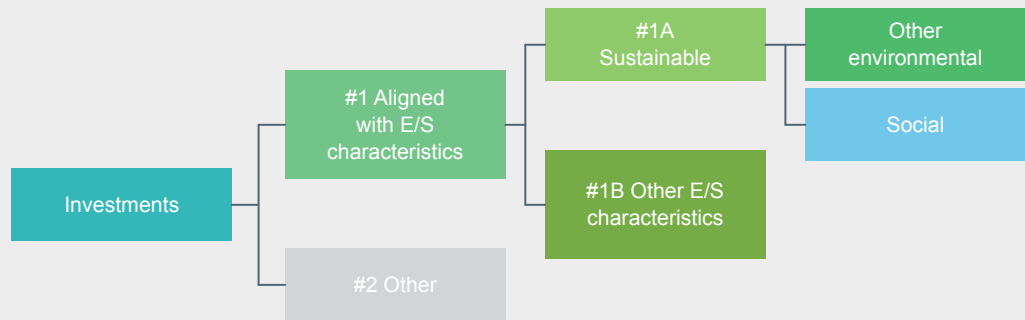
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

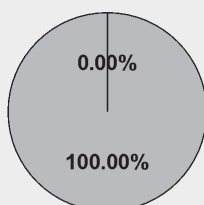


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

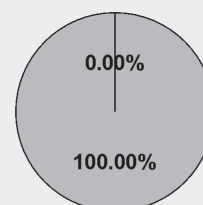
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 7.5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 7.5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0145655824/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Euro Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	iBoxx EUR Corporates, administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	iBoxx EUR Corporates
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC, IC100	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, XC, IC100 LC	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC LC XC, IC100	up to 0.6% up to 0.9% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC, IC100	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC IC100	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC IC100	July 15, 2019 October 15, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Euro Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Euro Corporate Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund may acquire euro-denominated fixed and/or variable interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in corporate bonds denominated in Euros that offer returns higher than those of comparable government bonds; investments are deliberately focused almost exclusively on issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first-rate (investment-grade bonds). The Investment Company will only purchase those securities for the sub-fund for which, after appropriate analysis, it can assume that the interest and repayment obligations will be fulfilled. Nevertheless, the risk of a total loss of the value of individual securities purchased for the sub-fund cannot be ruled out completely. In order to take account of the remaining risks, care shall be taken to spread investments among issuers.

A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition.

The sub-fund may also conclude credit default swaps. Their use need not be limited to hedging the sub-fund's assets; they may also be part of the investment strategy.

No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities, and equity warrants.

The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable

derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund may use, particularly in accordance with the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the Sales Prospectus – general section, derivatives to optimize the investment objective.

The derivatives may only be used in compliance with the investment policy and the investment objective of DWS Invest ESG Euro Corporate Bonds. The performance of the sub-fund is therefore besides other factors depending on the respective proportion of derivatives, e.g. swaps in the sub-fund's total assets.

To implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective it is anticipated that the derivatives, such as swaps, will be entered with at least BBB3 (Moody's) /BBB- (S&P, Fitch) rated financial institutions specializing in such transactions. Such OTC-agreements are standardized agreements.

In conjunction with the OTC transactions, it is important to note the associated counterparty risk. The sub-fund's counterparty risk resulting from the use of portfolio total return swaps will be fully collateralized. The use of swaps may furthermore entail specific risks that are explained in the general risk warnings.

The sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several OTC-transactions negotiated with a counterparty under customary market conditions. Therefore, the sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several transactions.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter

must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to

determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting

from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

The sub-fund deliberately purchases the securities of issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first rate (investment grade bonds). The opportunities resulting from the higher rates of interest in comparison to government bonds are thus countered by corresponding risks. Despite careful

examination of the economic conditions and the financial condition and earnings capacity of issuers, the risk of a total loss of the value of individual securities purchased for the sub-fund cannot be ruled out completely.

The opportunities afforded by an investment of this type are therefore countered by significant risks.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
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The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may acquire euro-denominated fixed and/or variable interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in corporate bonds denominated in Euros that offer returns higher than those of comparable government bonds; investments are deliberately focused almost exclusively on issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first-rate (investment-grade bonds). No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

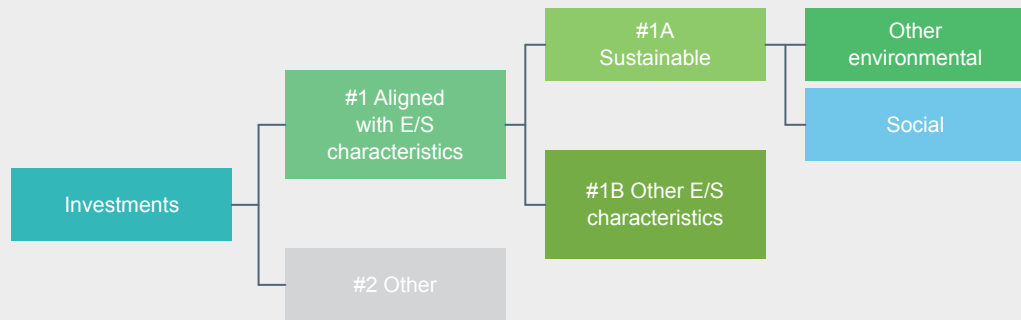
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

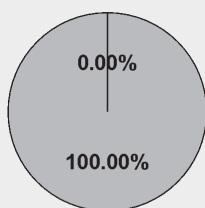


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

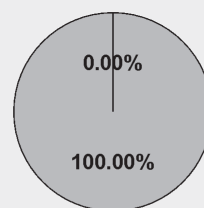
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU2001241897/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest ESG Euro High Yield

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro High Yield BB-B Constrained Index, administered by Merrill Lynch International
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro High Yield BB-B Constrained Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD, IC, IC50	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD, IC, IC50 LC, LD	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD XC, XD IC IC50	up to 0.65% up to 1.1% up to 0.2% up to 0.45% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD, IC, IC50	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD IC, IC50	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD IC, IC50	February 14, 2020 November 15, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Euro High Yield, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Euro High Yield is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds (including Financials) that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Non-investment grade encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds. In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in corporate bonds that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments.

These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

In extreme market situations, the Portfolio Manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily be invested in interest-bearing debt securities and money market instruments permissible under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 25% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will

invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Dele-

gated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their

administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio).

However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Euro High Yield

**Legal entity identifier:** 2549003PZE015L3POO62

**ISIN:** LU2111935651

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds (including Financials) that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### • **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

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#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

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#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

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For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 25% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons** The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

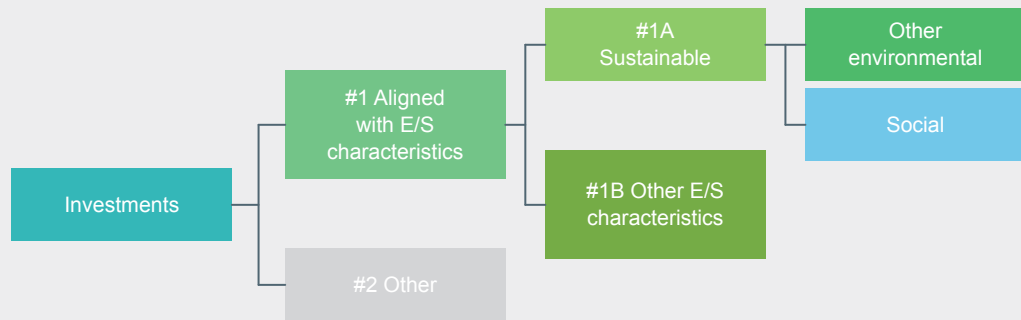
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

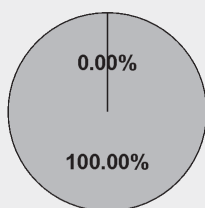


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

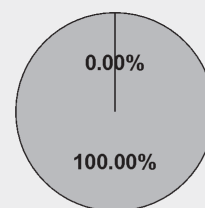
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.





What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU2111935651/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG European Small/Mid Cap

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Nature of shares</b>	Registered or bearer shares represented by a global certificate
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	50% STOXX Europe Mid 200 Net and 50% STOXX Europe Small 200 Net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	Up to 2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, TFC, TFD, NC, ID, IC USD LCH	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, XC, TFC, TFD, ID, IC LC, LD, USD LCH NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, TFD LC, LD, USD LCH XC NC ID, IC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35% up to 2% up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, TFC, TFD, NC, ID, USD LCH, IC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC, TFC, TFD, NC, USD LCH ID, IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD, XC TFC, TFD NC ID, USD LCH IC	October 1, 2018 February 15, 2019 July 15, 2021 August 24, 2021 May 31, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG European Small/Mid Cap, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The sub-fund's investment objective is to achieve the highest possible appreciation of capital in euro, in combination with a reasonable annual distribution of income.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities of medium and small European issuers (mid caps and small caps).

European issuers are defined as companies that have either their registered offices in a member state of the European Union, the United Kingdom or in another state, which is a signatory to the agreement on the European economic area or are traded on another regulated market in one of these previously mentioned states. Small and medium-sized companies as defined above are companies included in a market index for small and medium-sized companies (e.g. 50% STOXX Europe Mid 200 Net and 50% STOXX Europe Small 200 Net) or companies that have a comparable market capitalization.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

All securities following the description in the previous paragraphs that are purchased under repurchase agreements shall be attributed to the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities as defined in sentence 1.

Derivatives relating to interest-bearing securities and not intended for hedging shall be attributed to the investment limit applicable to interest-bearing securities.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all permissible investment fund units in accordance with article 2 B. (i). The portion in

excess of 5% of the value of the sub-fund's assets may consist only of money market fund units.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

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As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

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To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production

- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 80% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent

of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;

- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>Yes</div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div>X</div></div>No</div>
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> __%</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> __%</div>	<div><div><div>X</div></div>It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with a social objective</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></div>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities. At least 51% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities of medium and small European issuers (mid caps and small caps).

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed

to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers’ rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



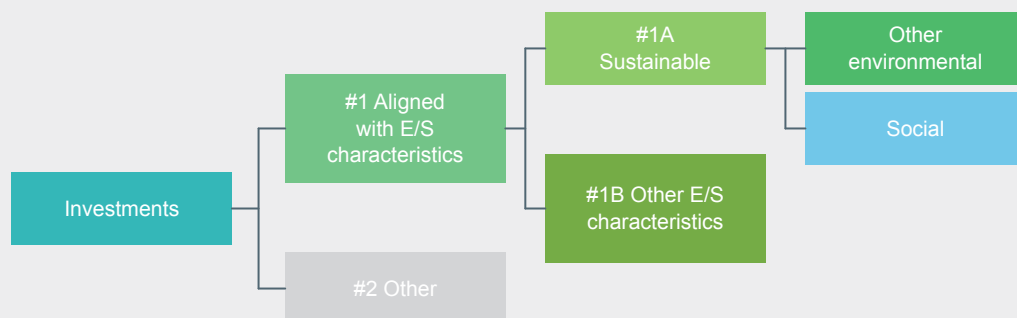


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

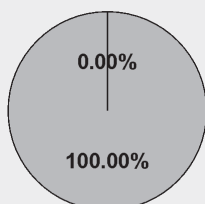


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

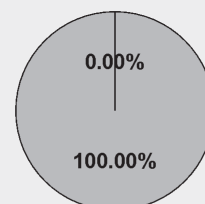
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1863262371/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Floating Rate Notes

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-avers
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main
<b>Order Acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited two bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited two bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 7.5% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, IC, LC, TFC, LD GBP ICH, GBP CH RD, GBP LCH USD ICH, USD TFCH, USD LCH CHF TFCH, CHF RCH, CHF ICH	EUR GBP USD CHF
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, GBP ICH, IC, TFC, USD ICH, USD TFCH, CHF TFCH, CHF RCH, GBP CH RD, CHF ICH LC, GBP LCH, USD LCH, LD	0% up to 1%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, USD TFCH, CHF TFCH, GBP CH RD GBP ICH, IC, USD ICH, CHF ICH LC, GBP LCH, USD LCH, LD CHF RCH	up to 0.105% up to 0.087% up to 0.175% up to 0.7%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, GBP ICH, IC, LC, TFC, USD ICH, USD TFCH, CHF TFCH, CHF RCH, GBP CH RD, GBP LCH, USD LCH, CHF ICH, LD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, TFC, USD TFCH, CHF TFCH, CHF RCH, GBP CH RD, GBP LCH, USD LCH, LD GBP ICH, IC, USD ICH, CHF ICH	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, GBP ICH, IC, LC, TFC, USD ICH, USD TFCH CHF TFCH CHF RCH GBP CH RD, GBP LCH, USD LCH CHF ICH LD	April 5, 2019 June 28, 2019 October 31, 2019 November 15, 2019 January 20, 2020 June 30, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Floating Rate Notes, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the DWS Invest ESG Floating Rate Notes sub-fund is to generate a return in euro. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in floating rate bonds. Furthermore, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds or fixed rate bonds that are traded on exchanges or on another regulated market that is recognized, open to the public and operates regularly and that is located in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in the G20, the EU, Singapore, as well as in investment funds (incl. money market funds), deposits with credit and money market instruments.

Money market instruments, such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit and time deposits, do not have to be admitted for trading on an exchange or included in an organized market.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 10% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Securities and/or other collective investment undertakings as defined in A. (e) of the general section of the prospectus.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in ABS/MBS and asset-backed bonds. These must have an investment-grade rating. An investment instrument is categorized as investment grade if the lowest rating assigned by the three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) is investment grade. If the investment is downgraded to a rating lower than Baa3 (by Moody's) or BBB- (by S&P and FITCH), it must be sold within six months.

Up to 5% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities that do not have an investment-grade rating at the time of acquisition.

If the three rating agencies assign different ratings, the lowest rating shall be used as a basis. If there is no official rating, an internal rating in

line with the DWS internal guidelines shall be applied.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded

as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

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### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates

(1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the

position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The absolute value-at-risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the net assets.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. However, the expected leverage should not be viewed as an additional risk limit for the fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Legal entity identifier:** 54930035UIUSLZ2H7R96

**ISIN:** LU1965927921

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

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For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested in floating rate bonds. Furthermore, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds or fixed rate bonds that are traded on exchanges or on another regulated market that is recognized, open to the public and operates regularly and that is located in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in the G20, the EU, Singapore, as well as in investment funds (incl. money market funds), deposits with credit and money market instruments.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or

the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

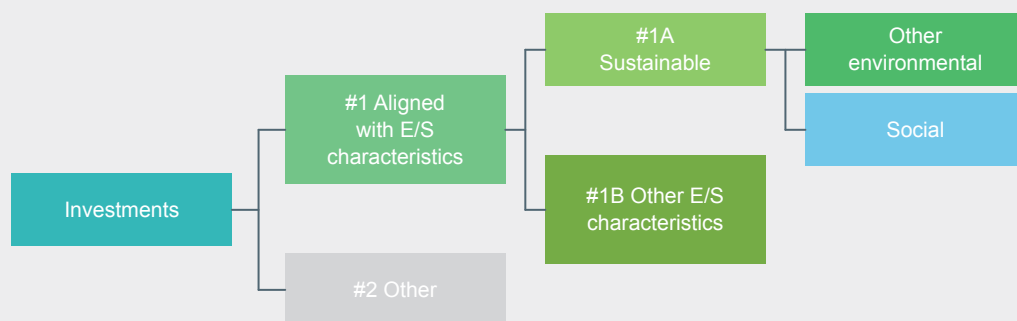
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

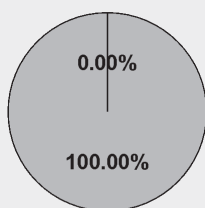


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

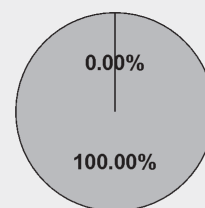
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1965927921/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Global Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate TR (EUR hedged) Index, administered by Barclays Bank Plc.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate TR (EUR hedged) Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to four places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	ID**, FC, TFC, TFD, FD10, XC, LC, XD CHF FCH10 USD FDH10	EUR CHF USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	ID**, FC, TFC, TFD, FD10, XC, XD, CHF FCH10, USD FDH10 LC	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	ID**, FD10, CHF FCH10, USD FDH10 FC, TFC, TFD XC, XD LC	up to 0.4% up to 0.6% up to 0.2% up to 0.9%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	ID**, FC, TFC, TFD, FD10, XC, LC, XD, CHF FCH10, USD FDH10	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	ID** FC, TFC, TFD, FD10, XC, LC, XD, CHF FCH10, USD FDH10	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	ID**, FC TFC, TFD FD10 XC LC XD CHF FCH10, USD FDH10	March 31, 2015 December 5, 2017 January 15, 2018 November 15, 2018 May 15, 2019 May 29, 2019 February 26, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* In contrast with article 1 of the general section the ID share class is not exclusively offered in the form of registered shares.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Global Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Global Corporate Bonds is to achieve a return above that of the benchmark, Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Credit hedged (EUR), for the sub-fund.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria as well as money market instruments and cash.

The sub-fund's investments in covered bonds shall be limited to 40% of the sub-fund's net asset value, asset-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in corporate bonds.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may, amongst others, also be implemented through the use of the following derivative financial instruments: Bond index future contracts, FX-forwards, currency option futures, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, forward starting interest rate swaps, interest rate options, single name and index credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in Article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk

profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors. If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with Article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates

(1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the

position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

The sub-fund deliberately purchases the securities of issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first rate (investment grade bonds). The opportunities resulting from the higher rates of interest in comparison to government bonds are thus countered by corresponding risks. Despite careful examination of the economic conditions and the financial condition and earnings capacity of issuers, the risk of a total loss of the value of individual securities purchased for the sub-fund cannot be ruled out completely.

The opportunities afforded by an investment of this type are therefore countered by significant risks.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Global Corporate Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300R7HHCUF1UTLL03

**ISIN:** LU0982744301

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities denominated in euro or hedged against the euro that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria as well as money market instruments and cash. The sub-fund's investments in covered bonds shall be limited to 40% of the sub-fund's net asset value, asset-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in corporate bonds. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted

environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.



In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

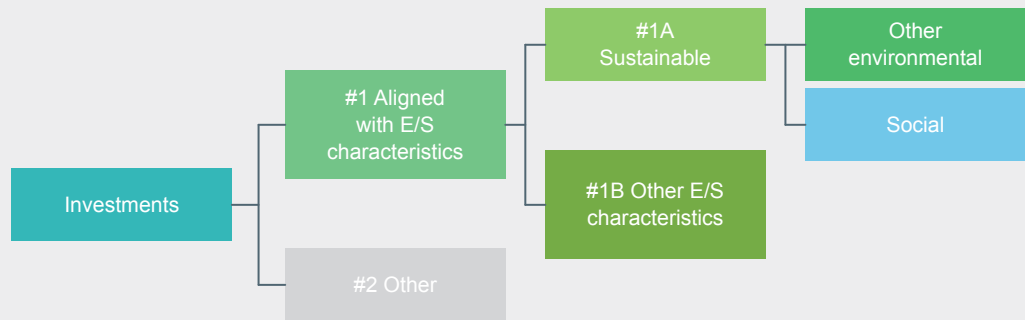
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

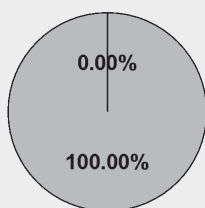


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

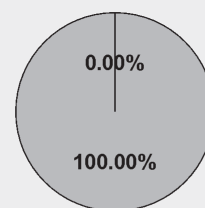
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0982744301/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Global Emerging Markets Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI EM (Emerging Markets)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LCH (P), LD, MFC, NC, PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD GBP FD50, GBP TFD USD FC, USD FD50, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC	EUR GBP USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, GBP FD50, GBP TFD, MFC, PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD FC, USD FD50, USD TFC NC LC, LCH (P), LD, USD LC, USD LD	0% up to 3% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	MFC GBP FD50, USD FD50 FC, GBP TFD, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD FC, USD TFC LC, LCH (P), LD, USD LC, USD LD PFC NC	up to 0.4% up to 0.5% up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 1.6% up to 2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, GBP FD50, GBP TFD, LC, LCH (P), LD, MFC, NC, PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD FC, USD FD50, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	MFC FC, GBP FD50, GBP TFD, LC, LCH (P), LD, NC, PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD FC, USD FD50, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD, TFC MFC GBP FD50, GBP TFD, LCH (P), NC, PFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD FC, USD FD50, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC	May 29 2019 August 17, 2021 November 24, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Global Emerging Markets Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Global Emerging Markets Equities is to achieve an above average return.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

A company is viewed as having its principal business activity in emerging-market countries if a significant part of its earnings or revenues is generated there.

Emerging markets are countries listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or listed in the Standard & Poor's Emerging Markets Database (EMDB). Further, countries, which are listed as low or middle income (including both lower middle and higher middle income) by the World Bank, will be considered as Emerging Markets even if such countries are neither listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index nor in the EMDB but must not be included in the MSCI World Index.

At present, the emerging countries most significant for the sub-fund are mostly, but not exclusively, located in Asia, Eastern Europe and South America and include, among others, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

If investments are effected in countries that do not yet possess a regulated market, these securi-

ties shall be considered as unlisted financial instruments.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in Article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may use derivative techniques to achieve the investment objective and implement the investment strategy, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions or to the extent permitted by the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008 and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative complies with the provisions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

The sub-fund may invest more than 10% of the sub-fund's assets in securities that are traded on the Moscow Exchange (MICEX-RTS).

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants of issuers that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraphs.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 5% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in Article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The following investment restriction applies to the sub-fund due to a possible registration in Korea:

The sub-fund must invest more than 70% of the net assets in non-Korean Won-denominated assets.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and

principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter

must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 3% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with Article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to



determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **Specific risks**

The exchanges and markets of emerging-market countries are subject to substantial fluctuations. The opportunities afforded by an investment are therefore countered by substantial risks. Political changes, restrictions on currency exchange, exchange monitoring, taxes, limitations on foreign capital investments and capital repatriation etc. can also affect investment performance.

Detailed information concerning custody and registration risks in Russia is provided in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>Yes</div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div>X</div></div>No</div>
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b>: __%</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b>: __%</div>	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><b>It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 3% of sustainable investments</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>with a social objective</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></div>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
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- Goal 14: Life below water
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public. At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted



environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.



In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 3% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

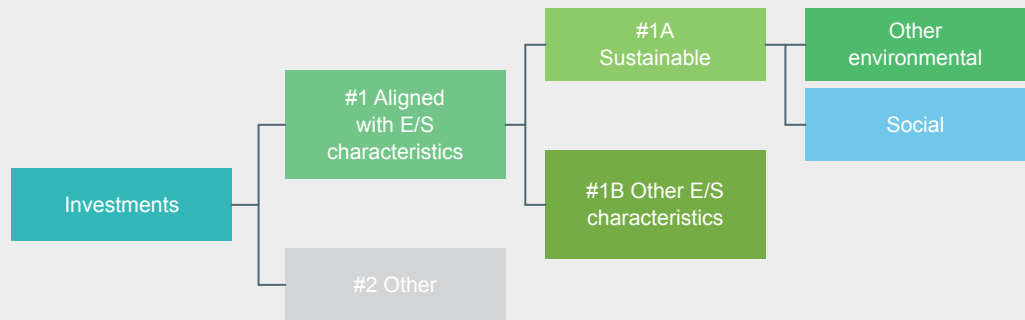
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

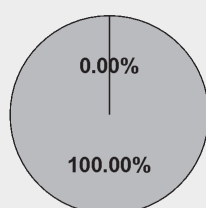


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

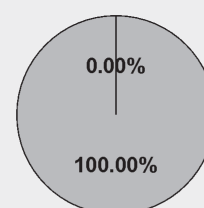
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1984220373/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Global High Yield Corporates

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	BofA ML Global High Yield Constrained
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Global High Yield Corporates, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Global High Yield Corporates is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Non-investment grade encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds. In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in corporate bonds that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in Article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative

financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

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For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 25% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribu-

tion of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.



If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 10%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 20%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section “Efficient portfolio management techniques”. The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section “Choice of counterparty” of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section “General Risk Warnings”, and in particular the section “Risks connected to derivative transactions” of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Global High Yield Corporates

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:



#### • **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 25% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons** The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

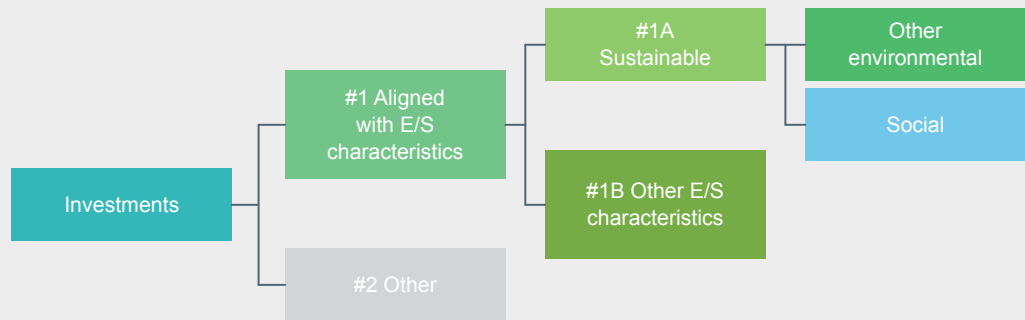
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

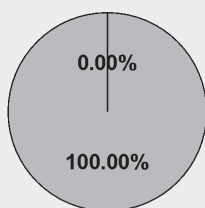


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

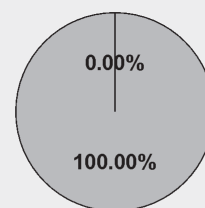
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest ESG Global Logistics

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World TR net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Global Logistics, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Global Logistics is to achieve an appreciation as high as possible of capital invested.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates and warrant-linked

bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants.

Issuers of these assets have their principal business activity in the sector of global trade development and logistics as well as products, technologies and services catering to the sector and related to its efficiency improvement.

The sub-fund management invests primarily in stocks of companies operating in the business field of logistics. Logistics refers to the overall process of managing how resources are acquired, stored, and transported to their final destination. This can include companies profiting from global trade development and include in particular delivery system providers, e-commerce related logistic systems or developers of new technologies for warehouse optimization and automation (improvement of processes related to a warehouse, meaning the execution and shipment of orders including the inventory management and delivery). Furthermore, companies active in storage of freight and helping the economy to refocus on local production, supply chain optimi-

zation as well as traditional infrastructure providers such as airports, toll road providers or shipping companies are in focus. Companies offering different forms of transportation (e.g. railroad, busses, cars, planes) or that are active in shaping the transition to more efficient forms of transportation (e.g. electric, hydrogen, sustainable aviation fuel, etc.) might be included.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's net assets will be invested in stocks of companies headquartered in China.

The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges



and markets issued by international financial institutions. Equity investments may also be made through GDRs listed on recognized exchanges and markets, through ADRs issued by international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative complies with the provisions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates of international issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraph.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-funds' net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries.

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Securities and/or other collective investment undertakings as defined in A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social

characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a

letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the

company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the

fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk Management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Global Logistics

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of issuers having their principal business activity related to global trade development, the logistics sector and its value chain in general. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted

environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

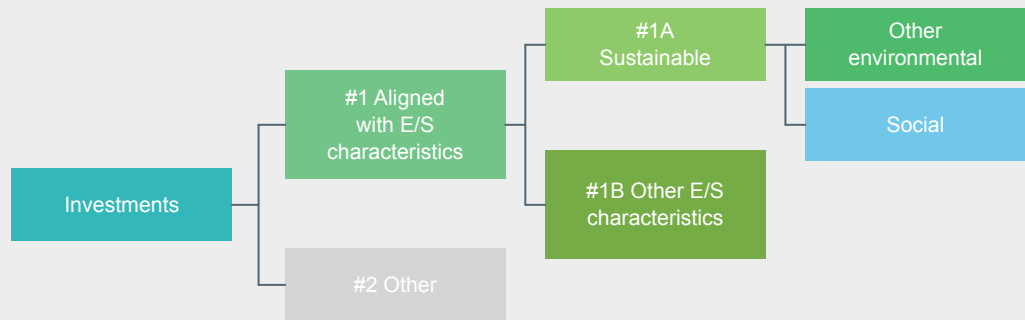
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

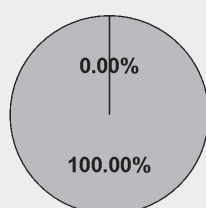


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

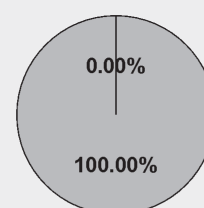
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

*\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures*

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.



## DWS Invest ESG Healthy Living

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World Healthcare
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, TFC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, XC, TFC LC, LD	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC LC, LD XC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC TFC	September 30, 2021 October 15, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Healthy Living, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU)

2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Healthy Living is to achieve long term

capital appreciation by investing at least 80% of net assets in equity securities of companies in the health care and consumer health sectors.

The sub-fund's objective is to invest in the whole healthcare continuum ranging widely from prevention through promotion of physical and mental well-being to treatment of chronic diseases. To be considered part of the health care

or consumer health sector, companies must generate a part of their revenues from that sector. Industries in the health care sector include pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical technology, medical equipment and supplies, health care services and technology as well as managed care and life sciences tools. Life Science Tools companies are suppliers of products and solutions for biopharma research and manufacturing applications, e.g. cell analysis, sample preparation and separation instrumentations, reagents, cell culture media, bioreactors, next generation DNA sequencing applications etc. Portfolio management considers consumer health care sector companies to include companies that provide products or services that promote or aid in achieving a healthy lifestyle (for example, healthy food and nutrition companies, athletic apparel and gym operators).

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by international companies.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 25% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the

company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries.

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net asset value of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real

estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Healthy Living

**Legal entity identifier:** 254900DIR686E6QI4T43

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 25% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 80% of net assets are invested in equity securities of companies in the health care and consumer health sectors. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by international companies.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and

environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as

well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 60% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 25% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

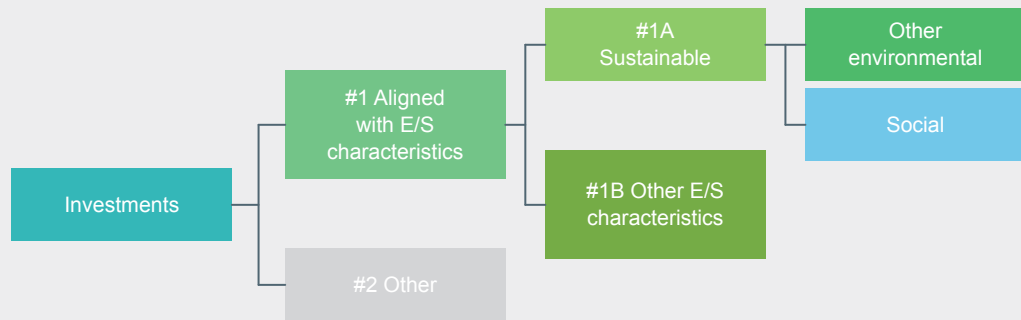
Up to 40% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

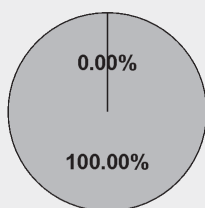


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

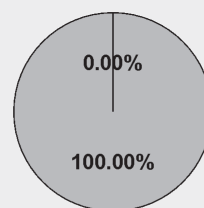
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.





What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2379121283/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Local Emerging Markets Debt

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	JPM GBI-EM Diversified in EUR, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	JPM GBI-EM Diversified in EUR, administered by J. P. Morgan Securities LLC.
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Local Emerging Markets Debt, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Local Emerging Markets Debt is to achieve high income and capital appreciation that exceeds the benchmark J.P. Morgan ESG GBI – EM Global Diversified in EUR.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in debt securities denominated in emerging market currencies issued by sovereigns,

quasi-sovereigns (government owned corporates/ companies/agencies) or supra-nationals.

Emerging Markets are defined as countries that are part of the index 'JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified' or that are classified as 'emerging market and developing economies' by the International Monetary Fund (World Economic Outlook). Countries listed as low or middle (both lower middle and higher middle) income by the World Bank will determine if a country is an emerging market if such country is not listed in the JP Morgan EMBI Global Div. index and if it is not classified as 'emerging market and developing economy' by the International Monetary Fund.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and

the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Investments in domestic securities via the Chinese onshore market will be done in listed securities, via direct access to the inter-bank bond market (CIBM) or via Bond Connect. When investing via Bond Connect the investment limit of 10% must be respected.

Due to the fact that investments made by the sub-fund and income received by the sub-fund

may be denominated in Renminbi, investors should be aware of a possible depreciation of the Renminbi.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

The sub-fund will not invest in any securities that are rated below B- by S&P or an equivalent rating from another rating agency as at the date of investment. In the event that any securities held by the sub-fund are subsequently downgraded to a rating below B-, the sub-fund manager may maintain a maximum total exposure of 3% of the sub-fund's NAV to such downgraded securities but will divest any such security that has not been upgraded to a rating of at least B- within six months of its downgrade. In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second-best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in Art. 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards (e.g. FX-forwards, non-deliverable forwards (NDFs), futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Non-deliverable forwards (NDFs) are forward currency transactions, which can be used to hedge the exchange rate between a freely convertible currency (usually the U.S. dollar or the euro) and a currency that is not freely convertible.

The following is stipulated in the NDF agreement:

- a specified amount in one of the two currencies,
- the forward price (NDF price),
- the maturity date,
- the direction (purchase or sale).

Unlike with a normal forward transaction, only a compensatory payment is made in the freely convertible currency on the maturity date. The amount of the compensatory payment is calculated from the difference between the agreed NDF price and the reference price (price on the maturity date). Depending on the price performance, the compensatory payment is either made to the purchaser or the seller of the NDF.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities.

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Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the

economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14) ; and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee

companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Local Emerging Markets Debt

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10);
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14); and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no. 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in debt securities denominated in emerging market currencies issued by sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns (government owned corporates/companies/agencies) or supranationals. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

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The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

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#### • DWS Norm Assessment

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

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By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

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the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

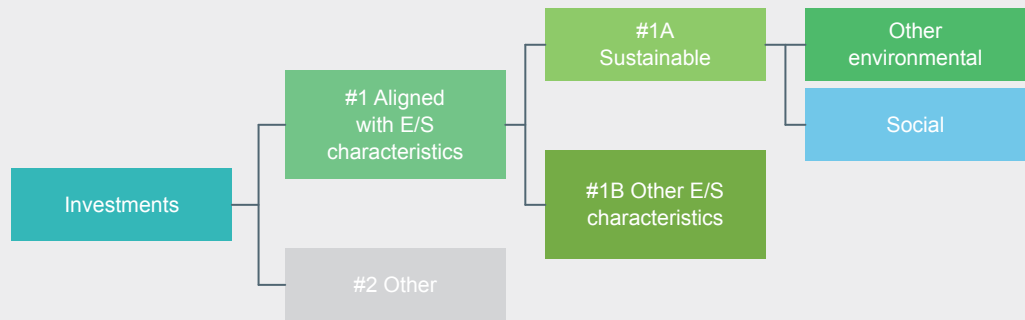
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

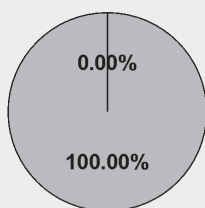


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

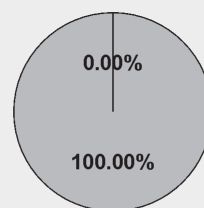
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest ESG Mobility

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World TR net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, XC LC, LD	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD LC, LD XC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	May 16, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Mobility, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Mobility is to achieve an appreciation as high as possible of capital invested.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers having their principal business activity in or profiting from the theme "mobility". The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

The term "mobility" considers several aspects and nuances of mobility besides the classical fields of application like transportation and logistics it is also taking account the changing pattern of reachability and its impact on lifestyle and working environment. The relevant companies operate within the multi-layered mobility value chain/industries. This includes companies and their suppliers involved in the area like transportation, logistics, clean energy, autonomous driving, hydrogen application, battery technology, cloud computing, real estate, consumer discretionary, IT, real estate, online platform, food delivery, sport & lifestyle vehicles.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions. Equity investments may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets, through American Depository Receipts (ADRs) issued by international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008 and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative

complies with the provisions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates of international issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraph.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries.

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Securities and/or other collective investment undertakings as defined in A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG

database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG

assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weap-

ons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is

a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Mobility

**Legal entity identifier:** 254900YCVDPCKP4IYF04

**ISIN:** LU2463037890

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers having their principal business activity in or profiting from the theme "mobility".

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and

environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as

well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

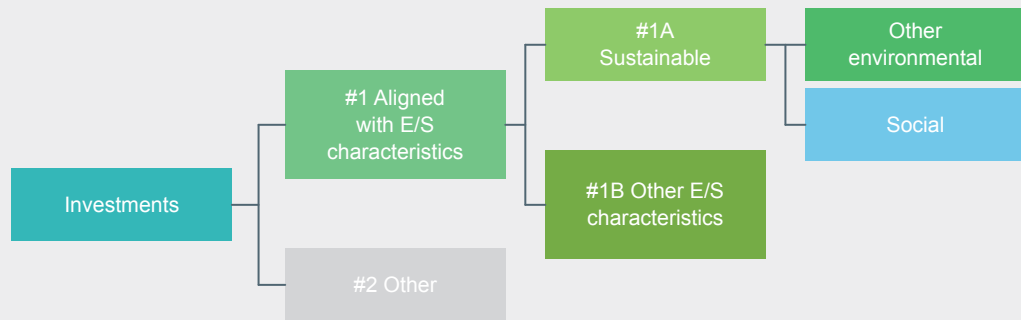
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

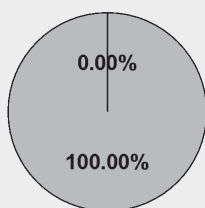


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

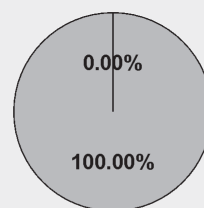
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2463037890/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Balance

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	50% MSCI AC World and 50% Barclays Global Aggregate Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee
<b>Maximum management fee charged in respect of investments in shares of target funds (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	3.25%

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Balance, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Balance is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance taking in account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

Up to 65% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants.

At least 35% of the investment sub-fund's assets must be invested in interest-bearing securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds or convertible bonds of domestic and foreign issuers, in certificates on bonds or bond indices, or in bond funds.

Up to 49% of the investment sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, in money market funds and in money market funds with a short maturity structure.

In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent

that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund also intends from time to time to utilize the developments on the international natural resources and commodity markets up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets. For this purpose and within this 10% limit, the sub-fund may acquire derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments are commodity indices and sub-indices in accordance with the 2008 Regulation, equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, convertible debentures and warrant-linked bonds, index certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates and equity warrants, as well as 1:1 certificates (including

Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)) the underlying of which are single commodities/ precious metals and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in 2 A.a) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008. The sub-fund does not invest into futures on soft commodities, e.g. cotton, sugar, rice and wheat as well as all manner of livestock.

Notwithstanding article 2 B. (i), the following applies:

The sub-fund's assets may be used to acquire shares of other UCITS and/or UCLs as defined in article 2 A. (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCLs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties.

Investments in shares of other UCLs other than UCITS must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in total.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed

by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via

the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCIs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 2 B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus at least 25% of the



sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in such equity capital investments as defined in article 2 (8) of the German Investment Tax Act that may be acquired for the sub-fund in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (mixed fund).

Equity capital investments in this respect are

- equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:
  - i) units of investment funds;
  - ii) units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - iii) units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - iv) units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
  - v) units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.
- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest more than 50% of their value or more than 50% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of

corporations in the amount of 51% of their value; if the terms and conditions of an equity fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 51% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;

- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest at least 25% of their value or at least 25% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of corporations in the amount of 25% of their value; if the terms and conditions of a balanced fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 25% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;
- units of investment funds that carry out a valuation at least once per week in the amount of the percentage of their assets published on each valuation date that they actually invest themselves, or as a fund of fund, in units of corporations.

Units of corporations as defined in indents 2 through 4 are

- units of corporations admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or in another state that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and are subject there to corporate income tax and are not exempt from it;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a third country and are subject there to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it; and
- units of other investment funds, which in turn meet the requirements of indents 2 through 4 and of this sentence, in the respective amount specified there.

However, units of corporations are not those that correspond to the categories as defined in indent 1 (i) to (v) above or are held indirectly via partnerships.

Equity capital investments indirectly held by the sub-fund via partnerships are not equity capital investments.

Individual investment fund units may only be taken into consideration once for the purposes of determining the daily equity capital investment rate.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is

a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may invest up to 65% in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants. At least 35% of the investment sub-fund's assets must be invested in interest-bearing securities such as government bonds, corporate bonds or convertible bonds of domestic and foreign issuers, in certificates on bonds or bond indices, or in bond funds. Up to 49% of the investment sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments, in money market funds and in money market funds with a short maturity structure or in cash. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:



#### • DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or



the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

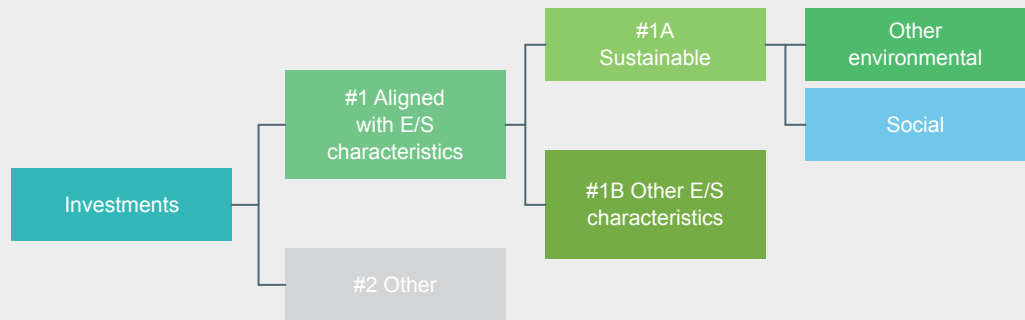
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

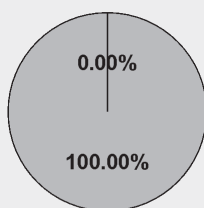


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

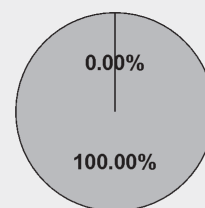
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Defensive

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	iBoxx EUR Overall (65%) and MSCI THE WORLD HIGH DIVIDEND INDEX in EUR (35%)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee
<b>Maximum management fee charged in respect of investments in shares of target funds (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	3.25%

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LD, ND, PFD, LC, NC, TFC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LD, LC ND, NC PFD, TFC	up to 3% up to 1% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, LC ND, NC PFD TFC	up to 1.1% up to 1.3% up to 0.6% up to 0.55%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, ND, PFD, LC, NC, TFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LD, ND, PFD, LC, NC, TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LD, ND, PFD LC, NC TFC	June 24, 2019 February 11, 2020 March 31, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Defensive, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Defensive is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance taking in account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets. The defensive character of the strategy is achieved through an overweighting of fixed income investments and a limitation of equity investments.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on, for example bonds, indices, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments, deposits and cash.

Up to 35% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in certificates on precious metals and precious metals indices, as well as in funds. According to article 2 A. (j), investment in the certificates listed here is only permitted if they are 1:1 certificates qualifying as transferable securities. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in units or shares of other UCITS or other UCIs in order to be eligible for investment by UCITS governed by the UCITS Directive.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and

the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities.



ties. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the

economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies.

An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Notwithstanding article 2 B. (i), the following applies:

The sub-fund's assets may be used to acquire shares of other UCITS and/or UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCIs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties.

Investments in shares of other UCIs other than UCITS must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in total.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCIs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 2 B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Defensive

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300EYR1MMK08S1P71

**ISIN:** LU1935133790

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. Up to 100% of the sub-fund may invest in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on, for example bonds, indices, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments, deposits and cash. Up to 35% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:



#### • DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or

the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

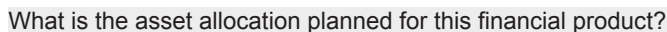
The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

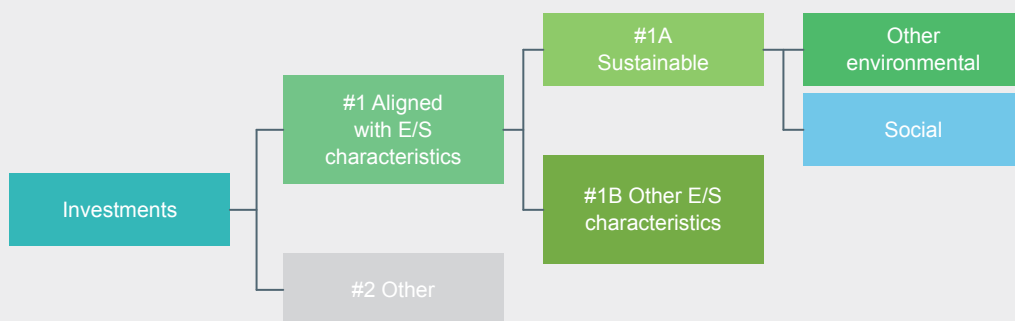
Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

(OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

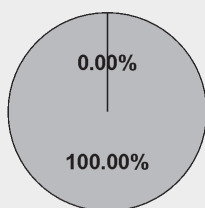


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

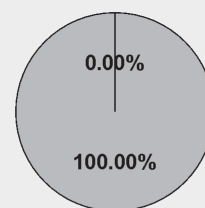
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU1935133790/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Dynamic

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	75% MSCI AC World Index in EUR, Net Return; 25% BBG Barc Global Aggregate Index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Dynamic, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Dynamic is to achieve the highest possible capital appreciation.

The sub-fund invests variably worldwide in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments or companies and in equities. Moreover, the net assets can be invested in share certificates, convertible debentures and warrant-linked bonds or in participation and dividend-right certificates.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavour-

able market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in units or shares of other UCITS or other UCIs in order to be eligible for investment by UCITS governed by the UCITS Directive.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.



The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
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- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the

company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Dynamic

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests variably worldwide in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments or companies and in equities. Moreover, the net assets can be invested in share certificates, convertible debentures and warrant-linked bonds or in participation and dividend-right certificates. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the

selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

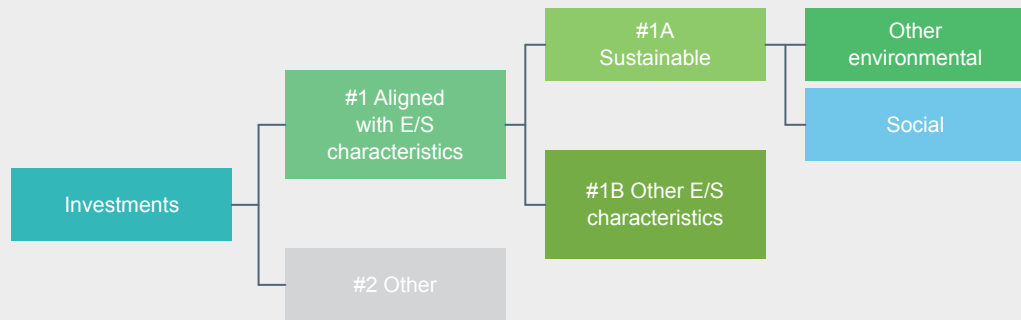
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

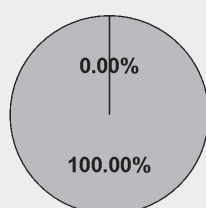


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

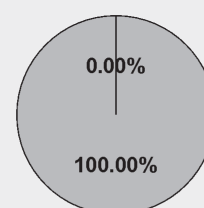
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.



## DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Income

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI AC World Index (55%), Barclays U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index hedged in EUR (35%), JP Morgan GBI EM Global Composite (10%)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LD, ND, LC, NC, FC, PFD, TFD, LDH (P)	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LD, LC, LDH (P) ND, NC FC, PFD, TFD	up to 4% up to 1% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, LC, LDH (P) ND, NC FC, TFD PFD	up to 1.2% up to 1.4% up to 0.6% up to 0.8%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, LC, FC, PFD, TFD, LDH (P) ND, NC	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LD, ND, LC, NC, FC, PFD, TFD, LDH (P)	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LD, ND LC, NC, FC PFD TFD LDH (P)	June 4, 2014 March 16, 2015 January 19, 2016 December 5, 2017 March 15, 2018

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## Overview of the share classes (continued)

### Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)\*\*

PFD:  
A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged.  
Please see the general section for further explanation.

### Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)

PFD:  
Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Income, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Income is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance taking in account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets. The sub-fund generally has an investment focus on income-oriented assets such as interest-bearing securities and equities

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may invest in interest-bearing securities, in equities, in certificates on, for example, equities, bonds, indices, commodities and precious metals, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in equity warrants, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in investment funds, such as equity, bond and money market funds, in investment funds that reflect the performance of an index, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments, deposits and cash.

Up to 75% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, bond funds, certificates on bonds or bond indices and warrant-linked bonds.

Up to 65% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in investment funds.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in certificates on commodities, commodities indices, precious metals and precious metals indices, as well as in funds. According to article 2 A. (j), investment in the certificates listed here is only permitted if they are 1:1 certificates qualifying as transferable securities. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008. The sub-fund does not invest into futures on soft commodities, e.g. cotton, sugar, rice and wheat as well as all manner of livestock.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social

characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental

changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers’ rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business

activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment..

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental,

social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The described investment policy may also be implemented by using Synthetic Dynamic Underlyings (SDU).

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (mixed fund) at least 25% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into

account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Additional information**

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional amounts of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 30%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 60%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Multi Asset Income

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300O5WKUNONTPTH35

**ISIN:** LU1054320970

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests up to 75% of the sub-fund's assets in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, bond funds, certificates on bonds or bond indices and warrant-linked bonds. Up to 65% of the sub-fund's assets will be invested in equities, equity funds, certificates on equities or equity indices and equity warrants. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

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For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

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Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

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selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

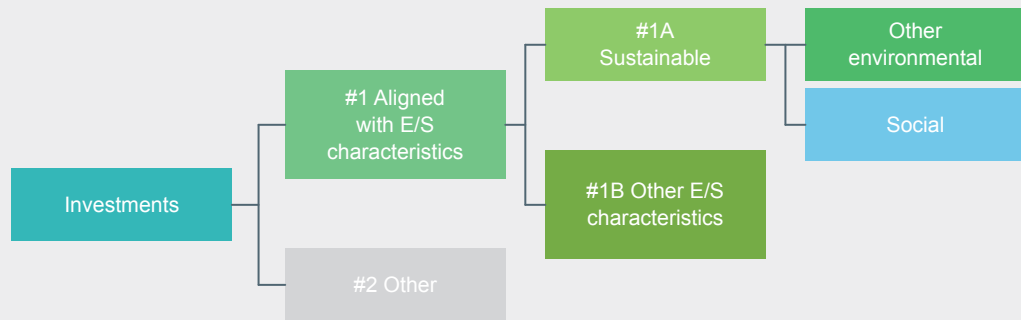
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

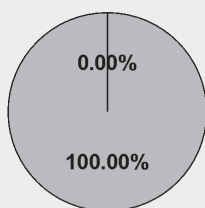


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

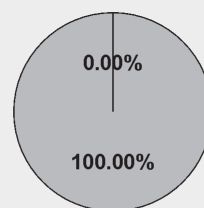
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU1054320970/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG NextGen Consumer

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI All Countries World TR net Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD LC, LD	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD XC, XD	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	November 30, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG NextGen Consumer, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The main investment objective of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG NextGen Consumer is to achieve a long-term sustained capital appreciation in Euros.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's total assets are invested in equities of companies, which benefit from a shift in consumption patterns driven by millennials and subsequent (next) generations. Generation shifts are occurring at a fast pace and the world will soon experience the rise of Generation Z (born between 1995 and 2009), which represents the largest consumer base through to 2030. Generation Z will shape the ways businesses create and market their products tomorrow. Brands that can accomplish Gen Z's expectations for authenticity, technology and social equality will capitalize on this growingly influential consumer segment. The sub-fund focuses on affected sectors like food, luxury, consumer goods, financials & financial services, IT, Communication services, mobility, energy, healthcare, education.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008 and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative complies with the provisions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

A total of up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in

- a) equities and/or securities similar to equities issued by companies worldwide that do not meet the requirements as mentioned above.
- b) interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds issued by companies in the global infrastructure sector or by issuers in accordance with (a) above and which are denominated in any freely convertible currency.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

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- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
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To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via,

e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy can also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forward contracts, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument.

In particular, derivatives based on equities, bonds, currencies or recognized financial indices may also be acquired.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or

(b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;

- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's total assets are invested in equities of companies, which benefit from a shift in consumption patterns driven by millennials and subsequent (next) generations. The sub-fund focuses on affected sectors like food, luxury, consumer goods, financials & financial services, IT, communication services, mobility, energy, healthcare, education.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and

environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as

well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

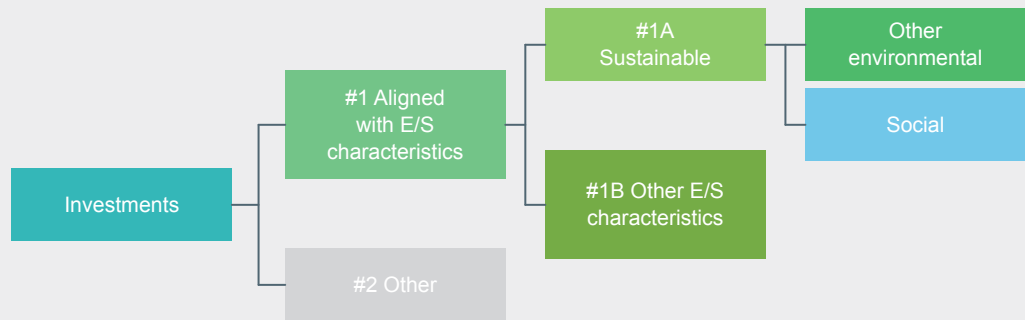
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

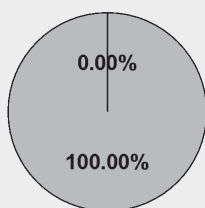


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

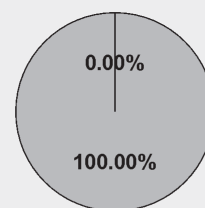
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2400048364/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Next Generation Infrastructure

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager RREEF America LLC, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Floor 24, Chicago, IL 60606, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	70% MSCI World Infrastructure Index; 30% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD, NC, PFC USD XC, USD XD	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, USD XC, USD XD, XC, XD, PFC LC, LD NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD USD XC, USD XD, XC, XD NC PFC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.375% up to 2% up to 1.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, USD XC, USD XD, XC, XD, NC, PFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, USD XC, USD XD, XC, XD, NC, PFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, USD XC, USD XD, XC, XD NC, PFC	May 15, 2020 January 29, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Next Generation Infrastructure, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The main investment objective of the sub-fund DWS Invest ESG Next Generation Infrastructure is to achieve a long-term sustained capital appreciation in Euros.

The sub-fund invests in those segments of infrastructure that have undergone meaningful changes, forming a new generation of tangible assets. These next generation assets are closely tied to structural growth trends, such as digitalisation and decarbonisation, and will significantly impact and determine our everyday lives in the near future. The sub-fund is centered around changes in consumption patterns and the demand for "intelligent" and likewise sustainable solutions based on technological progress, e.g. needed for smart cities, smart homes, and smart buildings. The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund invests primarily in the equities of listed companies that own, develop or manage infrastructure and real estate, provided that the latter equities are considered to be transferable securities as defined by article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, as well as in equities. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's total assets are invested in:

- a) equities, other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of issuers of selected infrastructure segments,
- b) equities of real estate companies, real estate investment companies including closed ended real estate investment trusts (REITs) of any legal form from selected real estate segments,
- c) securities similar to equities, such as participation and dividend-right certificates of companies according to b) above,

- d) derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments directly or indirectly (i.e., via equity indices) constitute investments according to a) and b).

Selected infrastructure segments include

- Data management (mobile towers, fibre assets, data center)
- Smart Mobility (toll roads)
- Smart Grid (power and water infrastructure)
- Renewables (offshore wind parks, renewables natural gas)

Selected real estate segments include

- E-Commerce Real Estate (logistics facilities, warehouses)
- Social Infrastructure (medical research and development facilities)

Where liquid assets cover obligations arising from derivative financial instruments according to (d) above, such liquid assets are attributed to the relevant 70%. Investments according to (b) and (c) herein must not include open-ended real estate investment funds deemed to be collective investment undertakings under Luxembourg law.

Infrastructure companies according to (a) provide an essential product or service to a segment of the population at a given time and cost, and often retain these characteristics for an extended period of time. The strategic competitive advantage of infrastructure assets is often protected by high barriers to entry of alternative suppliers. These high barriers to entry can take various forms, including:

- requirements imposed by legislation and/or regulation;
- natural barriers like planning or environmental restrictions, or availability of land;
- high costs of new development, such as the cost to build roads;
- long-term exclusive concessions and customer contracts;
- efficiencies provided by economies of scale such as reductions in marketing or other services.

These high barriers to entry have the effect of protecting the cash flows generated by these infrastructure assets, because services provided such as parking, roads, and communications towers can generally only be delivered by relatively large and costly physical assets in close proximity to customers. This is a critical distinction between infrastructure and other industries.

A total of up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in

- a) equities and/or securities similar to equities issued by companies worldwide that do not meet the requirements of a), b) and c) above;
- b) interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds issued by companies in the global infrastructure

sector or by issuers in accordance with b) above and which are denominated in any freely convertible currency.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed

by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities



- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion

strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy can also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forward contracts, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument.

In particular, derivatives based on equities, bonds, currencies or recognized financial indices may also be acquired.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Specific risks

The sub-fund's performance will largely be determined by the following factors, which give rise to both upside and downside potential:

- the performance of international equity markets;
- company and sector specific developments;
- exchange-rate movements of non-euro currencies against the euro.

The sub-fund may focus its investments on different sub-sectors, countries and market segments for a certain time period on a variable basis. In addition, the sub-fund could use derivatives. These investments could also lead to further performance and risks.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Next Generation Infrastructure

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 30% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund primarily in the equities of listed companies that own, develop or manage real estate, provided that these equities are considered to be transferable securities as defined by Article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, as well as in equities and other instruments of issuers of the "Global Infrastructure" sector. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. At least 70% of the sub-fund's total assets are invested in: equities of real estate companies, real estate investment companies including closed ended real estate investment trusts (REITs) of any legal form, securities similar to equities, such as participation and dividend-right certificates, derivative financial instruments like equity indices, and other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of issuers of the "Global Infrastructure" sector.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered



individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 30% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

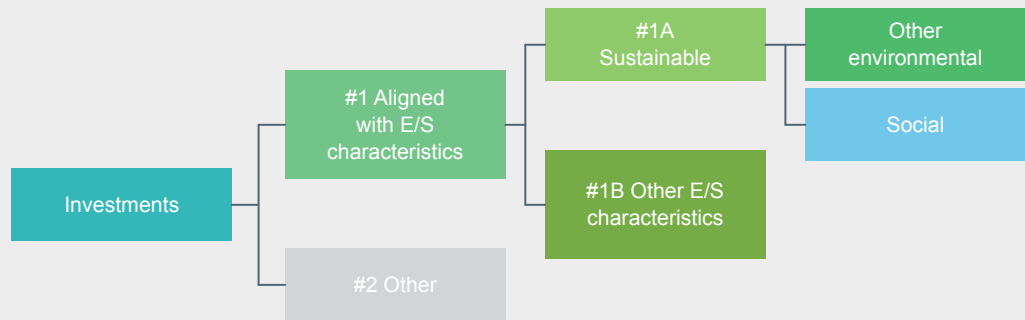
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

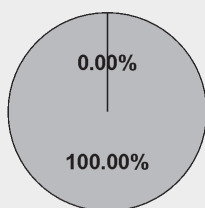


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

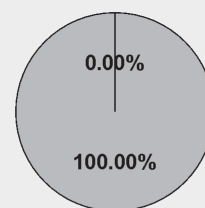
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 30% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 30% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2162004548/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Qi LowVol World

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS International GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 11-17, 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World TR Net (MSDEWIN Index)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, Frankfurt/Main and Cologne
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FC EB, FCH (P) EB, LC, LD, ND, FD, TFC, TFD USD LC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FC EB, FCH (P) EB, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD, USD LC ND	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD FC EB, FCH (P) EB LC, LD, USD LC ND	up to 0.75% up to 0.375% up to 1.25% up to 1.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FC EB, FCH (P) EB, LC, LD, USD LC, FD, TFC, TFD ND	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FC EB, FCH (P) EB, LC, LD, ND, USD LC, FD, TFC, TFD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FC EB, FCH (P) EB, LC, LD, ND, USD LC FD TFC, TFD	July 31, 2015 January 29, 2016 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Qi LowVol World, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Qi LowVol World is to achieve a sustainable capital appreciation.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

"Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group. Investment decisions are the result of a trade-off between investment opportunities that are identified by analysing fundamental and technical data and risk as well as cost considerations.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in equities. In the portfolio construction the sub-fund management is focusing on constructing an equity portfolio that is expected to have lower volatility in comparison to the broad equity market.

Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities in this respect.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 40% of the sub-fund's net assets.

In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 40% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and

principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
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- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by

means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
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- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to

determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly

specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
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The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. In the portfolio construction the sub-fund management is focusing on constructing an equity portfolio that is expected to have lower volatility in comparison to the broad equity market. "Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group. At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in equities. Up to 40% of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in money market instruments, term deposits and cash respectively.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### • **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or

the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
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- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

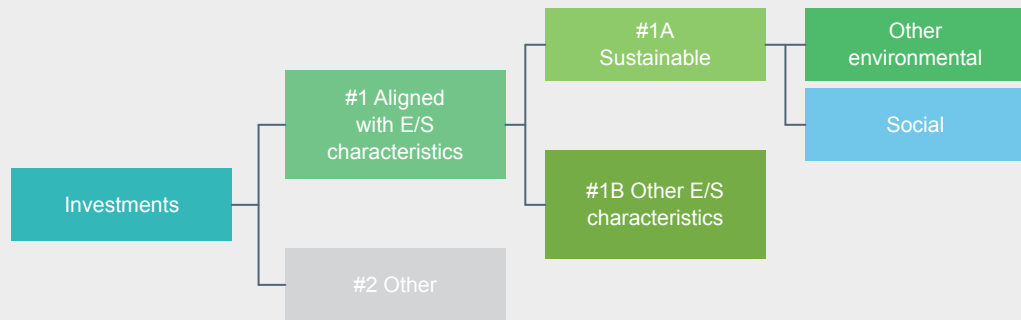
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

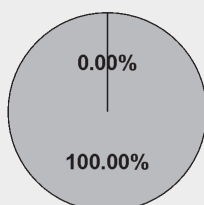


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

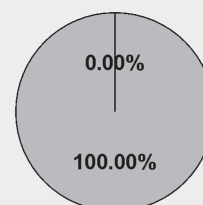
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1230072479/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest ESG Qi US Equity

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS International GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 11–17, 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI USA TR net, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI USA TR net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, Frankfurt/Main and Cologne that is also an exchange trading day on New York Stock Exchange
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	USD IC, USD RC	USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	USD IC, USD RC	0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	USD IC USD RC	up to 0.2% up to 0.5%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	USD IC, USD RC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	USD IC, USD RC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	USD IC, USD RC	April 30, 2019

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Qi US Equity, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures

in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Qi US Equity is to achieve a long-term capital appreciation in excess of its benchmark.

The sub-fund acquires and sells the assets in accordance with its assessment of economic and capital-market conditions and of future prospects on the exchanges.

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in U.S. equities.

Individual stocks are picked primarily according to the criteria of fundamental analysis; their

weightings take into account a balance between opportunity and risk. The sub-fund will acquire only such assets that in combination can be expected to generate income and/or growth or are expected to improve the risk profile of the overall portfolio. In these investments, the sub-fund manager takes care to ensure a flexible weighting of the investment focuses.

The stock selection is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by our Quantitative investments (Qi) group. Investment decisions are the result of a trade-off between investment opportunities that are identified by analysing fundamental and technical data and risk as well as cost considerations.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

Taking into account the investment limits set out in article 2 B. (n), the investment policy can also be implemented through the use of derivatives, including, but not limited to, forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

Positions may also be established which anticipate declines in equities or indices.

In accordance with article 2 F. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, no short sales of securities will be undertaken. Short positions are achieved by using securitized and non-securitized derivative instruments.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social

characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined,

the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German

Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Qi US Equity

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300FYU2V74OOKSB71

**ISIN:** LU1978535810

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund will acquire only such assets that in combination can be expected to generate income and/or growth or are expected to improve the risk profile of the overall portfolio. "Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in U.S. equities. Up to 25% of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in money market instruments, term deposits and cash respectively.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

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#### • DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

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- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

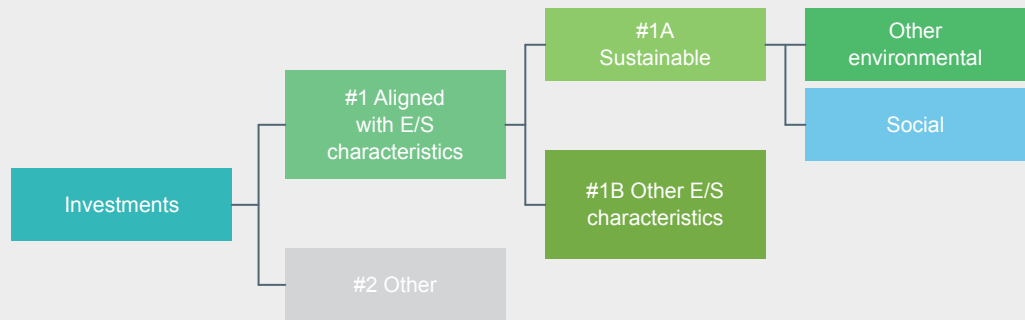
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

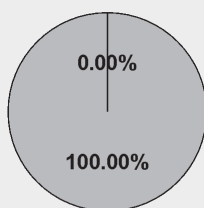


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

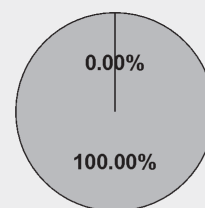
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.





What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1978535810/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Real Assets

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager RREEF America LLC, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Floor 34, Chicago, IL 60606, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	27.5% DJ Brookfield, 27.5% FTSE EPRA NAREIT, 25% BBG Global Inflation Linked, 20% S&P Global Natural Resources
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, TFC, XD USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC, USD XD	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LC, USD LD TFC, XD, USD TFC, USD XD	up to 5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, USD LC, USD LD TFC, USD TFC XD, USD XD	up to 1.5% up to 0.75% up to 0.375%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, TFC, XD, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC, USD XD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, TFC, XD, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC, USD XD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, TFC, XD, USD LC, USD LD, USD TFC, USD XD	November 21, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Real Assets, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Real Assets is to achieve positive long-term capital appreciation through investing globally in publicly traded real assets.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

Real assets are a collective term for listed real estate, listed infrastructure companies, global natural resource equities as well as certificates on commodities and commodities indices. Global natural resources refers to companies whose revenues or earnings, as reported in the most recent annual report, must be generated primarily from activities in the commodities sector. This includes the global exploration, development, refinement, production and marketing of commodities and their by-products.

The sub-fund may not directly invest in commodities or real estate.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates, government issued fixed income securities, exchange traded funds and units of other investment undertakings. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in publicly traded real assets. In detail:

- issuers that own, develop or manage real estate, provided that these securities are considered to be transferable securities as defined by article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010;
- issuers of the infrastructure sector including transportation, communication, utilities, industrials and energy;
- precious metals commodity-related financial derivative instruments and in equities of companies active in the commodities sector including agriculture, energy, industrial metals, livestock and materials;
- Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) and other fixed income securities.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds and equity warrants that do not satisfy the requirements of a), b), c) and d).

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may be implemented partially through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, futures, options, forwards, and privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument whose underlyings consist of securities covered by article 41(1) of the Law of 2010, financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies. The sub-fund's assets may also be invested in certificates on commodities and commodities indices. According to article 2 A. (j), investment in the certificates listed here is only permitted if they are 1:1 certificates qualifying as transferable securities.

When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will

invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Dele-

gated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund will not engage in short selling of any transferrable securities.

The sub-fund may not enter into any obligations regarding the transfer of physical commodities.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus at least 25% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in such equity capital investments as defined in article 2 (8) of the German Investment Tax Act that may be acquired for the sub-fund in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (mixed fund).

Equity capital investments in this respect are

- equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:
  - i) units of investment funds;
  - ii) units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - iii) units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - iv) units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
  - v) units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal

more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest more than 50% of their value or more than 50% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of corporations in the amount of 51% of their value; if the terms and conditions of an equity fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 51% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;
- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest at least 25% of their value or at least 25% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of corporations in the amount of 25% of their value; if the terms and conditions of a balanced fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 25% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;
- units of investment funds that carry out a valuation at least once per week in the amount of the percentage of their assets published on each valuation date that they actually invest themselves, or as a fund of fund, in units of corporations.

Units of corporations as defined in indents 2 through 4 are

- units of corporations admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or in another state that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and are subject there to corporate income tax and are not exempt from it;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a third country and are subject there to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it; and
- units of other investment funds, which in turn meet the requirements of indents 2 through 4 and of this sentence, in the respective amount specified there.

However, units of corporations are not those that correspond to the categories as defined in indent 1 (i) to (v) above or are held indirectly via partnerships.

Equity capital investments indirectly held by the sub-fund via partnerships are not equity capital investments.

Individual investment fund units may only be taken into consideration once for the purposes of determining the daily equity capital investment rate.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives („risk benchmark“).

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy with the possibility to invest on an ancillary basis into other asset classes, as further specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score

of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers’ rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of



that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

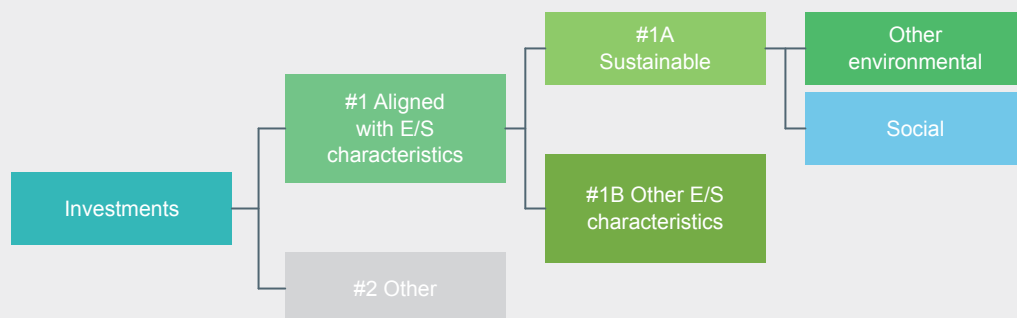




**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

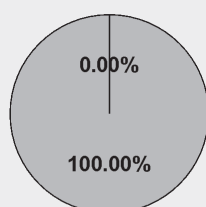


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

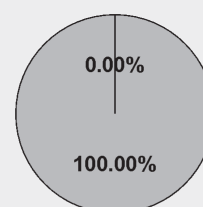
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU2548824452/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Real Assets Balanced

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	60% MSCI World TRN Index + 30% BBG Global Aggregate Bond Index + 10% Gold Bullion Spot Price
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Real Assets Balanced, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Real Assets Balanced is to achieve sustainable capital growth through investing globally in publicly traded real assets.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The portfolio manager uses a balanced concept for the asset allocation containing equity, fixed income and commodity instruments. Depending on the evaluation of the market situation, the portfolio manager will weight such asset classes in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

Real assets are a collective term and include among others listed real estate, investment trusts, listed infrastructure companies, materials companies, convertibles as well as certificates on commodities and commodities indices.

Listed Real Estate does not only refer to REITS but also all equities that are classified as real estate as per Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) or Bloomberg Industry Classification System (BICS).

An investment trust is a type of fund typically set up as a closed-ended listed company (Investment Trust). As such its shares can't be redeemed and will be traded on a stock exchange. Investment trusts include but are not limited to equities of real asset companies, real asset investment

companies including closed real estate investment trusts (REITs) of any legal form.

The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) is a hierarchical industry classification system developed by MSCI and Standard & Poor's. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 69 industries and 158 sub-industries. Each company is assigned a single GICS classification at the sub-industry level according to its principal business activity.

The Bloomberg Industry Classification Systems (BICS), an industry classification system developed and maintained by Bloomberg independent of the index business that classifies securities based on business, economic function, and other characteristics. The sub-fund may not directly invest in commodities or real estate.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertibles, derivatives, investment trusts, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates, fixed

income securities, exchange traded funds and units of other investment undertakings and certificates on commodity indices. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in publicly traded real assets. In detail:

- a) Companies which belong to the Real Estate Sector or Asset Management Industry according to a recognized classification system like GICS and BICS
- b) Infrastructure companies, which include the utilities, industrials, energy (including renewables) and communications sector according to a recognized classification system like GICS and BICS
- c) Companies which belong to the material sector including, metals & mining, agricultural and paper & forest companies or Packaged Foods & Meats Industry according to a recognized classification system like GICS and BICS
- d) Investment Trusts
- e) Exchange traded funds and units of other investment undertakings with a focus on: real assets and the topics described in a) to d),
- f) Certificates on commodity indices
- g) Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), Floating Rate Notes, convertibles and fixed income securities including issuers named in a) to c)

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested among others in equities, interest-bearing securities, warrant-linked bonds, equity warrants, exchange traded funds and units of other investment undertakings and cash that do not satisfy the requirements of a) to g)

Furthermore, the sub-fund also intends from time to time to establish an exposure of up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets to the international precious metals and commodity (ex agriculture) markets. However, this limit can be utilized by establishing an exposure to one single precious metal or commodity. For this purpose and within this 25% limit, the sub-fund may acquire derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments are precious metals or commodities indices and sub-indices in accordance with the 2008 Regulation, as well as ETFs and 1:1 certificates (including Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)) the underlying of which are single precious metals or commodities and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund does not invest into futures on soft commodities, e.g. cotton, sugar, rice and wheat as well as all manner of livestock.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may be implemented partially through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative

financial instruments may be acquired for hedging and investment purposes and may include, among others, futures, options, forwards, and privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument whose underlyings consist of securities covered by article 41(1) of the Law of 2010, financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies. The sub-fund's assets may also be invested in certificates on commodities and commodities indices. According to article 2 A. (j), investment in the certificates listed here is only permitted if they are 1:1 certificates qualifying as transferable securities.

When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further

detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance

from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);

- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not engage in short selling of any transferrable securities.

The sub-fund may not enter into any obligations regarding the transfer of physical commodities.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (mixed fund) at least 25% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock

exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives („risk benchmark“).

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Real Assets Balanced

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertibles, derivatives, investment trusts, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates, fixed income securities, exchange traded funds and units of other investment undertakings and certificates on commodity indices. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in publicly traded real assets. Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in the international precious metals and commodity (ex agriculture) markets.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### • DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or



the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.





## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

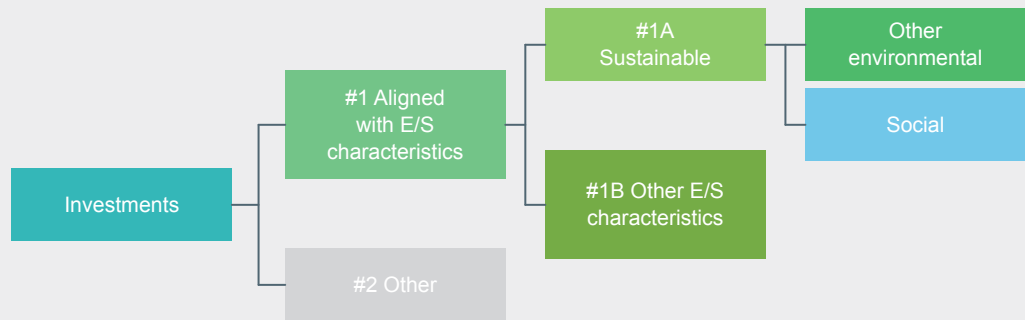
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

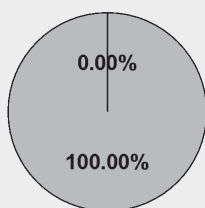


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

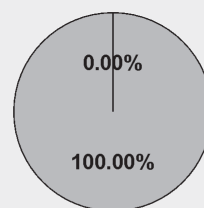
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest ESG Smart Industrial Technologies

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI World Industrial Net TR Index, administered by MSCI Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World Industrial Net TR Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, TFC, PFC USD TFCH	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, USD TFCH, PFC LC, LD NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC, USD TFCH LC, LD NC PFC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 1.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, TFC, USD TFCH, PFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, TFC, USD TFCH, PFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD NC TFC USD TFCH PFC	November 2, 2018 December 14, 2018 May 15, 2019 September 16, 2019 April 28, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Smart Industrial Technologies the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Smart Industrial Technologies is to achieve the highest possible return, in combination with a reasonable annual distribution of income.

The sub-fund invests into future technologies of various sectors in a smart fashion, as it focuses on companies that are able to extend technological and thought leadership in industrial production. Core areas as "automation & robotics", "digitalisation" or "infrastructure" offer smart business solutions while in parallel offering different growth drivers and diversification benefits.

As part of its discretionary management policy for the sub-fund, the Investment Company engages in active selection of the assets permitted under the UCITS law and the permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general part of the Sales Prospectus. Decisions on asset selection are based on well-founded evaluations by the globally networked investment specialists of the fund management.

At least two-thirds of the sub-fund's assets must be invested in equities of German and foreign issuers. In doing so, investments must be made in equities that are active in the areas of provision of forward-looking infrastructure and the production of future-oriented industrial goods and that derive at least 20% of their revenues in these areas.

Up to one third of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions, respectively. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this one third limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The Company may invest up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets in units of other funds (investment fund units). The proportion of such investment fund units in excess of 5% of the sub-fund's assets may consist only of money market fund units.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

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### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via,



e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least two thirds of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of

notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least two-thirds of the sub-fund's assets must be invested in equities of German and foreign issuers. In doing so, investments must be made in equities that are active in the areas of provision of forward-looking infrastructure and the production of future-oriented industrial goods and that derive at least 20% of their revenues in these areas. Up to one third of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments and bank balances, respectively.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers. For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the



selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

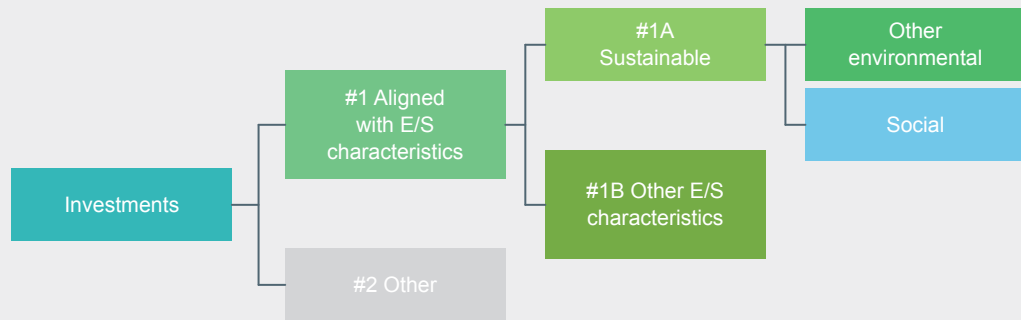
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

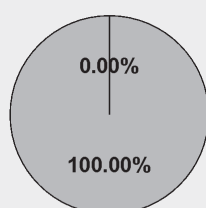


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

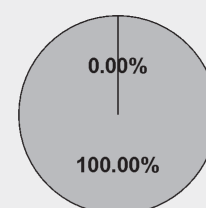
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1891278043/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG Top Euroland

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Euro Stoxx 50, administered by STOXX Ltd.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Euro Stoxx 50
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC, IC, PFC, FD, TFC, TFD USD LCH, USD FCH GBP D RD SGD LCH (P)	EUR USD GBP SDG
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LCH, SGD LCH (P) FC, GBP D RD, IC, PFC, USD FCH, FD, TFC, TFD NC	up to 5% 0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, USD LCH, SGD LCH (P) FC, GBP D RD, USD FCH, FD, TFC, TFD NC IC PFC	up to 1.5% up to 0.75% up to 2% up to 0.5% up to 1.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, USD LCH, GBP D RD, IC, PFC, SGD LCH (P), USD FCH, FD, TFC, TFD NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC, USD LCH, GBP D RD, PFC, SGD LCH (P), USD FCH, FD, TFC, TFD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC USD LCH GBP D RD IC PFC SGD LCH (P) USD FCH FD TFC, TFD	June 3, 2002 November 29, 2013 December 6, 2013 April 25, 2014 May 26, 2014 June 16, 2014 August 14, 2014 September 1, 2014 December 5, 2017

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## Overview of the share classes (continued)

### Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)\*\*

PFC:  
A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged.  
Please see the general section for further explanation.

### Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)

PFC:  
Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Top Euroland, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Top Euroland is to achieve an above average return. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

The sub-fund focuses on companies with a higher market capitalization. Additionally, the fund-manager aims to run a concentrated portfolio, e.g. 40–60 different stocks. Depending on the market situation it is possible to deviate from the mentioned diversification target.

A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities of issuers that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives,

the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an

issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.



### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries’ governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined,

the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

## PEA-compatibility

The sub-fund is eligible to the PEA (Plan d'Epargne en Actions), a fiscal advantage for French subscribers.

## Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed

expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG Top Euroland  
**Legal entity identifier:** 549300IHXXEJW2LCJN56  
**ISIN:** LU0145644893

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). The sub-fund focuses on companies with a higher market capitalization. Additionally, the fund-manager aims to run a concentrated portfolio, e.g. 40–60 different stocks. Depending on the market situation it is possible to deviate from the mentioned diversification target. Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### • **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or

the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

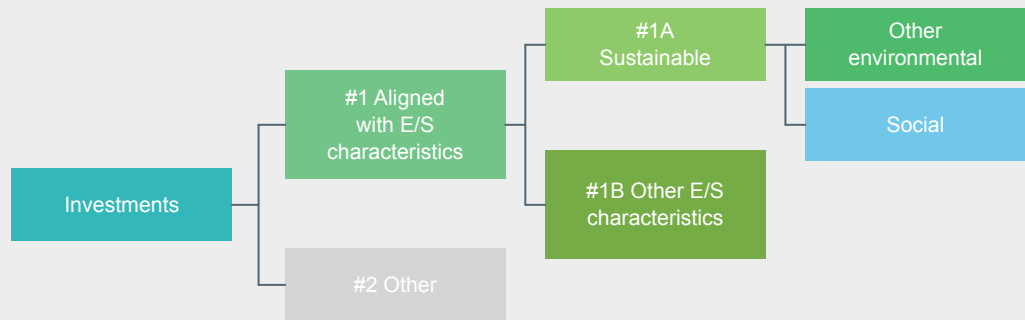
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

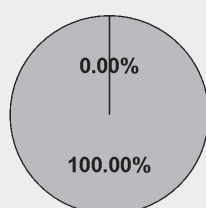


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

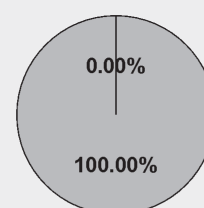
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0145644893/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest ESG USD Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Barclays Capital U.S. Credit Index, administered by Barclays Bank Plc
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Barclays Capital U.S. Credit Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, which is also an exchange trading day at the New York Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LCH, FCH, XCH, TFCH USD LD, USD FC, USD XC, USD TFC, USD TFD	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LCH, USD LD FCH, XCH, USD FC, USD XC, TFCH, USD TFC, USD TFD	up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LCH, USD LD FCH, USD FC, TFCH, USD TFC, USD TFD XCH, SD XC	up to 1.1% up to 0.6% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LCH, FCH, XCH, USD LD, USD FC, USD XC, TFCH, USD TFC, USD TFD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LCH, FCH, XCH, USD LD, USD FC, USD XC, TFCH, USD TFC, USD TFD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LCH, FCH, XCH, USD LD, USD FC, USD XC TFCH, USD TFC, USD TFD	January 15, 2016 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG USD Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG USD Corporate Bonds is to generate an above average return for the sub-fund.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in credit bonds. Credit bonds refer to government related bonds (Agency, Local Authority, Supnationals and Sovereign) and corporate bonds (Industrial, Utility, Financial Institutions).

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria, including but not limited to a max of 20% investment in US Treasuries, ABS/MBS and Covered Bonds. Investments in ABS need to have an investment-grade rating. When a holding ABS asset is downgraded to lower than BBB3/BBB-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

The sub-fund assets are either denominated in USD or hedged against the USD.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of split rating between three agencies, the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

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For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities.

ties. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

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The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of

that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the

investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may, amongst others, also be implemented through the use of the following derivative financial instruments: Bond index future contracts, FX-forwards, currency option futures, interest rate swaps, forward starting interest rate swaps, interest rate options, single name and index credit default swaps.

In addition the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might

be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

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The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

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- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in credit bonds. Credit bonds refer to government related bonds (Agency, Local Authority, Supranationals and Sovereign) and corporate bonds (Industrial, Utility, Financial Institutions). A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. The sub-fund assets are either denominated in USD or hedged against the USD. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### • DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

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the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

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Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

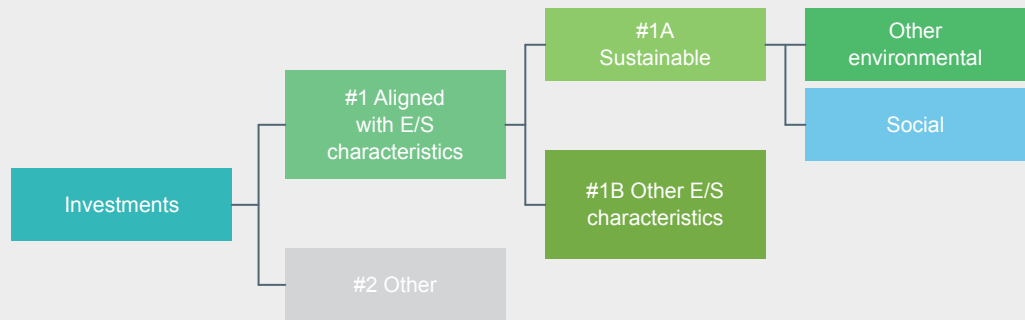
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

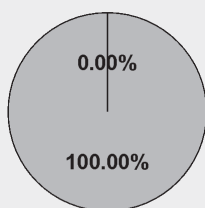


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

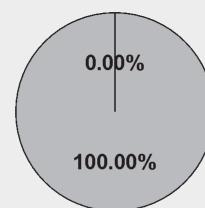
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.





What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1333038807/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest ESG USD Short Duration

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Bloomberg Barclays US Government/Credit 1-3 years Index, administered by Barclays Bank Plc.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG USD Short Duration, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG USD Short Duration is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities having maturities classified as short-term. "Short term" relates to a term to maturity or fixed-rate term of investments ranging between zero and three years. Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest into money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds.

At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months.

This sub-fund does not comply with the provisions of the EU Regulation 2017/1131 on money market funds and hence will not qualify as a money market fund.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in debt instruments or other securities that do not meet the above criteria.

The sub-fund's assets shall be invested in USD denominated bonds, in credit bonds (maximum 80%) and in US Treasuries (maximum 80%). Credit bonds refer to government related bonds (Agency, Local Authority, Supranationals and Sovereign) and corporate bonds (Industrial, Utility, Financial Institutions).

The sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria, including but not limited to a max of 40% securitized bonds of sub-fund's assets. Securitized bonds include ABS, MBS, CLOs, and Covered Bonds. Investments in ABS / MBS / CLOs / Covered bonds need to have an investment-grade rating. The sub-fund's

investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of split rating between three agencies, the higher rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the higher rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

The sub-fund must invest more than 80% of the net assets in USD denominated assets. Other net assets must be hedged to the US dollar.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribu-

tion of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14); and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal

adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund’s assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section “Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process”.

## Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund’s securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the

benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest ESG USD Short Duration

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10);
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14); and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no. 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets shall be invested in USD denominated bonds, in credit bonds (maximum 80%) and in US Treasuries (maximum 80%). At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities having maturities ranging between zero and three years. At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. The investment into securitized bonds is limited to a maximum of 40% of sub-fund's assets. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% and the investments in asset backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the subfund's net asset value. The sub-fund must invest more than 80% of the net assets in USD denominated assets. Other net assets must be hedged to the US dollar.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed

insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

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• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

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• **DWS Norm Assessment**

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Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

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• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

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assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

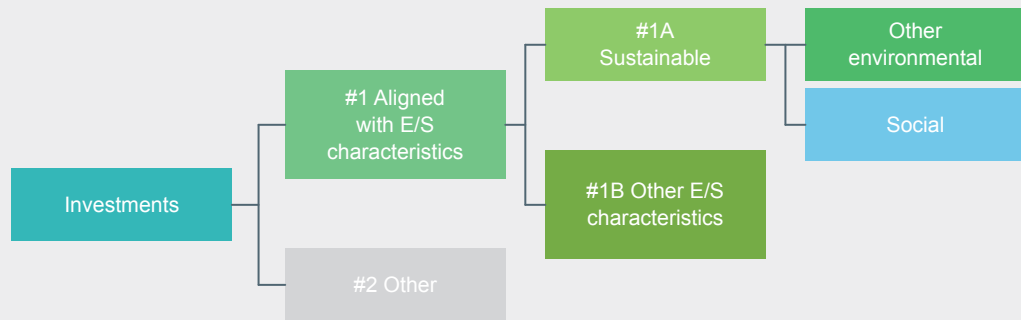
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

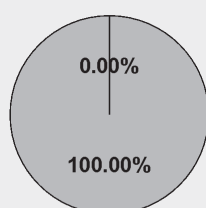


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

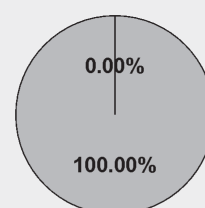
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest ESG Women for Women

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI AC World Index (Total return net)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD LC, LD	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD LC, LD XC, XD	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, TFC, TFD, XC, XD	January 17, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest ESG Women for Women, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While

the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest ESG Women for Women is to achieve an above average appreciation of capital in Euros.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may acquire equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants.

The sub-fund has as its objective to create a positive social impact by investing in companies with a strong focus on diversity and equality combined with sustainable business practices, while at the same time aiming to provide long term capital growth. The sub-fund is managed by female portfolio managers who will analyse the

market from their female perspective. Gender is a substantial part of the diversity evaluation as women account for the half of the world population, but e.g. women are still under-represented in executive roles and in boards of the most listed companies.

The sub-fund does not only cover (gender) diversity topics but is building a scoring model that also covers general social topics. The sub-fund is investing into companies with a strong momentum and improvement in driving the general diversity within the company (Rate of Change) and companies which are already diversity leaders within their industries (Best in Class). The companies should furthermore provide a sustainable business model, strong fundamentals and long-term structural growth.

Diversity leaders (Best In Class and Rate of Change) are companies that consciously recognize and promote diversity across all employee levels by providing equal opportunities for all employees regardless their age, culture, ethical background, religion, sex/gender and color.

The sub-fund integrates ESG (i.e. Environmental, Social and corporate Governance) characteristics in the investment process strategy. The sub-fund will take exposure of at least two-thirds of its total assets to equities of companies all over the world, which includes companies incorporated or having the major part of their business activities in mature economies (developed markets) as well as in developing economies (emerging markets) and exhibiting a high degree of diversity and equality based on Best in Class or Rate of Change.

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies.

Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008 and article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010. In case that a derivative is embedded into the depository receipt, such derivative complies with the provi-

sions as set out in article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010 and articles 2 and 10 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

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Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

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### DWS Social Commitment Assessment

In addition, the sub-fund management seeks to attain the promoted social characteristics in relation to diversity and equality by focusing on the DWS Social Commitment Assessment of a company. The DWS Social Commitment Assessment considers the percentage of women in executive roles, flexible workplace environment, dependent care, the existence of a non-discrimination policy and compliance with UN SDG 5. UN SDG 5 aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Metrics incorporated into the factor along others are programs

for workforce diversity, percentage of women on board of directors, controversies in labour or customer relation towards gender discrimination or harassment, child or forced labour or labour discrimination including supply chain, customer discrimination on the basis of disabilities.

Issuers with a low social commitment (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS Social Commitment Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

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- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics.

However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
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- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10);
- Board gender diversity (no. 13) and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German

Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

Moreover, this sub-fund promotes social characteristics related to diversity and equality by investing in companies with a strong momentum and improvement in driving the general diversity (including gender) within the company and companies which are already diversity leaders within their industries.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer groups
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS Social Commitment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the issuer’s commitment to diversity and equality
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
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The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

**X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
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- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10);
- Board gender diversity (no. 13); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

☐ No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests in companies with a strong focus on diversity and equality combined with sustainable business practices. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies. Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

## What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores.

The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group

(i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Social Commitment Assessment**

In addition, the sub-fund management seeks to attain the promoted social characteristics in relation to diversity and equality by focusing on the Social Commitment Assessment of a company. The DWS Social Commitment Assessment considers the percentage of women in executive roles, flexible workplace environment, dependent care, the existence of a non-discrimination policy and compliance with UN SDG 5. UN SDG 5 aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Metrics incorporated into the factor along others are programs for workforce diversity, percentage of women on board of directors, controversies in labour or customer relation towards gender discrimination or harassment, child or forced labour or labour discrimination including supply chain, customer discrimination on the basis of disabilities.

Issuers with a low social commitment (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS Social Commitment Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.



If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

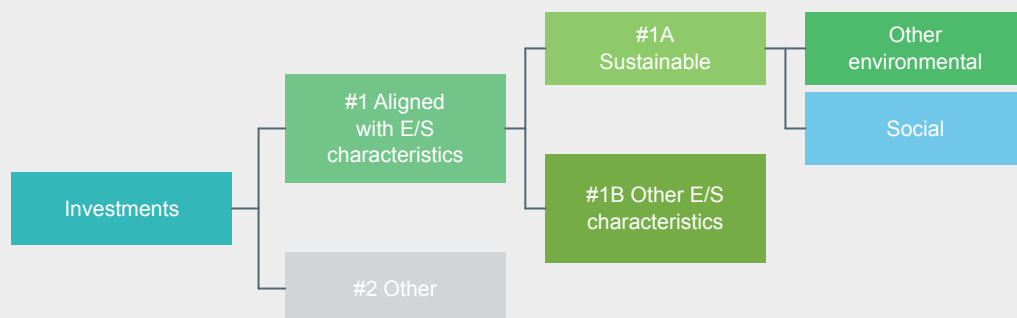


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

### Enabling activities

directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

### Transitional activities

are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

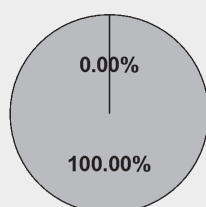


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

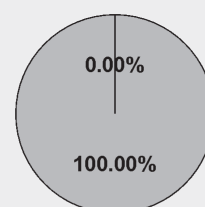
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2420982006/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Euro Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	iBoxx EUR Corporates, administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	iBoxx EUR Corporates
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, IC, IC100, NDQ, ID100, TFC, TFD, FC10 GBP CH RD SEK LCH CHF FCH USD FCH	EUR GBP SEK CHF USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, SEK LCH NC, NDQ FC, PFC, PFDQ, IC, GBP CH RD, IC100, CHF FCH, USD FCH, ID100, TFC, TFD, FC10	up to 3% up to 1.5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, SEK LCH NC, NDQ FC, PFC, PFDQ, GBP CH RD, CHF FCH, USD FCH, TFC, TFD IC, FC10 IC100, ID100	up to 0.9% up to 1.2% up to 0.6% up to 0.4% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, IC, GBP CH RD, SEK LCH, IC100, CHF FCH, USD FCH, ID100, TFC, TFD, FC10 NC, NDQ	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, GBP CH RD, SEK LCH, CHF FCH, USD FCH, NDQ, TFC, TFD, FC10 IC, IC100, ID100	0.05% 0.01%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, FC LD PFC, PFDQ IC GBP CH RD, SEK LCH IC100 CHF FCH, USD FCH NDQ ID100 TFC, TFD FC10	May 21, 2007 October 30, 2009 May 26, 2014 July 1, 2014 December 1, 2015 September 30, 2016 October 31, 2016 April 28, 2017 July 14, 2017 December 5, 2017 July 16, 2018
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFDQ: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFDQ: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Euro Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Euro Corporate Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in e.g. securities, sectors, ratings that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The strategy offers investors access to the EUR Corporate Bond market. In regard to the benchmark the sub-fund positioning can deviate substantially (e.g. by off-benchmark positioning or significant under- and overweights). Due to the before mentioned characteristic of the sub-fund strategy the deviation of the portfolio from the benchmark is typically relatively high. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the benchmark, the potential outperformance

might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

The sub-fund may acquire euro-denominated fixed and/or variable interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in corporate bonds denominated in Euros that offer returns higher than those of comparable government bonds; investments are deliberately focused almost exclusively on issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first-rate (investment-grade bonds). The Investment Company will only purchase those securities for the sub-fund for which, after appropriate analysis, it can assume that the interest and repayment obligations will be fulfilled. Nevertheless, the risk of a total loss of the value of individual securities purchased for the sub-fund cannot be ruled out completely. In order to take account of the remaining risks, care shall be taken to spread investments among issuers.

A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition.

The sub-fund may also conclude credit default swaps. Their use need not be limited to hedging the fund's assets; they may also be part of the investment strategy.

No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants.

The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund may use, particularly in accordance with the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the Sales Prospectus – general section, derivatives to optimize the investment objective.

The derivatives may only be used in compliance with the investment policy and the investment objective of DWS Invest Euro Corporate Bonds. The performance of the sub-fund is therefore besides other factors depending on the respec-

tive proportion of derivatives, e.g. swaps in the sub-fund's total assets.

To implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective it is anticipated that the derivatives, such as swaps, will be entered with at least BBB3 (Moody's) /BBB- (S&P, Fitch) rated financial institutions specializing in such transactions. Such OTC-agreements are standardized agreements.

In conjunction with the OTC transactions, it is important to note the associated counterparty risk. The sub-fund's counterparty risk resulting from the use of portfolio total return swaps will be fully collateralized. The use of swaps may furthermore entail specific risks that are explained in the general risk warnings.

The sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several OTC-transactions negotiated with a counterparty under customary market conditions. Therefore, the sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several transactions.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on

ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental,



social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund’s investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund’s net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section “Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process”.

#### **Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund’s securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of

specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

The sub-fund deliberately purchases the securities of issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first rate (investment grade bonds). The opportunities resulting from the higher rates of interest in comparison to government bonds are thus countered by corresponding risks. Despite careful examination of the economic conditions and the financial condition and earnings capacity of issuers, the risk of a total loss of the value of individual securities purchased for the sub-fund cannot be ruled out completely.

The opportunities afforded by an investment of this type are therefore countered by significant risks.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may acquire euro-denominated fixed and/or variable interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in corporate bonds denominated in Euros that offer returns higher than those of comparable government bonds; investments are deliberately focused almost exclusively on issuers whose credit standing is considered by the market to be relatively good but not first-rate (investment-grade bonds). Up to 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend-right certificates, equities and equity warrants. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The sub-fund may also conclude credit default swaps.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.



The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described

above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

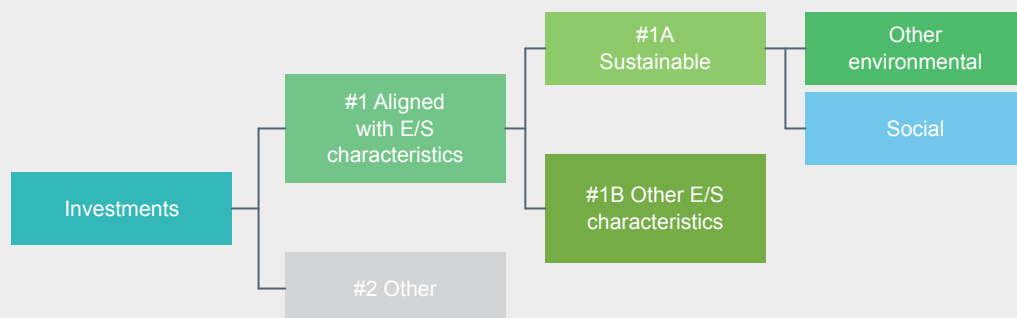
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

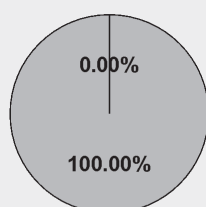


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

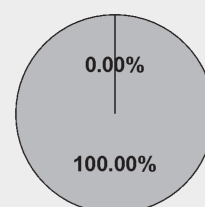
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0300357554/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Euro High Yield Corporates

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro BB-B Non-Financial Fixed & FRN HY Constrained, administered by Merrill Lynch International.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro BB-B Non-Financial Fixed & FRN HY Constrained
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, FD, ND, PFC, PFDQ, ID50, IC50, NDQ, IC, TFC, TFD, RDQ, ID, PFD USD LCH, USD FCH, USD LDMH, USD TFCH SEK LCH CHF FCH, CHF ICH50, CHF TFCH	EUR USD SEK CHF
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, PFC, PFDQ, USD FCH, CHF FCH, ID50, IC50, IC, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH, RDQ, ID, CHF ICH50, PFD, CHF TFCH LC, LD, USD LCH, SEK LCH, USD LDMH NC, ND, NDQ	0% up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, USD FCH, CHF FCH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH, CHF TFCH LC, LD, USD LCH, SEK LCH, USD LDMH NC, ND, NDQ PFC, PFDQ, PFD ID50, IC50, CHF ICH50 IC, ID RDQ	up to 0.65% up to 1.1% up to 1.4% up to 0.8% up to 0.35% up to 0.45% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, FD, PFC, PFDQ, USD LCH, USD FCH, SEK LCH, USD LDMH, CHF FCH, ID50, IC50, IC, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH, RDQ, ID, CHF ICH50, PFD, CHF TFCH NC, ND, NDQ	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, LD, NC, FD, ND, PFC, PFDQ, USD LCH, USD FCH, SEK LCH, USD LDMH, CHF FCH, NDQ, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH, PFD, CHF TFCH ID50, IC50, IC, RDQ, ID, CHF ICH50	0.05% 0.01%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, LD NC FD ND PFC, PFDQ USD LCH, USD FCH SEK LCH USD LDMH CHF FCH ID50 IC50 NDQ, IC TFC, TFD, USD TFCH RDQ ID CHF ICH50 PFD CHF TFCH	July 30, 2012 December 3, 2012 April 8, 2013 January 31, 2014 May 26, 2014 July 21, 2014 December 1, 2015 February 16, 2015 June 15, 2016 July 15, 2016 October 31, 2016 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017 April 30, 2018 October 15, 2019 July 31, 2020 February 15, 2021 July 30, 2021
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFDQ: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFDQ: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Euro High Yield Corporates, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Euro High Yield Corporates is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Non-investment grade encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds. In case of a split rating

involving three rating agencies, the second best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in corporate bonds that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of

the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavour-



able market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

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Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU

Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

In extreme market situations, the Portfolio Manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily be invested in interest-bearing debt securities and money market instruments permissible under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Non-investment grade encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds. Currency risks versus the Euro in the portfolio shall be hedged. Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into listed or non-listed equities in the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

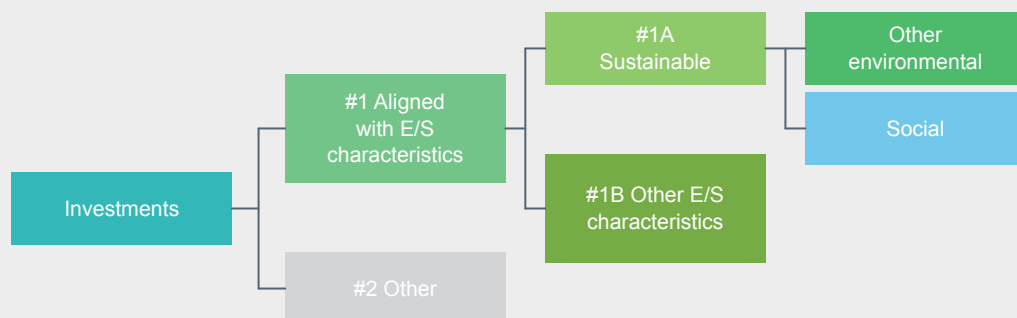


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

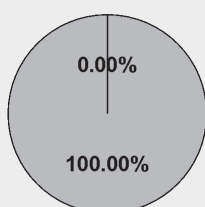


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

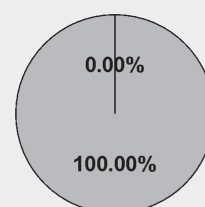
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0616839501/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	iBoxx Sovereign Eurozone Overall, administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	iboxx Sovereign Eurozone
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, IC, TFC, TFD, IC100, ID100, FC100	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD NC FC, IC, TFC, TFD, IC100, ID100, FC100	up to 3% up to 1.5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD NC FC, TFC, TFD IC IC100, ID100, FC100	up to 0.6% up to 1.1% up to 0.35% up to 0.3% up to 0.15%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, IC, TFC, TFD, IC100, ID100, FC100 NC	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, TFC, TFD, FC100 IC, IC100, ID100	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC IC TFC, TFD IC100 ID100 FC100	June 3, 2002 March 15, 2016 December 5, 2017 May 30, 2018 January 31, 2020 February 15, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds is to generate an above-average return in Euros.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) are invested in euro-denominated interest-bearing debt securities issued by states of the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom, government institutions within these states and supra-national public international bodies of which one or more of the states of the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom are members.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in other interest-bearing debt securities issued by other states, government institutions and supra-national public international bodies that do not meet the above criteria.

The sub-fund may use, particularly in accordance with the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the Sales Prospectus – general section, derivatives to optimize the investment objective.

The derivatives may only be used in compliance with the investment policy and the investment objective of DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds. The performance of the sub-fund is therefore besides other factors depending on the respective proportion of derivatives, e.g. swaps in the sub-fund's total assets.

To implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective it is anticipated that the derivatives, such as swaps will be entered with at least BBB3 (Moody's) /BBB- (S&P, Fitch) rated financial institutions specializing in such transactions. Such OTC-agreements are standardized agreements.

In conjunction with the OTC transactions, it is important to note the associated counterparty risk. The sub-fund's counterparty risk resulting from the use of portfolio total return swaps will be fully collateralized. The use of swaps may furthermore entail specific risks that are explained in the general risk warnings.

The sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several OTC-transactions negotiated with a counterparty under customary market conditions. Therefore, the sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several transactions.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics

as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined

assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14). and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters.

Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets, specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Euro-Gov Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300GWZOI706VXHT51

**ISIN:** LU0145652052

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
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- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10);
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14); and
- Investee countries subject to social violations (no 16).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) are invested in euro-denominated interest-bearing debt securities issued by states of the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom, government institutions within these states and supra-national public international bodies of which one or more of the states of the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom are members.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

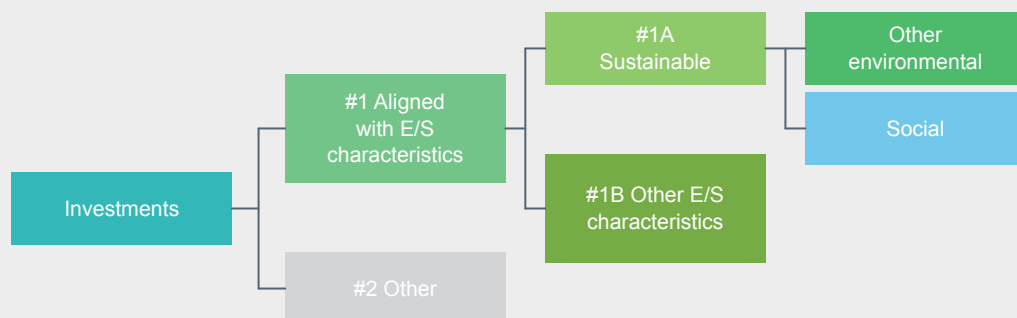


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

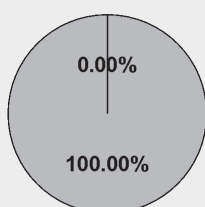


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

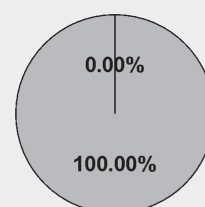
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0145652052/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest European Equity High Conviction

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI EUROPE in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI EUROPE in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC, TFC, TFD USD LC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LC FC, TFC, TFD NC	up to 5% 0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, USD LC FC, TFC, TFD NC	up to 1.5% up to 0.75% up to 2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, USD LC, TFC, TFD NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC, USD LC, TFC, TFD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC USD LC TFC, TFD	June 3, 2002 November 20, 2006 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest European Equity High Conviction, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest European Equity High Conviction is to achieve an appreciation as high as possible of capital invested in Euros. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates, equity warrants and index certificates. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the EU, the United Kingdom, in Norway and/or in Iceland.

The term „High Conviction“ refers to the sub-fund concept. High Conviction implies that – based on the investment decision of the portfolio management – single stocks are implemented with greater weightings and less diversification than a benchmark-oriented product. „Conviction“ means that single equity positions might have significant weightings, exceeding 5%. The conviction should be expressed by clearly deviating from the benchmark with single stock weightings, if a stock is regarded as attractive. As a consequence, the portfolio will have less positions and diversification. Although there are no limitations regarding country or sector weightings, it can be expected that due to the conviction approach certain sectors or regions might have no or low weightings, if more attractive stocks from other sectors/regions have been identified.

Company-specific characteristics are emphasized in the selection of stocks (bottom-up approach). The focus is on companies that have a good market position, future-oriented products and competent management. Furthermore, the companies should concentrate on their strengths, aim for a yield-oriented use of resources and sustainable, above-average profit growth. In addition to these criteria, the companies should have shareholder-centered information policies, including detailed accounting and regular communication with investors. Accordingly, equities of companies shall be acquired that are expected to achieve results and/or share prices that are above average compared to the broad market.

Up to 25% of the sub fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities for the purposes of this sub-fund's investment policy.

Up to 25% of the sub fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds.

In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Up to 10% of the sub fund's assets may be invested in units of other funds (investment fund units). The proportion of fund units exceeding 5% of the sub fund's assets may consist only of money market fund units.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

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The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteris-

tics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined

assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting

from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not

subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference

portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of issuers having their headquarters in a member state of the EU, the United Kingdom, in Norway and/or in Iceland. High Conviction implies that – based on the investment decision of the portfolio management – single stocks are implemented with greater weightings and less diversification than a benchmark- oriented product. Single equity positions might have significant weightings, exceeding 5%, if a stock is regarded as attractive. Up to 25% of the sub fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities for the purposes of this sub-fund's investment policy. Up to 25% of the sub fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments and bank balances. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described

above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

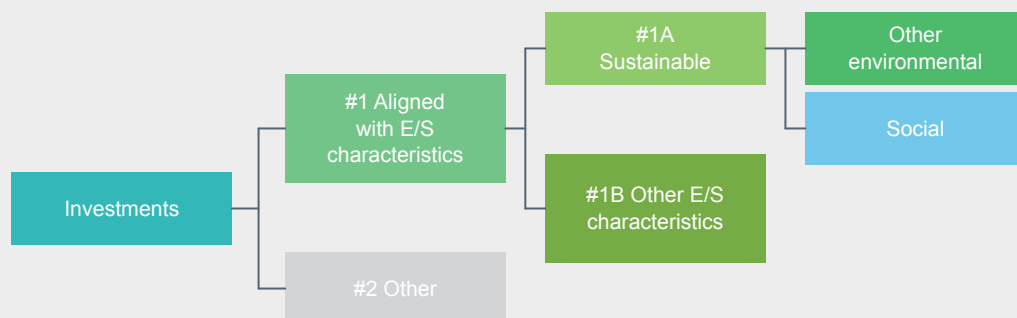


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

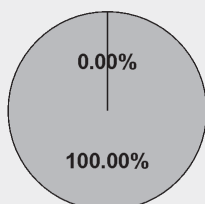


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

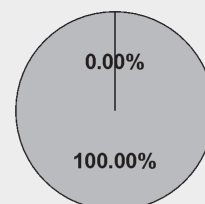
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0145634076/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Financial Hybrid Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD	0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD	up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD	November 30, 2015

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.



**This sub-fund is aimed at semi-institutional and institutional clients only.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Financial Hybrid Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Investment policy**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Financial Hybrid Bonds is to generate an above average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may invest globally in interest-bearing securities, in convertible bonds, in contingent convertibles, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments and liquid assets.

At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in hybrid bonds issued by financial issuers.

Hybrid bonds are bonds, which due to their structure have both debt and equity capital characteristics. Equity-like features can include loss participations and profit-linked interest payments.

Debt-like features can include a fixed maturity date or call dates fixed on issue, which are frequently associated with hybrid bonds.

Hybrid bonds also encompass subordinated bonds (Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds), dividend-right certificates, convertible and warrant-linked bonds as well as insurance company subordinated bonds and contingent convertibles.

Up to 49% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing debt securities that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in subordinated bonds.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities (via exercising conversion rights), including convertible preference shares.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

**DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental

changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

**DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

**DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

**Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined,

the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS securities.

Derivatives may be used for hedging and investment purposes.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Specific risk warnings

Pursuant to the new banking regulations (Basel III, implemented in the EU by Directive 2013/36/EU (hereinafter "CRD IV"), of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013, on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC and Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 (hereinafter "CRR") of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013, on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 banks must have higher capital buffers and also meet higher regulatory requirements regarding capital adequacy. This is the reason why credit institutions in particular issue mandatory convertible bonds called "contingent convertibles" ("CoCos").

CoCos are perpetual subordinated bonds that reward the investors risks with a high fixed interest rate ("coupon") and can be called by the issuer at the dates specified in the issue documents ("issue prospectus(es)"). In the event that the CoCo is called by the issuer, the CoCo investor (in this case the sub-fund), receives the nomi-

nal value ("nominal value") of the CoCo position held. This, however, does not apply if a criterion that initiates a conversion ("conversion trigger") occurs beforehand – with the possible consequence of a total loss or a reduction of the nominal value (point 2).

These types of conversions (point 2) – which are disadvantageous for CoCo investors – and which are initiated by trigger events (point 1) are described in more detail below. From the perspective of the issuer, CoCos have loss-balancing properties, as the issuer's risk is transferred to the CoCo investor. Compared to other bonds and debt securities, CoCos are therefore associated with an increased risk of loss for the CoCo investor, and therefore for the investor in the sub-fund.

#### 1. Criteria that initiate a conversion ("trigger events")

From the perspective of the issuer, the loss-balancing characteristic of a CoCo bond lies in the fact that the nominal value of the CoCo is fully or partially converted to equity capital (shares) of the issuer or fully or partially written down (see point 2) if certain trigger events that are defined precisely in the issue prospectus for the CoCo bond occur.

The exact configuration of the trigger events in the issue prospectus can be quite different, depending on the CoCo bond. Therefore from the perspective of the CoCo investor, it is difficult to conduct a standardized, transparent risk assessment of CoCos. There are different types of trigger events, which can also be combined with other triggers specified in the issue prospectus. The following trigger events, among others, may be defined in the issue prospectus for a CoCo bond:

**Technical trigger:** A trigger event is a technical trigger if it is linked to a specific accounting-related key figure such as the equity ratio of the issuer.

**Discretionary trigger:** A trigger event is a discretionary trigger if it is specified in the issue prospectus that the issuer's competent supervisory authority can initiate a conversion of the nominal value of the CoCo bond into share capital. That is the case when the issuer's competent supervisory authority has, at its sole discretion, determined that the issuer has reached the point at which it can no longer survive without additional equity capital.

**Combined triggers:** In addition to a trigger at the level of the credit institution, a trigger at the level of the associated corporate group of the issuer can also be specified in the issue prospectus.

#### 2. Types of conversion following the occurrence of a trigger event

There are three different types of conversion, depending on the configuration of the CoCo bond specified in the issue prospectus.

- Conversion into shares: If the issuer falls below the specified trigger level, the nominal value of the CoCo bond is converted into shares at a conversion ratio already specified

in the issue prospectus. After conversion, the CoCo investor holds shares of the issuer of the CoCo bond. This shareholding may lead to a total loss of capital invested.

- Permanent full or partial write-down of the nominal value: With this variant, the nominal value of the CoCo bond is fully or partially reduced (i.e. written down) without the CoCo investor receiving compensation for this. This is initially synonymous with a corresponding loss of capital for the CoCo investor. In the case of a full write-down, the CoCo investor suffers a loss of the nominal value, and therefore the entire capital invested (total loss). In the event of a partial write-down, the nominal value of the CoCo bond is reduced by the corresponding amount (loss or proportional loss applicable to it).

- Temporary full or partial write-down of the nominal value: Unlike the second type of conversion, the full or partial reduction of the nominal value initially only takes place temporarily. The duration of the reduction is, however, not foreseeable and is at the sole discretion of the issuer, taking into account the applicable regulatory requirements. "Temporary" also means that the issuer, at its sole discretion and in accordance with the prudential regulations, has the option of increasing the nominal value again.

In the event of a partial write-down of the nominal value pursuant to point 2 (b) and (c), the subsequent coupon payments are based on the reduced nominal value (for the duration of the write-down).

In summary, it can be said that every conversion is associated with a loss of capital from the perspective of the CoCo investor, with the amount of the capital loss depending primarily on the terms and conditions set out in the issue prospectus.

#### 3. Selected risks

CoCos are associated in particular with the risks listed below, which must be taken into consideration for an investment in CoCos.

- Risk of falling below the specified trigger level (trigger level risk)

The probability and the risk of a conversion or write-down are determined by the difference between the trigger level and the applicable regulatory equity ratio of the CoCo issuer.

The technical trigger is at least 5.125% of the regulatory equity ratio specified in the issue prospectus of the respective CoCo bond. Especially in the case of a high trigger, CoCo investors may lose the capital invested, for example in the case of a write-down of the nominal value or conversion into equity capital (shares).

At the level of the sub-fund, this means that the actual risk of falling below the trigger level is difficult to assess in advance, as, for example, the equity ratio of the issuer is only published quarterly and the actual gap between the trigger level and the equity ratio only becomes known at the time of publication.

- b) Risk of suspension of the coupon payment (coupon cancellation risk)

The issuer or the supervisory authority can suspend the coupon payments at any time. Coupon payments that are canceled are not made up for when coupon payments are resumed. For the CoCo investor, there is a risk that not all of the coupon payments expected at the time of acquisition will be received.

- c) Risk of a change to the coupon (coupon resetting risk)

If the CoCo bond is not called by the CoCo issuer on the specified call date, the issuer can redefine the terms and conditions of issue. If the CoCo bond is not called by the issuer, the amount of the coupon can be changed on the call date.

- d) Risk due to prudential requirements (risk of a reversal of the capital structure)

A number of minimum requirements in relation to the equity capital of banks were defined in CRD IV. The amount of the required capital buffer differs from country to country (depending on the prudential regulations applicable to the issuer).

At sub-fund level, the different national requirements have the consequence that the conversion based on a discretionary trigger or suspension of the coupon payments can take place depending on the legal regulations applicable to the issuer and that an additional uncertainty factor exists for the CoCo investor or the investor arising from the national terms and conditions and the discretionary decisions of the respective competent supervisory authority.

Moreover, the opinion of the competent supervisory authority, as well as the relevance criteria for the opinion cannot be conclusively assessed in advance.

- e) Call risk and risk of the competent supervisory authority preventing a call (prolongation risk)

CoCos are perpetual long-term debt securities that are callable by the issuer at call dates specified in the issue prospectus. The decision to call the bond is made at the sole discretion of the issuer but it does require the approval of the issuer's competent supervisory authority. The supervisory authority makes its decision in accordance with applicable prudential provisions.

The CoCo investor can only resell the CoCo bond on a secondary market, which in turn is associated with corresponding market and liquidity risks.

- f) Equity capital and subordination risk (risk of a reversal of the capital structure)

In the case of conversion to shares, CoCo investors become shareholders when the trigger occurs. In the event of insolvency, claims of shareholders may have subordinate priority and their settlement is dependent on the remaining funds available. The conversion of CoCos can therefore lead to a total loss of capital.

- g) Risk of concentration on a sector

Due to the special structure of CoCos, the risk of concentration on one sector may arise due to the uneven distribution of risks with regard to financial securities. Due to legal regulations, CoCos are part of the capital structure of financial institutions.

- h) Liquidity risk

CoCos entail a liquidity risk in a tense market situation. This is due to the special investor base and the lower total volume on the market compared to normal bonds.

- i) Income valuation risk

Due to the fact that CoCos can be called on a flexible basis, it is not clear which date should be used for calculating the income. There is a risk on each call date that the maturity of the bond will be postponed and the income calculation must then be adjusted to the new date, which can lead to a different yield.

- j) Unknown risk

Due to the innovative nature of the CoCos and the highly changeable regulatory environment for financial institutions, risks may arise that cannot be foreseen at the present time.

Please also refer to the "Risks of investments in contingent convertibles" section in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section

"Efficient portfolio management techniques".

The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund's assets. The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Financial Hybrid Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 222100MAD31NBQ543C02

**ISIN:** LU1318737514

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 50% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in hybrid bonds issued by financial issuers. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in subordinated bonds. Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities (via exercising conversion rights), including convertible preference shares. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers

that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

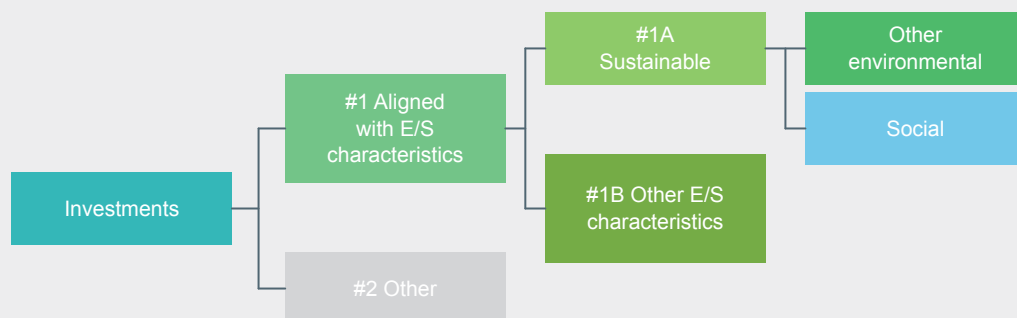
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

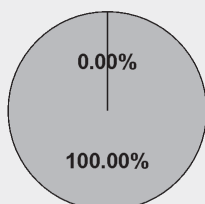


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

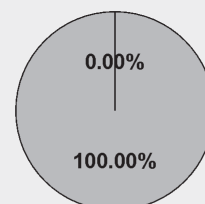
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1318737514/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest German Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	CDAX (RI), administered by STOXX Ltd.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	CDAX (RI)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, PFC, TFC, TFD USD LC, USD LCH, USD FCH GBP CH RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LC, USD LCH NC FC, PFC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, USD LC, USD LCH NC FC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD PFC	up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 0.75% up to 1.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, USD LC, USD LCH, PFC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, USD LC, USD LCH, PFC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC USD LC USD LCH PFC USD FCH GBP CH RD TFC, TFD	August 20, 2012 February 11, 2013 August 5, 2013 May 26, 2014 April 30, 2015 December 1, 2015 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest German Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest German Equities is to achieve an above average return.

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities, investment certificates, equity warrants, equity-linked warrants and subscription rights of German issuers. German issuers are defined as companies headquartered in Germany.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use suitable derivative financial instruments and techniques for hedging purposes and in order to achieve the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in instruments that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraph and in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and

principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may

only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of

sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the

extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

There can be no assurance that the sub-fund will achieve its investment objective.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.
- For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions

correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### PEA-compatibility

The sub-fund is eligible to the PEA (Plan d'Épargne en Actions), a fiscal advantage for French subscribers.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional

approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities, investment certificates, equity warrants, equity-linked warrants and subscription rights of German issuers. German issuers are defined as companies headquartered in Germany.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed

to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or

- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

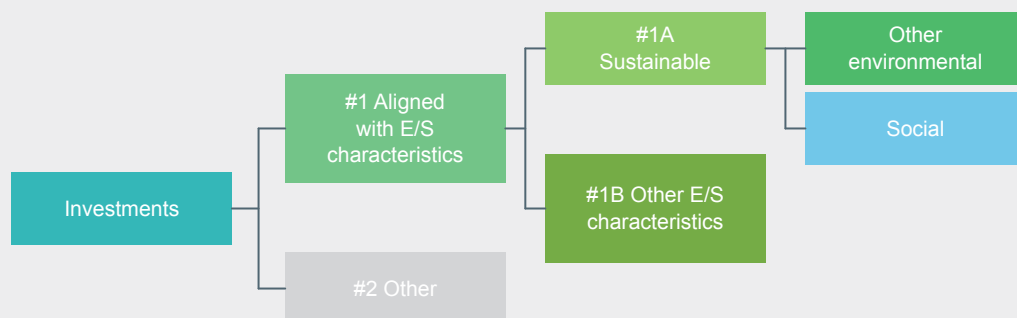
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

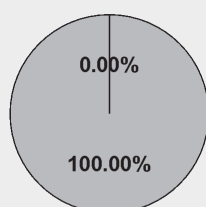


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

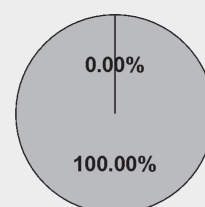
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0740822621/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Global Agribusiness

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	S&P Global Agribusiness Equity Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, NC, LD, PFC, TFC, TFD, IC USD FC, USD LC, USD IC, USD TFC GBP LD DS, GBP D RD SGD LC	EUR USD GBP SGD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, PFC, USD IC, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, IC LC, USD LC, GBP LD DS, LD, SGD LC NC	0% up to 5% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC LC, USD LC, GBP LD DS, LD, SGD LC NC PFC USD IC, IC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.5%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, USD FC, USD LC, GBP LD DS, LD, GBP D RD, PFC, 0% USD IC, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, SGD LC, IC NC	0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, NC, USD FC, USD LC, GBP LD DS, LD, GBP D RD, PFC, TFC, TFD, USD TFC, SGD LC USD IC, IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, NC, USD FC, USD LC GBP LD DS LD GBP D RD PFC USD IC TFC, TFD, USD TFC SGD LC IC	November 20, 2006 December 21, 2007 July 1, 2008 September 1, 2009 May 26, 2014 March 31, 2015 December 5, 2017 September 30, 2019 October 15, 2019

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## Overview of the share classes

### Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)\*\*

PFC:  
A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged.  
Please see the general section for further explanation.

### Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)

PFC:  
Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Global Agribusiness, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Global Agribusiness is to achieve an appreciation as high as possible of capital invested.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers having their principal business activity in or profiting from the agricultural industry. The relevant companies operate within the multi-layered food value chain. This includes companies involved in the cultivation, harvesting, planning, production, processing, service and distribution of agricultural products (forestry and agriculture companies, tool and agricultural machine manufacturers, companies in the food industry such as wine, cattle and meat producers and processors, supermarkets and chemical companies).

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates of foreign and domestic issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraph.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions and up to 5% in money market funds. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries.

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Securities and/or other collective

investment undertakings as defined in A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the pro-

moted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds)

with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters.

Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a

member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Global Agribusiness

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300EJ63GGG8PUEG20

**ISIN:** LU0273158872

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares, stock certificates, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, participation and dividend-right certificates, and equity warrants of foreign and domestic issuers having their principal business activity in or profiting from the agricultural industry. The relevant companies operate within the multi-layered food value chain. Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

#### **Good governance**

practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

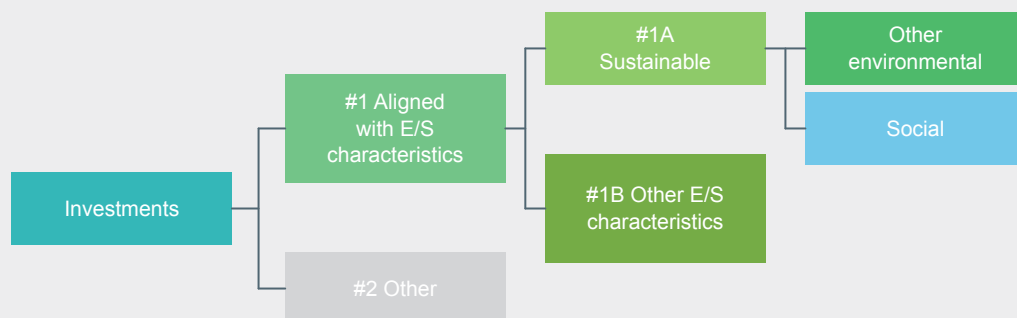


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

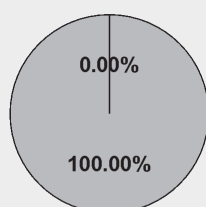


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

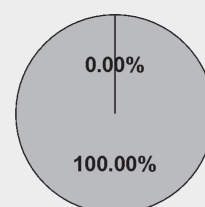
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0273158872/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Global Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	(absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, LC, NC, IC, FD, NDQ, TFC, TFD GBP IDH , GBP DH RD , GBP CH RD USD LCH , USD FCH , USD TFCH CHF FCH, CHF LCH SEK LCH	EUR GBP USD CHF SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, PFC, PFDQ, GBP IDH , GBP DH RD , USD FCH , IC, FD, CHF FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH LD, LC, USD LCH , CHF LCH, SEK LCH NC, NDQ	0% up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, GBP DH RD , USD FCH , FD, CHF FCH, GBP CH RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH LD, LC, USD LCH , CHF LCH, SEK LCH PFC, PFDQ NC, NDQ GBP IDH , IC	up to 0.5% up to 0.9% up to 0.6% up to 1.3% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, LC, GBP IDH , GBP DH RD , USD LCH , USD FCH , IC, FD, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, GBP CH RD, SEK LCH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH NC, NDQ	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LD, PFC, PFDQ, LC, NC, GBP DH RD , USD LCH , USD FCH , FD, CHF FCH, CHF LCH, GBP CH RD, SEK LCH, NDQ, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH GBP IDH , IC	0.05% 0.01%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	FC LD PFC, PFDQ LC, NC GBP IDH GBP DH RD USD LCH USD FCH IC FD CHF FCH, CHF LCH GBP CH RD SEK LCH NDQ TFC, TFD, USD TFCH	December 22, 2011 February 17, 2014 May 26, 2014 June 4, 2014 June 16, 2014 July 21, 2014 September 8, 2014 December 1, 2014 January 30, 2015 March 16, 2015 April 30, 2015 August 17, 2015 September 30, 2015 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFDQ: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFDQ: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Global Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Global Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets may be invested globally in the following instruments:

- interest-bearing debt securities issued by sovereign institutions (central banks, government agencies, government authorities and supra-national institutions) from developed countries or Emerging Markets;
- corporate bonds issued by companies from developed countries or Emerging Markets that may or may not offer an investment-grade status at the time of acquisition;
- covered bonds;
- convertible bonds;

- subordinated bonds;
- asset-backed securities.

The sub-fund's investments in the above-mentioned assets may account for up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets each. Furthermore, equity-linked derivatives may be used to achieve the sub-fund's objective. Derivatives may be used for hedging and investment purposes.

At least 95% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavour-

able market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities.

The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

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#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

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If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic

activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee

companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

The term "asset-backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk disclaimer

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant

decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund, it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Global Bonds

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300VEERE9L8MJ5H51

**ISIN:** LU0616846035

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are globally invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by sovereign institutions (central banks, government agencies, government authorities and supra-national institutions) from developed countries or Emerging Markets; corporate bonds issued by companies from developed countries or Emerging Markets that may or may not offer an investment-grade status at the time of acquisition; covered bonds; convertible bonds; subordinated bonds or asset-backed securities. Investments in these assets may account for up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets each. At least 95% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

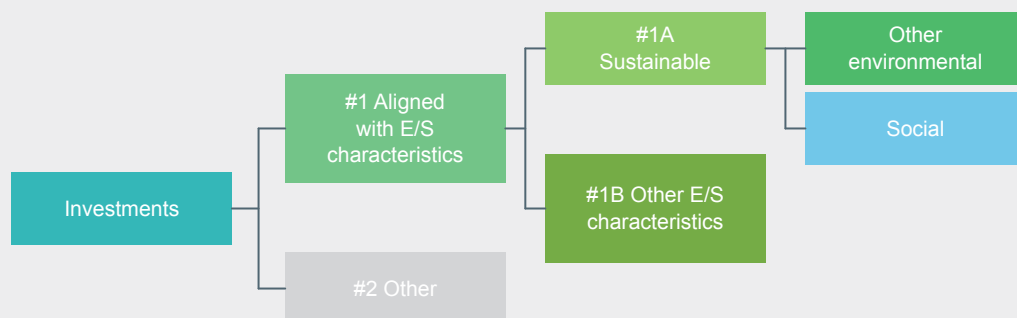


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

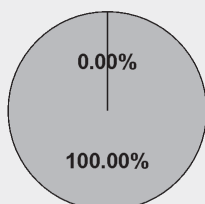


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

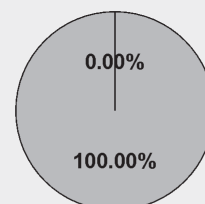
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0616846035/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Global High Yield Corporates

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	ICE BoA ML Global High Yield Developed Markets Non-Fin Constrained hedged to USD administrated by ICE Data Indices, LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	ICE BoA ML Global High Yield Developed Markets Non-Fin Constrained hedged to USD
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	CHF XCH, CHF ICH 50 FCH, XCH, TFCH, ICH USD FC, USD LD, USD XC, USD TFC, USD IC, USD IC50 GBP TFDQH	CHF EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	CHF XCH, FCH, USD FC, USD XC, XCH, TFCH, USD TFC, CHF ICH 50, ICH, USD IC, USD IC50, GBP TFDQH USD LD	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	CHF XCH, USD XC, XCH FCH, USD FC, TFCH, USD TFC, GBP TFDQH USD LD CHF ICH 50, USD IC50 ICH, USD IC	up to 0.2% up to 0.65% up to 1.1% up to 0.35% up to 0.45%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	CHF XCH, FCH, USD FC, USD LD, USD XC, XCH, TFCH, USD TFC, CHF ICH 50, ICH, USD IC, USD IC50, GBP TFDQH	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	CHF XCH, FCH, USD FC, USD LD, USD XC, XCH, TFCH, USD TFC, GBP TFDQH CHF ICH 50, ICH, USD IC, USD IC50	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	CHF XCH, FCH, USD FC, USD LD, USD XC, XCH TFCH, USD TFC CHF ICH 50, ICH, USD IC, USD IC50 GBP TFDQH	December 15, 2016 December 5, 2017 July 31, 2019 February 14, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Global High Yield Corporates, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Global High Yield Corporates is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in corporate bonds that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, equity certificates and dividend-rights.

The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the dollar in the portfolio.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC con-

tracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for

example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial

weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund’s assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund manager may also participate in capital increases

or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net pres-

ent value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, equity certificates and dividend-rights. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers

that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

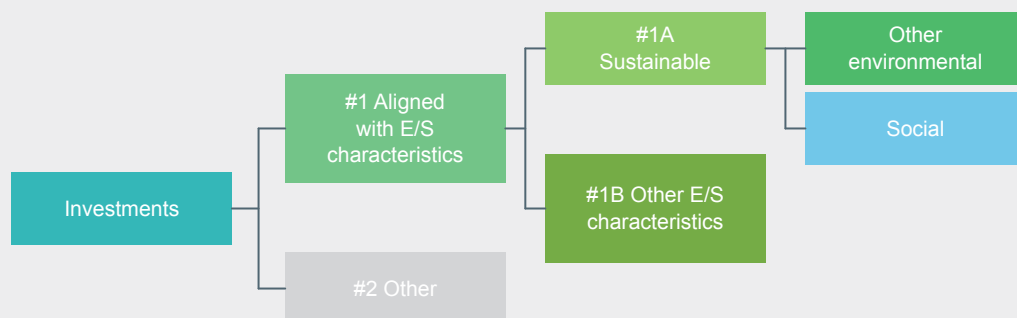
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

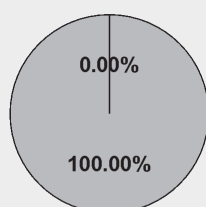


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

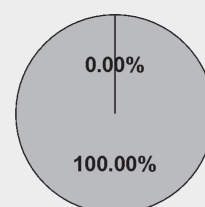
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU1506496097/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Global Infrastructure

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager RREEF America LLC, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Floor 24, Chicago, IL 60606, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

## Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, NC, LD, FCH (P), FD, FDH (P), IDH (P), LDH (P), IC, ID, LCH (P), PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, ND, PFD, NDQ, PFDQ	EUR
	USD LC, USD FC, USD LCH (P), USD FDM, USD ID, USD LD, USD LDMH (P), USD IDQ, USD IC250, USD ID250, USD ICH (P)100, USD TFCH (P) , USD IC	USD
	CHF LCH, CHF FDH (P)	CHF
	GBP D RD, GBP DH (P) RD	GBP
	SGD LDMH (P)	SGD
	SEK FCH (P), SEK LCH (P), SEK FDH (P), SEK FC1000	SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, FCH (P), FD, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, IDH (P), CHF FDH (P), SEK FCH (P), USD FDM, USD ID, IC, ID, SEK FDH (P), PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD IDQ, USD IC250, USD ID250, USD ICH (P)100, PFD, USD TFCH (P) , SEK FC1000, USD IC, PFDQ	0%
	LC, LD, USD LC, CHF LCH, SGD LDMH (P), USD LCH (P), LDH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD LD, USD LDMH (P), LCH (P)	up to 5%
	NC, ND, NDQ	up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, FCH (P), FD, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, CHF FDH (P), SEK FCH (P), USD FDM, SEK FDH (P), TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, USD TFCH (P)	up to 0.75%
	LC, LD, USD LC, CHF LCH, SGD LDMH (P), USD LCH (P), LDH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD LD, USD LDMH (P), LCH (P)	up to 1.5%
	NC, ND, NDQ	up to 2%
	IDH (P), USD ID, IC, ID, USD IDQ, USD IC	up to 0.6%
	PFC, PFD, PFDQ	up to 1.6%
	USD IC250, USD ID250	up to 0.35%
	USD ICH (P)100, SEK FC1000	up to 0.45%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, LD, USD LC, CHF LCH, USD FC, GBP D RD, FCH (P), SGD LDMH (P), FD, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, IDH (P), USD LCH (P), CHF FDH (P), LDH (P), SEK FCH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD FDM, USD ID, USD LD, USD LDMH (P), IC, ID, LCH (P), SEK FDH (P), PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, ND, USD IDQ, USD IC250, USD ID250, USD ICH (P)100, PFD, USD TFCH (P) , SEK FC1000, USD IC, NDQ, PFDQ, NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, NC, LD, USD LC, CHF LCH, USD FC, GBP D RD, FCH (P), SGD LDMH (P), FD, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, USD LCH (P), CHF FDH (P), LDH (P), SEK FCH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD FDM, USD LD, USD LDMH (P), LCH (P), SEK FDH (P), PFC, TFC, TFCH (P), TFD, ND, PFD, USD TFCH (P) , SEK FC1000, NDQ, PFDQ IDH (P), USD ID, IC, ID, USD IDQ, USD IC250, USD ID250, USD ICH (P)100, USD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, NC LD, USD LC CHF LCH USD FC GBP D RD FCH (P) SGD LDMH (P) FD, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, IDH (P), USD LCH (P) CHF FDH (P), LDH (P), SEK FCH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD FDM, USD ID, USD LD, USD LDMH (P) IC, ID LCH (P), SEK FDH (P) PFC TFC, TFCH (P), TFD ND, USD IDQ USD IC250, USD ID250 USD ICH (P)100 PFD USD TFCH (P) SEK FC1000 USD IC NDQ, PFDQ	January 14, 2008 July 1, 2008 November 29, 2013 March 24, 2014 June 4, 2014 November 14, 2014 February 16, 2015 May 15, 2015  September 14, 2015 August 16, 2016 February 15, 2017 July 31, 2017 December 5, 2017 May 7, 2019 September 16, 2019 April 15, 2020 August 31, 2020 February 15, 2021 April 15, 2021 July 15, 2021 April 22, 2022
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Global Infrastructure, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The main investment objective of the sub-fund DWS Invest Global Infrastructure is to achieve a long-term sustained capital appreciation in Euros through investments in promising companies of the "Global Infrastructure" sector.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) are invested in equities, other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of issuers of the "Global Infrastructure" sector.

Infrastructure companies provide an essential product or service to a segment of the population at a given time and cost, and often retain these characteristics for an extended period of time.

The strategic competitive advantage of infrastructure assets is often protected by high barriers to entry of alternative suppliers. These high barriers to entry can take various forms, including:

- requirements imposed by legislation and/or regulation;
- natural barriers like planning or environmental restrictions, or availability of land;
- high costs of new development, such as the cost to build roads;
- long-term exclusive concessions and customer contracts;
- efficiencies provided by economies of scale such as reductions in marketing or other services.

These high barriers to entry have the effect of protecting the cash flows generated by these infrastructure assets, because services provided such as parking, roads, and communications towers can generally only be delivered by relatively large and costly physical assets in close proximity to customers. This is a critical distinction between infrastructure and other industries.

The sub-fund manager distinguishes between social infrastructure and economic infrastructure. The sub-fund will be more focused on the latter one. The sub-fund manager understands under "economic infrastructure" the services for which the user is prepared to pay such as transport,

gas, electricity, water and communications. Due to the large size and cost and often monopoly characteristics of these assets, Infrastructure has historically been financed, built, owned and operated by the state. Infrastructure includes:

- Transport (roads, airports, seaports, rail);
- Energy (gas and electricity transmission, distribution and generation);
- Water (irrigation, potable water, waste treatment);
- Communications (broadcast/mobile towers, satellites, fiber and copper cables).

The potential investment universe comprises more than 400 stocks, broadly representing all the listed infrastructure assets in the world.

The social infrastructure comprises companies for instance in the health sector (hospitals, nursing homes).

A total of up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in

- a) equity, other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of international issuers that do not operate predominantly in the Global Infrastructure sector;
- b) interest-bearing securities, as well as convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds issued by companies in the global infrastructure sector or by issuers in accordance with (a) above and which are denominated in any freely convertible currency.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter

score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty

- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);

- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than

35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly

specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## Specific risks

The sub-fund's performance will largely be determined by the following factors, which give rise to both upside and downside potential:

- the performance of international equity markets;
- company and sector specific developments;
- exchange-rate movements of non-euro currencies against the euro.

The sub-fund may focus its investments on different sub-sectors, countries and market segments for a certain time period on a variable basis. In addition, the sub-fund could use derivatives. These investments could also lead to further performance and risks.

## Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

## Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Global Infrastructure

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300GEJAD75G8V1Z19

**ISIN:** LU0329760770

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) are invested in equities, other equity securities and uncertificated equity instruments of issuers of the "Global Infrastructure" sector. A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers

that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

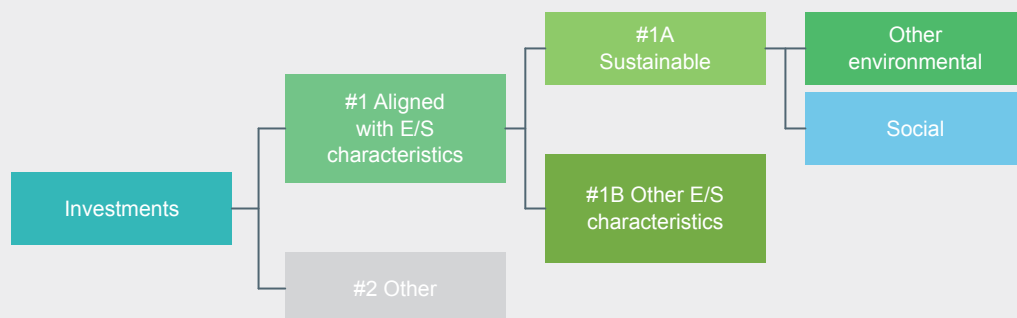
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

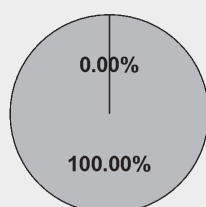


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

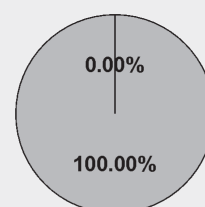
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0329760770/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Global Real Estate Securities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	RREEF America LLC, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Floor 24, Chicago, IL 60606, United States of America. RREEF America LLC has partially delegated its fund management services to the sub-managers DWS Alternatives Global Limited and DWS Investments Australia Limited.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LD, FDH (P), FC, FD USD FC, USD LC, USD LDMH (P), USD ID, USD TFC, USD FC100 CHF LDH (P), CHF ICH (P)100, CHF TFCH (P) GBP DH (P) RD	EUR USD CHF GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LD, USD LC, CHF LDH (P), USD LDMH (P) USD FC, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, FC, FD, USD ID, USD TFC, CHF ICH (P)100, USD FC100, CHF TFCH (P)	up to 5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, USD LC, CHF LDH (P), USD LDMH (P) USD FC, FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, FC, FD, USD TFC, CHF TFCH (P) USD ID CHF ICH (P)100, USD FC100	up to 1.5% up to 0.75% up to 0.6% up to 0.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LD, USD FC, USD LC, CHF LDH (P), FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, USD LDMH (P), FC, FD, USD ID, USD TFC, CHF ICH (P)100, USD FC100, CHF TFCH (P)	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LD, USD FC, USD LC, CHF LDH (P), FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, USD LDMH (P), FC, FD, USD TFC, USD FC100, CHF TFCH (P) USD ID, CHF ICH (P)100	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LD, USD FC USD LC CHF LDH (P) FDH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, USD LDMH (P) FC, FD, USD ID USD TFC CHF ICH (P)100 USD FC100 CHF TFCH (P)	November 15, 2010 July 1, 2013 April 20, 2015 November 18, 2015 August 1, 2016 December 5, 2017 April 15, 2020 December 1, 2020 December 14, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Global Real Estate Securities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Global Real Estate Securities is to generate an above average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund invests primarily in the equities of listed companies that own, develop or manage real estate, provided that these equities are considered to be transferable securities as defined by article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, on Undertakings for Collective Investment.

In particular, the sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices.

At least 70% of the fund's total assets are invested in

- a) equities of real estate companies, real estate investment companies including closed real estate investment trusts (REITs) of any legal form, as well as
- b) securities similar to equities, such as participation and dividend-right certificates of companies according to (a) above, and
- c) derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments directly or indirectly (i.e., via equity indices) constitute investments according to (a).

Where liquid assets cover obligations arising from derivative financial instruments according to (c) above, such liquid assets are attributed to the relevant 70%. Investments according to (a) and (b) herein must not include open-ended real estate investment funds deemed to be collective investment undertakings under Luxembourg law.

In compliance with article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy can also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forward contracts, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated swap contracts on any type of financial instrument.

In particular, derivatives based on equities, bonds, currencies or recognized financial indices may also be acquired.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities and/or securities similar to equities issued by companies worldwide that do not meet the requirements of (a) and (b) above.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an

issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("contro-

versial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of

proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 25% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via

the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund may invest in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 25% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests primarily in the equities of listed companies that own, develop or manage real estate, provided that these equities are considered to be transferable securities as defined by Article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, on Undertakings for Collective Investment. In particular, the sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants are for securities, equity warrants and participation certificates. In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in index certificates on recognized equity indices. At least 70% of the fund's total assets are invested in: equities of real estate companies, real estate investment companies including closed ended real estate investment trusts (REITs) of any legal form, securities similar to equities, such as participation and dividend-right certificates, derivative financial instruments like equity indices. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted

environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 25% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



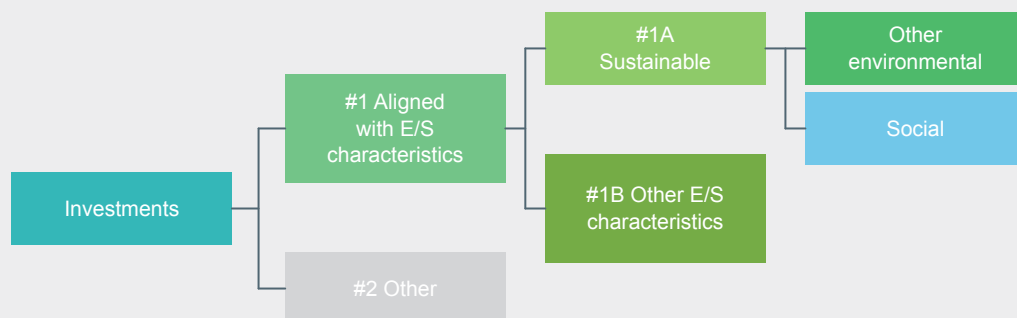


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

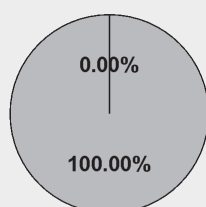


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

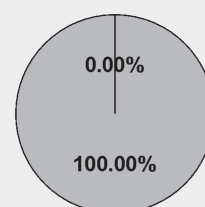
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 25% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0507268943/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Gold and Precious Metals Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	S&P – Gold & Precious Metals Mining Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, TFC USD LC, USD TFC	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, USD LC, LD NC FC, TFC, USD TFC	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, USD LC, LD NC FC, TFC, USD TFC	up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, USD LC, LD, TFC, USD TFC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, USD LC, LD, TFC, USD TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, FC, USD LC LD TFC, USD TFC	November 20, 2006 July 1, 2008 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Gold and Precious Metals Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Gold and Precious Metals Equities is to achieve as high an appreciation as possible of capital invested in U.S. dollars by investing globally in companies in the precious-metals sector deemed to be promising.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

In doing so, at least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers whose revenues or earnings were generated primarily from the exploration for and the extraction and processing of gold, silver, platinum or other precious metals. The targeted companies can be active in exploration, extraction, production, processing and sales.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use suitable derivative financial instruments and techniques in order to implement the investment strategy and to achieve the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps. Where liquid assets cover obligations arising from derivative financial instruments, such liquid assets are attributed to the relevant 70%.

Furthermore, the Sub-fund also intends from time to time to establish an exposure of up to 25% of the Sub-fund's assets to the international precious metals markets (including an exposure to gold, silver, palladium and platinum). However this limit can be utilised by establishing an exposure to one single precious metal. For this purpose and within this 25% limit, the Sub-fund may acquire derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments are precious metals indices and sub-indices in accordance with the 2008 Regulation, as well as ETFs and 1:1 certificates (including Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)) the underlying of which are single precious metals and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund may not enter into any obligations regarding the transfer of physical commodities.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in instruments that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraphs as well as in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares,

B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund management considers ESG criteria in its investment decisions ("ESG-Criteria" for the corresponding terms Environmental, Social and Governance). In order to determine whether and to what extent the sub-fund's assets meet the ESG-Criteria, a proprietary ESG database evaluates assets according to ESG-Criteria.

The ESG database processes data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and considers internal assessments based on a defined assessment and classification methodology. The ESG database is therefore based on the one hand on data and figures and, on the other hand on assessments, that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as future expected ESG developments, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters and corporate decisions of the issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess whether investments meet ESG-Criteria, including amongst others, DWS Norm Assessment, DWS Climate Risk Assessment, DWS ESG Quality Assessment, Exposure in controversial sectors. According to the ESG database analysis, the target investments receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score.

The sub-fund management only considers the Climate Risk Assessment, Norm Assessment and involvement in controversial weapons.

### DWS Climate Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as investment and are not suitable for the sub-fund.

### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons. Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc.) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

The sub-fund does not promote any Environmental or Social characteristics or any combination of these characteristics. The consideration of ESG criteria in investment decisions in the form of exclusions as described above does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as it does not pursue an ESG and/or sustainable investment policy as indicated above.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment: The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least

51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Latin American Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager Itau USA Asset Management Inc., 540 Madison Avenue - 24th Floor, New York, 10022, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Index in EUR, administered by MSCI Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main that is also an exchange trading day on the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, FC, NC, IC, FC50, TFC GBP IC USD LC, USD TFC, USD IC	EUR GBP USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, USD LC FC, GBP IC, IC, FC50, TFC, USD TFC, USD IC NC	up to 5% 0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, USD LC FC, TFC NC GBP IC, USD IC FC50 FC, TFC USD TFC	up to 1.75% up to 0.85% up to 2.2% up to 0.50% up to 0.30% up to 0.85% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, GBP IC, USD LC, IC, FC50, TFC, USD TFC, USD IC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, FC, NC, USD LC, FC50, TFC, USD TFC GBP IC, IC, USD IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, FC, NC USD LC IC FC50 TFC USD TFC USD IC GBP IC	October 1, 2012 January 14, 2013 February 28, 2017 April 16, 2018 May 15, 2019 August 16, 2019 September 15, 2021 November 30, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Latin American Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy for the DWS Invest Latin American Equities is to achieve an above-average return. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by companies registered in a Latin-American country (or having their principal business activity in a Latin-American country or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in a Latin-American country such as e.g. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru or Venezuela.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions or, to the extent permitted by the Grand Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008, relating to certain definitions of the Law of 2010 (the 2008 Regulation) and article 41 (1) or (2) of the Law of 2010 through Participatory Notes (P-Notes).

The still-developing exchanges in some of the Latin-American countries present increased opportunities and risks, and are not currently deemed to be regulated markets as defined by article 41 of the Law of 2010; investment in those countries is therefore limited to 10% of the fund's assets and counted towards the investment limit stated in article 2 B. (h) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use suitable derivative financial instruments and techniques in order to implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock-futures, options or equity swaps. Where liquid assets cover obligations arising from derivative financial instruments such liquid assets are attributed to the relevant 70%.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in equities, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants of issuers that do not fulfil the requirements of the preceding paragraphs.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as the investment strategy does not pursue any environmental or social characteristics.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment:

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;

- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management makes all management decisions for the sub-fund taking into account the legal and contractual investment restrictions considering the sustainability risks.



The following applies to the consideration of sustainability risks in investment decisions: The sub-fund management also considers sustainability risks in its investment decisions besides the common financial data. This consideration applies to the entire investment process, both for the fundamental analysis of investments and for the investment decisions.

The sub-fund management's responsible investment approach is centred in ESG-integrated fundamental analysis, proxy voting activities and engagement with investee companies. The ESG integration approach is centred in the investment research process, with a focus on fundamental equity research. The sub-fund manager's proprietary method projects ESG issues into the DCF models focusing on the cash flow lines, thus influencing target prices of analysed companies. The objective is to estimate the NPV of material ESG issues to anticipate events that may result in value creation or destruction.

Itaú Asset Management exercises active ownership through voting on investee companies' AGMs and through engagements with investee companies. The objective is to have a positive dialogue with companies regarding the promotion of best ESG practices.

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Low Carbon Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index, administered by Solactive AG
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a>
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FD, LD, XD, FC, TFD USD LDH, USD XCH	EUR USD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FD, XD, FC, TFD, USD XCH LD, USD LDH	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD, FC, TFD LD, USD LDH XD, USD XCH	up to 0.6% up to 0.9% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FD, LD, XD, FC, TFD, USD LDH, USD XCH	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FD, LD, XD, FC, TFD, USD LDH, USD XCH	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FD, LD, XD FC, TFD, USD LDH, USD XCH	June 1, 2021 September 8, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Low Carbon Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted. Further, the sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark, i.e. an EU Paris-aligned Benchmark as qualified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, for the purpose of attaining the promoted low carbon emission exposure in view of the Paris Agreement. The sub-fund management will actively manage the portfolio and has defined investment processes for the investment selection to ensure compliance with the methodological requirements for a Paris-aligned Benchmark as set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818. However, the sub-fund has designated the Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index as performance benchmark (Index). The Index is a rules-based index, engineered to measure the performance of liquid, euro denominated, investment grade corporate debt. The Index provides exposure to a IG corporate debt portfolio, which bases upon the ISS ESG climate analysis and is aligned with the 1.5°C scenario through 2050 compared to the underlying investible universe (i.e. the Solactive Euro IG Corporate Index).

Detailed information on the index, the underlying calculation methodology as well as further details can be found at <https://www.solactive.com/indices/>.

The sub-fund promotes the reduction of carbon emissions in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the 'Paris agreement') is an integral part of the sub-fund's concept.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Low Carbon Corporate Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by corporates worldwide that are very low CO2 emitters, as well as issuers that are in the process of transition to low emissions.

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of split rating between three agencies, the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the carbon emission reduction strategy. The sub-fund management seeks to attain this by a two-step approach.

### ESG assessment methodology

In a first step, the portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives A to F letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate Risk and Transition Assessment

The DWS Climate Risk and Transition Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, i.e., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, i.e., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("contro-

versial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain its sustainable objective by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the sustainable objective of the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### Carbon emissions reduction methodology

In a second step and to contribute to the promoted Paris-aligned reduction of carbon emissions, the sub-fund management applies the following:

#### Exclusions

The sub-fund management excludes all of the following as an investment:

- (a) Companies involved in any activities related to controversial weapons;
- (b) Companies involved in the cultivation and production of tobacco;
- (c) Companies that are found in violation of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;
- (d) Companies that derive 1 % or more of their revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, distribution or refining of hard coal and lignite;
- (e) Companies that derive 10 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, distribution or refining of oil fuels;
- (f) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, manufacturing or distribution of gaseous fuels;
- (g) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from electricity generation with a GHG intensity of more than 100 g CO<sub>2</sub> e/kWh.

Further, the sub-fund management excludes any companies that are found or, as relevant, esti-

mated to significantly harm one or more of the environmental objectives referred to in Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

#### Reduction of the greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of the portfolio

The sub-fund management defines a corporate debt portfolio that has a 50% reduced GHG intensity (Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions divided by EVIC) in comparison to the iBoxx Euro Corporate Index and is at no time allowed to fall short beyond this limit and stay below 300 tons of GHG emissions per million enterprise value including cash (300t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC). To reach this objective, the portfolio manager takes the GHG intensity on asset level into account based on data derived from the ESG database.

#### Decarbonisation trajectory

The portfolio manager reduces the upper limit for the overall portfolio carbon intensity on average year over year by 7%. The reduction starts at the launch date of the first share class of the sub-fund. Starting point is the fixed reference value of 300t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC and will end with a value of zero for the carbon intensity. The target reduction of 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically. The target reduction of on average 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically.

Information about the decarbonisation trajectory of the sub-fund's portfolio will be included in the sub-fund's annual report.

DWS uses MSCI's CO<sub>2</sub> emission data to calculate the GHG intensity, whereby the dataset represents a company's Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions as reported (if available) or estimated by MSCI's proprietary estimation models.

DWS may use CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data from other providers. For portfolio constituents where the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is not available, the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is estimated through a peer group comparison.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund's assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR.

Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation

- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- GHG emissions (no. 1);
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production (no. 5);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);

- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion and portfolio construction strategy for the sub-funds' assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be

justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The term "asset backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 100%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 200%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales

Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting as the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk Disclaimer

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund. In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. However, the expected leverage should not be viewed as an additional risk limit for the fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Low Carbon Corporate Bonds

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>Yes</div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div>X</div></div>No</div>
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b></div>	<div><div><div>X</div></div>It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable investments</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with a social objective</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></div>



#### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The sub-fund promotes the reduction of carbon emissions in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Further, this sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark, i.e. an EU Paris-aligned Benchmark as qualified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, for the purpose of attaining the promoted low carbon emission exposure in view of the Paris Agreement. The sub-fund management will actively manage the portfolio and has defined investment processes for the investment selection to ensure compliance with the methodological requirements for a Paris-aligned Benchmark as set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 and further described in "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?".

However, the sub-fund has designated the Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index as performance benchmark (Index). The Index is a rules-based index, engineered to measure the performance of liquid, euro denominated, investment grade corporate debt. The Index provides exposure to a IG corporate debt portfolio, which bases upon the ISS ESG climate analysis and is aligned with the 1.5°C scenario through 2050 compared to the underlying investible universe (i.e. the Solactive Euro IG Corporate Index).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted reduction of carbon emissions and the environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed in two steps via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

The ESG assessment methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

In a second step the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 are applied to attain the promoted reduction of carbon emissions as further described in “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. For that purpose, the sub-fund management will use in particular the following sustainability indicators:

- Exclusions as specified in Art. 12 (1) of Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2020/1818 for Paris-aligned Benchmarks
- 50% reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of the portfolio compared to the investable universe
- Setting of a decarbonisation trajectory – with at least 7% reduction of GHG intensity on average per annum

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do not significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- GHG emissions (no. 1);
  - Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production (no. 5);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion and portfolio construction strategy for the sub-funds' assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by corporates worldwide that are very low CO2 emitters, as well as issuers that are in the process of transition to low emissions. At least 75 % of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the methodological requirement of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 as described in the following sections.

The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and the carbon emission reduction strategy, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

## What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

In a first step, the portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region.



Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

**Carbon emissions reduction methodology**

In a second step and to contribute to the promoted Paris-aligned reduction of carbon emissions, the sub-fund management applies the following:

• **Exclusions**

The sub-fund management excludes all of the following as an investment:

(a) Companies involved in any activities related to controversial weapons;

(b) Companies involved in the cultivation and production of tobacco;

(c) Companies that are found in violation of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;

(d) Companies that derive 1 % or more of their revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, distribution or refining of hard coal and lignite;

(e) Companies that derive 10 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, distribution or refining of oil fuels;

(f) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, manufacturing or distribution of gaseous fuels;

(g) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from electricity generation with a GHG intensity of more than 100 g CO<sub>2</sub> e/kWh.

Further, the sub-fund management excludes any companies that are found or, as relevant, estimated to significantly harm one or more of the environmental objectives referred to in Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

• **Reduction of the GHG intensity of the portfolio**

The sub-fund management defines a corporate debt portfolio that has a 50% reduced GHG intensity (Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions divided by EVIC) in comparison to the iBoxx Euro Corporate Index and is at no time allowed to fall short beyond this limit and stay below 300 tons of GHG emissions per million enterprise value including cash (300t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC). To reach this objective, the portfolio manager takes the GHG intensity on asset level into account based on data derived from the ESG database.

• **Decarbonisation trajectory**

The portfolio manager reduces the upper limit for the overall portfolio carbon intensity on average year over year by 7%. The reduction starts at the launch date of the first share class of the sub-fund. Starting point is the fixed reference value of 300t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC and will end with a value of zero for the carbon intensity. The target reduction of 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically. The target reduction of on average 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically.

Information about the decarbonisation trajectory of the sub-fund's portfolio will be included in the sub-fund's annual report.

DWS uses MSCI's CO<sub>2</sub> emission data to calculate the GHG intensity, whereby the dataset represents a company's Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions as reported (if available) or estimated by MSCI's proprietary estimation models.

DWS may use CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data from other providers. For portfolio constituents where the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is not available, the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is estimated through a peer group comparison.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?"

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practises of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g. issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

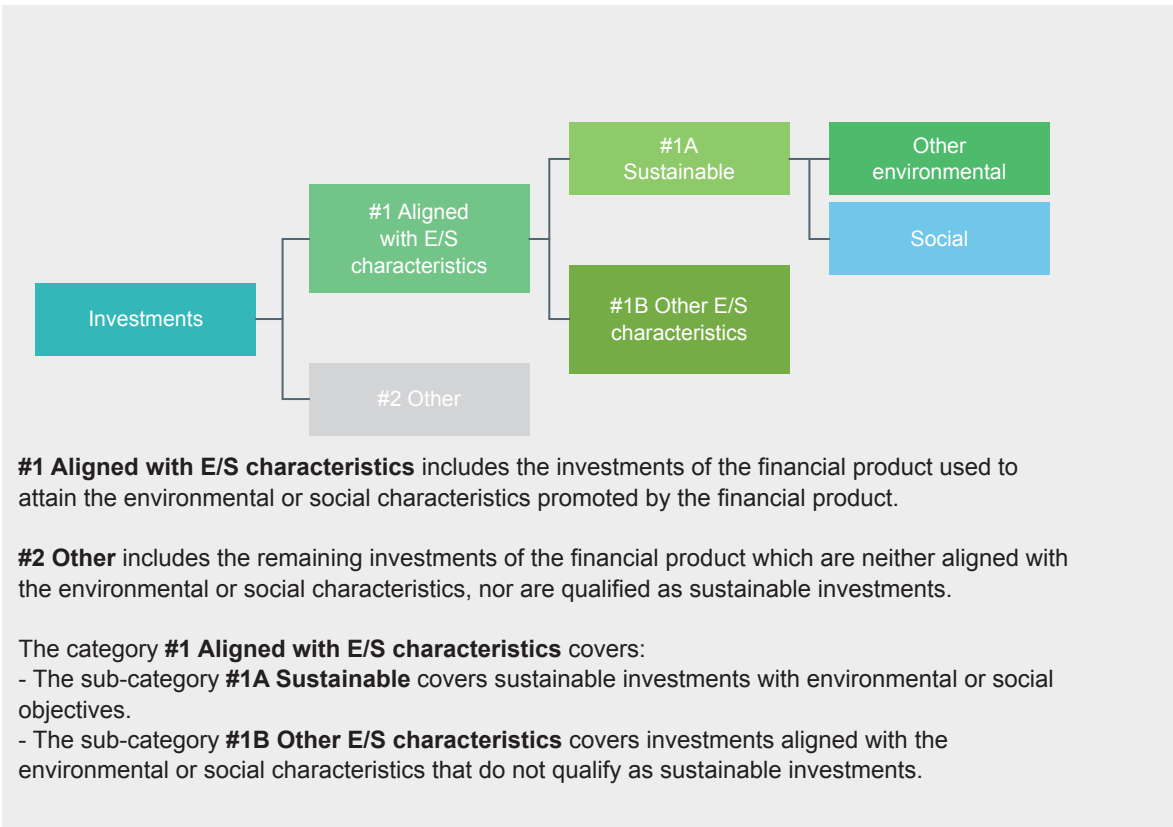
This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the carbon emission reduction strategy (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund are invested in investments that are not aligned with the objective of reducing carbon emissions (#2 Not sustainable). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

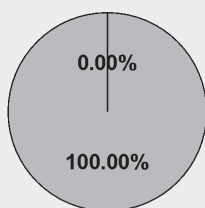


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

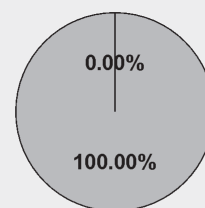
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund will invest the remaining proportion of the net assets in investments that are not aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management in particular for liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://www.dws.de/gemischte-fonds/LU2331315981> as well as on your local country website.

## DWS Invest Metaverse

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	50% MSCI World Information Tech Index Net Return in EUR, 35% MSCI World Communication Services Index Net Return in EUR, 15% MSCI All Country World Index in EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Metaverse, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Metaverse is to achieve long term capital appreciation. The sub-fund's assets will primarily be invested in equities of companies whose business will benefit from/or is currently related to the evolution of the digital world and here especially to the metaverse.

Such companies are providing computing power, virtual content for the metaverse (digital, virtual

world) and those companies providing devices like hardware and wearables used in the virtual world and new digital payment methods, which enables users to acquire digital assets in the metaverse such as digital real estate and NFTs (non fungible tokens). This can also include disruptive financial intermediaries such as crypto currency exchange trading platforms or digital asset managers and/or custodians, which provide the infrastructure for settlement and payments. No direct investments in crypto currencies will be done.

The Metaverse is a collective virtual open space, created by the convergence of virtually enhanced physical and digital reality, commonly referred to as virtual reality. It is physically persistent and provides enhanced immersive experiences.

Activities that take place in isolated environments (buying digital land and constructing virtual homes, digital twins in e.g., industrial environments, participating in a virtual social experience e.g. online gaming, etc.) will eventually take place in the Metaverse.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavour-



able market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may

only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of

sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the

extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic

- Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk Management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Metaverse

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*





**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets will primarily be invested in equities of companies whose business will benefit from/or is currently related to the evolution of the digital world and here especially to the metaverse. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of all market capitalizations, stock certificates, participation and dividend right certificates, convertible bonds and equity warrants issued by foreign and domestic companies. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public. At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted

environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

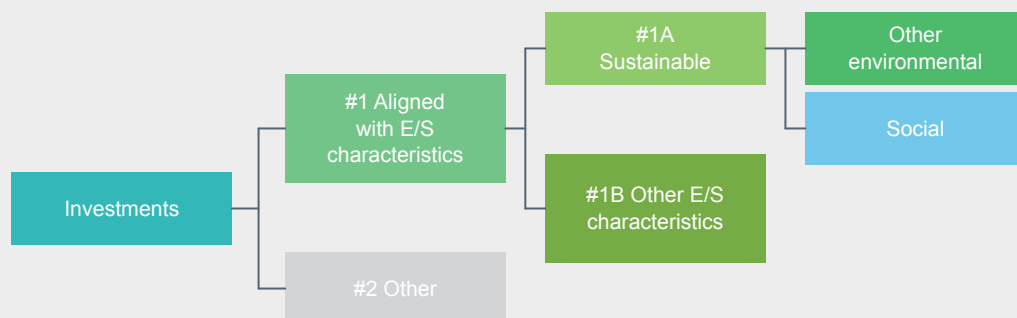


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

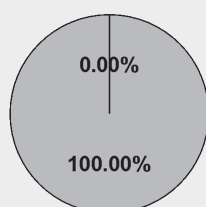


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

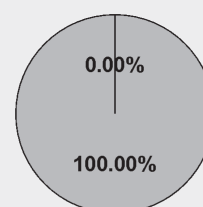
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest Multi Opportunities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	60% MSCI All Country World Index, in EUR and 40% iBoxx Euro Overall Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee
<b>Maximum management fee charged in respect of investments in shares of target funds (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	3.25%

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LDQ, NC, NDQ, PFC, PFDQ, FC, FD, LD, TFC, TFD SGD LDMH USD FCH, USD LCH, USD LDMH, USD RDMH, USD TFCH AUD LCH, AUD LDMH GBP CH RD HKD LDMH RMB LDMH SEK LCH	EUR SGD USD AUD GBP HKD CNY SEK
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LDQ, SGD LDMH, AUD LCH, USD LCH, HKD LDMH, AUD LDMH, LD, USD LDMH, RMB LDMH, SEK LCH NC, NDQ PFC, PFDQ, FC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, FD, USD RDMH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH	up to 4% up to 2% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LDQ, SGD LDMH, AUD LCH, USD LCH, HKD LDMH, AUD LDMH, LD, USD LDMH, RMB LDMH, SEK LCH NC, NDQ PFC, PFDQ FC, USD FCH, GBP CH RD, FD, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH USD RDMH	up to 1.3% up to 1.7% up to 1.2% up to 0.75% up to 0.6%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LDQ, PFC, PFDQ, FC, SGD LDMH, USD FCH, AUD LCH, GBP CH RD, USD LCH, HKD LDMH, AUD LDMH, FD, LD, USD LDMH, RMB LDMH, SEK LCH, USD RDMH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH NC, NDQ	0% 0.1%



## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LDQ, NC, NDQ, PFC, PFDQ, FC, SGD LDMH, USD FCH, AUD LCH, GBP CH RD, USD LCH, HKD LDMH, AUD LDMH, FD, LD, USD LDMH, RMB LDMH, SEK LCH, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH, USD RDMH	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LDQ, NC, NDQ, PFC, PFDQ FC SGD LDMH USD FCH AUD LCH, GBP CH RD, USD LCH HKD LDMH AUD LDMH, FD, LD, USD LDMH RMB LDMH, SEK LCH USD RDMH TFC, TFD, USD TFCH	June 4, 2014 October 1, 2014 March 16, 2015 May 5, 2015 May 15, 2015 May 22, 2015 August 17, 2015 October 15, 2015 June 30, 2016 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFDQ: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFDQ: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Multi Opportunities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest Multi Opportunities is to achieve an above-average return.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund may invest in equities, in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on, for example, equities, bonds and indices, in investment funds, in derivatives, in convertible and warrant-linked bonds whose warrants relate to securities, in warrants on securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in money market instruments and cash. Depending on the evaluation of the market situation, the portfolio manager will

weight such asset classes in the portfolio of the sub-fund and, if necessary, may fully invest the sub-fund's assets in one of these categories.

Notwithstanding article 2 B. (i), the following applies:

The sub-fund's assets may be used to acquire shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities and/or collective investment undertakings as defined in article 2 A. (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCIs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties.

Investments in shares of other collective investment undertakings other than Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in total.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCIs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 2 B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

When using financial indices, legal provisions apply as set out in article 44 (1) of the Law of 2010, and article 9 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of February 8, 2008.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable

derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The described investment policy may also be implemented by using Synthetic Dynamic Underlyings (SDU).

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may

only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of

sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the

extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund also intends from time to time to utilize the developments on the international natural resources and commodity markets up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets. For this purpose and within this 10% limit, the sub-fund may acquire derivative financial instruments whose underlying instruments are commodity indices and sub-indices in accordance with the 2008 Regulation, equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, convertible debentures and warrant-linked bonds, index certificates, participation and dividend-right certificates and equity warrants, as well as 1:1 certificates (including Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)) the underlying of which are single commodities/precious metals and that meet the requirements of transferable securities as determined in 2 A. a. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The sub-fund does not invest into futures on soft commodities, e.g. cotton, sugar, rice and wheat as well as all manner of livestock.

In addition the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus at least 25% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in such equity capital investments as defined in article 2 (8) of the German Investment Tax Act that may be acquired for the sub-fund in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (mixed fund).

Equity capital investments in this respect are

- equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:
  - (i) units of investment funds;
  - (ii) units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
  - (iii) units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;

- (iv) units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- (v) units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.
- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest more than 50% of their value or more than 50% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of corporations in the amount of 51% of their value; if the terms and conditions of an equity fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 51% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;
- units of investment funds, which in accordance with their terms and conditions of investment invest at least 25% of their value or at least 25% of their gross assets (determined as being the value of the investment fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) themselves or as a fund of fund indirectly in units of corporations in the amount of 25% of their value; if the terms and conditions of a balanced fund make provisions for a percentage higher than 25% of its value or its gross assets, the share of the equity capital investment is, by way of derogation, deemed to be the amount of the higher percentage;
- units of investment funds that carry out a valuation at least once per week in the amount of the percentage of their assets published on each valuation date that they actually invest themselves, or as a fund of fund, in units of corporations.
- units of corporations admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or in another state that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and are subject there to corporate income tax and are not exempt from it;
- units of corporations that are not real estate companies and that are domiciled in a third country and are subject there to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it; and
- units of other investment funds, which in turn meet the requirements of indents 2 through 4 and of this sentence, in the respective amount specified there.

However, units of corporations are not those that correspond to the categories as defined in indent 1 (i) to (v) above or are held indirectly via partnerships.

Equity capital investments indirectly held by the sub-fund via partnerships are not equity capital investments.

Individual investment fund units may only be taken into consideration once for the purposes of determining the daily equity capital investment rate.

For the purposes of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. This organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 30%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 60%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section

"Efficient portfolio management techniques".

The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Units of corporations as defined in indents 2 through 4 are

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may invest in equities, in interest-bearing securities, in certificates on equities, bonds and indices, in investment funds, in derivatives, in convertible and warrant-linked bonds whose warrants relate to securities, in warrants on securities, in participation and dividend-right certificates, in money market instruments and cash. Depending on the evaluation of the market situation, the portfolio manager will weight such asset classes in the portfolio of the sub-fund and, if necessary, may fully invest the sub-fund's assets in one of these categories. The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The sub-fund also intends from time to time to utilize the developments on the international natural resources and commodity markets up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted

environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

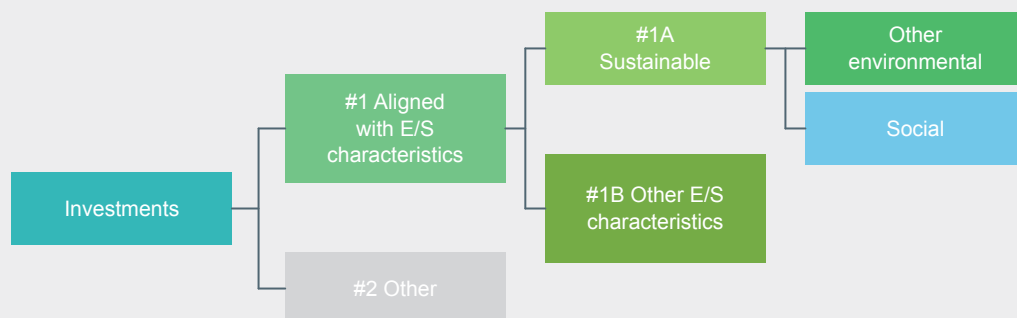
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.  
br>**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

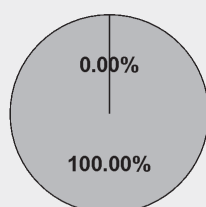


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

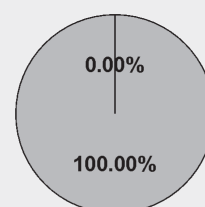
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/fund-of-funds/LU1054321358/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Multi Strategy

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	45% BBG Barc Global Aggregate Corporate EUR Index, 35% MSCI World Net TR Index in EUR, 15% BBG Barc Global High Yield Index, 5% JPM EMBI Global Diversified
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, XC LC, LD	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD LC, LD XC	up to 0.55% up to 0.95% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC FD, LC, LD XC	December 22, 2011 September 14, 2015 May 15, 2018

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Multi Strategy, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustain-

able investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Multi Strategy is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets may be invested globally in the following instruments:

- interest-bearing debt securities issued by sovereign institutions (central banks, government agencies, government authorities and supra-national institutions) from Developed countries or Emerging Markets;
- corporate bonds issued by companies from Developed Countries or Emerging Markets;
- covered bonds;
- convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds;
- subordinated bonds;
- asset-backed securities;
- investment funds;
- exchange traded commodities (no embedded derivatives), if they are 1:1 certificates qualifying as transferable securities;
- equities;
- participation and dividend-right certificates;
- money market instruments;
- deposits;
- cash.

The sub-fund's investments in the above-mentioned assets may account for up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets each. Though, the sub-fund's investments in equities, in participation and dividend-right certificates shall be limited to 35% and the sub-fund's investments in investment funds shall be limited to 10%.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in investment funds.

Derivatives may be used for hedging and investment purposes.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The described investment policy may also be implemented by using Synthetic Dynamic Underlyings (SDU).

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 49% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market condi-

tions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the Interna-

tional Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weap-

ons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU

Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

The term "asset-backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. Investments in asset-backed securities may be done in physical asset-backed securities as well as in synthetic asset-backed securities.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional amounts of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 100%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 200%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk disclaimer

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund, it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund may invest globally in interest-bearing securities, in equities, in convertible bonds, in warrant-linked bonds whose underlying warrants relate to securities, in participation and dividend right certificates, in investment funds, in derivatives as well as in money market instruments, deposits and cash. The sub-fund's investments in the above-mentioned assets may account for up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets each. Though, the sub-fund's investments in equities, in participation and dividend-right certificates shall be limited to 35% and the sub-fund's investments in investment funds shall be limited to 10%.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

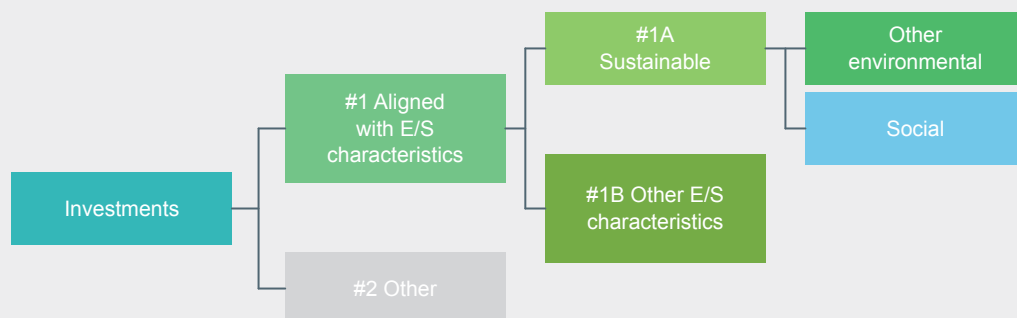
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.  
br>**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

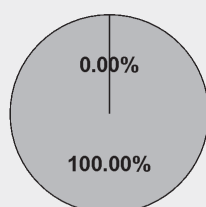


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

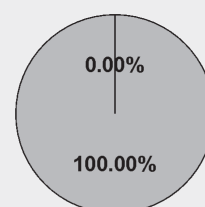
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0616844766/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).



## DWS Invest Nomura Japan Growth

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-tolerant
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	JPY
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH has sub-delegated the fund management to Nomura Asset Management Europe KVG mbH, Gräfr. 109, 60487 Frankfurt/Main, Germany, which has sub-delegated the fund management to Nomura Asset Management Co Ltd. Tokyo, 2-2-1, Toyosu, Koto-ku, Tokyo 135-0061, Japan
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	TOPIX
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main that is also an exchange trading day on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before 4:00 PM Luxembourg time on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	MFCH JPY FC, JPY MFC	EUR JPY
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	MFCH, JPY FC, JPY MFC	0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	MFCH, JPY MFC JPY FC	up to 0.5% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	MFCH, JPY FC, JPY MFC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	MFCH, JPY MFC JPY FC	0.01% 0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	MFCH JPY FC JPY MFC	May 20, 2015 January 29, 2016 September 8, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time. **The sub-fund is therefore only suitable for experienced investors who are familiar with the opportunities and risks of volatile investments and who are in a position to temporarily bear substantial losses.**

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Nomura Japan Growth, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Nomura Japan Growth is to achieve the highest possible capital appreciation.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets must be invested in equities of companies having their registered office in Japan.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities in this respect.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 40% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 40% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The following disclosure is made for the sub-fund in accordance with article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector: The sub-fund management does not consider any principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors for this financial product, as the investment strategy does not pursue any environmental or social characteristics.

The following is the disclosure in accordance with article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of June 18, 2020, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment:

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also

meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management makes all management decisions for the sub-fund taking into account the legal and contractual investment restrictions considering the sustainability risks.

The following applies to the consideration of sustainability risks in investment decisions: The sub-fund management also considers sustainability risks in its investment decisions besides the common financial data. This consideration applies to the entire investment process, both for the fundamental analysis of investments and for the investment decisions.

In its portfolio management, the sub-fund manager considers, in addition to financial information, sustainability risks of portfolio companies.

In the fundamental analysis, sustainability risks may affect the corporate value of portfolio companies from the perspective of long-term valuation. Therefore, ESG analysis is integrated into any investment research. This includes the identification of global sustainability trends, financially relevant ESG issues and materiality.

Moreover, sustainability risks that may arise from issues of climate change or the violation of internationally recognized guidelines are subject to further consideration as the ESG aspects. The internationally recognized guidelines include the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, ILO core labour standards, UN guiding principles for business and human rights, and the OECD guidelines for multinational companies.

In order to take sustainability risks into account, the sub-fund manager uses non-financial information into which ESG data from its own research activities, as well as other research companies, are incorporated.

Portfolio management is conducted by an ESG-integrated fundamental analysis, and these investments continue to be monitored from a sustainability risk perspective. In addition, a dialogue or engagement is also sought with portfolio companies for aiming better corporate governance and greater management of ESG criteria.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

## DWS Invest Qi Global Climate Action

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS International GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 11–17, 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World TR net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, Frankfurt/Main and Cologne
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, IC, LC, XC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, IC, XC LC	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC IC LC XC	up to 0.75% up to 0.5% up to 1.5% up to 0.375%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, IC, LC, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, XC IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, IC, LC, XC	June 30, 2020

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Qi Global Climate Action, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

DWS Invest Qi Global Climate Action will invest in assets that contribute to the objective of reducing carbon emissions in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted. Further, the sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark, i.e. an EU Paris-aligned Benchmark as qualified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, for the purpose of attaining the promoted low carbon emission exposure in view of the Paris Agreement. The sub-fund management will actively manage the portfolio and has defined investment processes for the investment selection to ensure compliance with the methodological requirements for a Paris-aligned Benchmark as set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818.

Therefore, the objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Qi Global Climate Action is to achieve a sustainable capital appreciation.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

"Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group. Investment decisions are the result of a trade-off between investment opportunities that are identified by analysing fundamental and technical data and risk as well as cost considerations.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in global equities. In the portfolio construction the sub-fund management is focusing on constructing an equity portfolio that is expected to have lower volatility in comparison to the broad equity market.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in interest-bearing securities. Convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds do not constitute interest-bearing securities in this respect.

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the carbon emission reduction strategy. The sub-fund management seeks to attain this objective by a two-step approach.

### ESG assessment methodology

In a first step, the portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, i.e., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, i.e., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts,

and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics.

However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

Carbon emissions reduction methodology  
In a second step and to contribute to the promoted Paris-aligned reduction of carbon emissions, the sub-fund management applies the following:

#### Exclusions

The sub-fund management excludes all of the following as an investment:

- (a) Companies involved in any activities related to controversial weapons;
- (b) Companies involved in the cultivation and production of tobacco;
- (c) Companies that are found in violation of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;
- (d) Companies that derive 1 % or more of their revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, distribution or refining of hard coal and lignite;
- (e) Companies that derive 10 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, distribution or refining of oil fuels;
- (f) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, manufacturing or distribution of gaseous fuels;
- (g) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from electricity generation with a GHG intensity of more than 100 g CO<sub>2</sub> e/kWh.

Further, the sub-fund management excludes any companies that are found or, as relevant, estimated to significantly harm one or more of the environmental objectives referred to in Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

#### Reduction of the greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of the portfolio

The sub-fund management defines an equity portfolio that has a 50% reduced GHG intensity (Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions divided by EVIC) in comparison to the MSCI World and is at no time allowed to fall short beyond this limit and stay below 180 tons of GHG emissions per million enterprise value including cash (180t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC). To reach this objective, the portfolio manager takes the GHG intensity on asset level into account based on data derived from the ESG database.

The equity portfolio will have an aggregated exposure to high climate impact sectors which is at least equivalent to the aggregated exposure of the underlying investable universe to those sectors (MSCI World Index).

#### Decarbonisation trajectory

As an additional action to reduce the climate risk even further, the sub-fund management reduces the upper limit for the overall GHG intensity of the

portfolio year over year on average by 7%. The reduction starts on October 31, 2022. Starting point is the fixed reference value of 180t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC and will end with a value of zero for the GHG intensity. The target reduction of on average 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically.

Information about the decarbonisation trajectory of the sub-fund's portfolio will be included in the sub-fund's annual report.

DWS uses MSCI's CO<sub>2</sub> emission data to calculate the GHG intensity, whereby the dataset represents a company's Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions as reported (if available) or estimated by MSCI's proprietary estimation models.

DWS may use CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data from other providers. For portfolio constituents where the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is not available, the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is estimated through a peer group comparison.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 20% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR.

Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment)



and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- GHG emissions (no. 1);
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production (no. 5);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion and portfolio construction strategy for the sub-funds' assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure,

culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (Equity Fund) at least 60% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;

- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of

each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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#### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The sub-fund promotes the reduction of carbon emissions in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Further, this sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark, i.e. an EU Paris-aligned Benchmark as qualified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, for the purpose of attaining the promoted low carbon emission exposure in view of the Paris Agreement. The sub-fund management will actively manage the portfolio and has defined investment processes for the investment selection to ensure compliance with the methodological requirements for a Paris-aligned Benchmark as set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 and further described in "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?".

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted reduction of carbon emissions and the environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed in two steps via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

The ESG assessment methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer’s environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

In a second step the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 are applied to attain the promoted reduction of carbon emissions as further described in “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. For that purpose, the sub-fund management will use in particular the following sustainability indicators:

- Exclusions as specified in Art. 12 (1) of Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2020/1818 for Paris-aligned Benchmarks
- 50% reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of the portfolio compared to the investable universe
- Setting of a decarbonisation trajectory – with at least 7% reduction of GHG intensity on average per annum

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.



How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- GHG emissions (no. 1);
  - Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production (no. 5);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion and portfolio construction strategy for the sub-funds' assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that contribute to the objective of reducing carbon emissions in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in global equities. In the portfolio construction the sub-fund management is focusing on constructing an equity portfolio that is expected to have lower volatility in comparison to the broad equity market. "Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the methodological requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 as described in the following sections.

The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology and the carbon emission reduction strategy, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

## What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **ESG assessment methodology**

In a first step, the portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or

corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Carbon emissions reduction methodology**

In a second step and to contribute to the promoted Paris-aligned reduction of carbon emissions, the sub-fund management applies the following:

#### • **Exclusions**

The sub-fund management excludes all of the following as an investment:

- (a) Companies involved in any activities related to controversial weapons;
- (b) Companies involved in the cultivation and production of tobacco;
- (c) Companies that are found in violation of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;
- (d) Companies that derive 1 % or more of their revenues from exploration, mining, extraction,

distribution or refining of hard coal and lignite;

(e) Companies that derive 10 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, distribution or refining of oil fuels;

(f) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, manufacturing or distribution of gaseous fuels;

(g) Companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from electricity generation with a GHG intensity of more than 100 g CO<sub>2</sub> e/kWh.

Further, the sub-fund management excludes any companies that are found or, as relevant, estimated to significantly harm one or more of the environmental objectives referred to in Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

• **Reduction of the GHG intensity of the portfolio**

The sub-fund management defines an equity portfolio that has a 50% reduced GHG intensity (Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions divided by EVIC) in comparison to the MSCI World and is at no time allowed to fall short beyond this limit and stay below 180 tons of GHG emissions per million enterprise value including cash (180t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC). To reach this objective, the portfolio manager takes the GHG intensity on asset level into account based on data derived from the ESG database.

The equity portfolio will have an aggregated exposure to high climate impact sectors which is at least equivalent to the aggregated exposure of the underlying investable universe to those sectors (MSCI World Index).

• **Decarbonisation trajectory**

As an additional action to reduce the climate risk even further, the sub-fund management reduces the upper limit for the overall GHG intensity of the portfolio year over year on average by 7%. The reduction starts on 31.10.2022. Starting point is the fixed reference value of 180t CO<sub>2</sub> /EVIC and will end with a value of zero for the GHG intensity. The target reduction of on average 7% year over year shall be calculated geometrically.

Information about the decarbonisation trajectory of the sub-fund's portfolio will be included in the sub-fund's annual report.

DWS uses MSCI's CO<sub>2</sub> emission data to calculate the GHG intensity, whereby the dataset represents a company's Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions as reported (if available) or estimated by MSCI's proprietary estimation models.

DWS may use CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data from other providers. For portfolio constituents where the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is not available, the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emission intensity is estimated through a peer group comparison.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?"

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practises of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g. issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

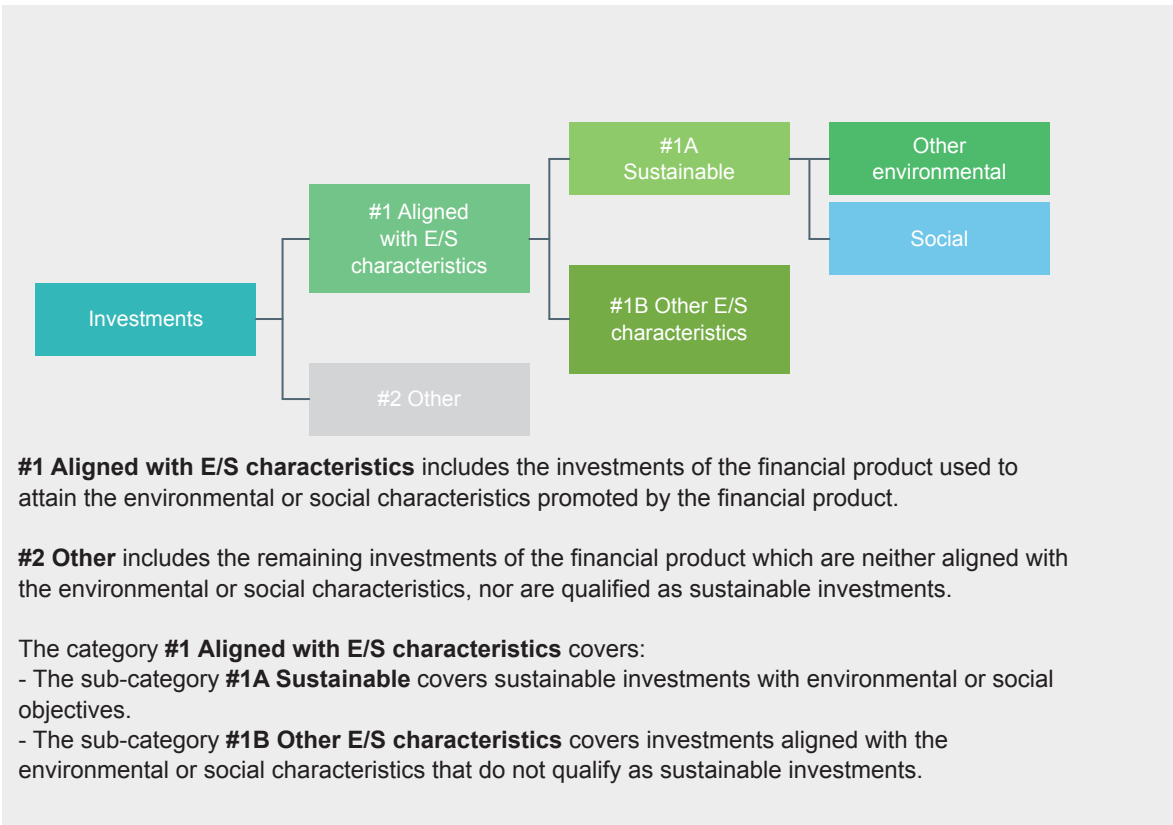
This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics and the carbon emission reduction strategy (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 20% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund are invested in investments that are not aligned with the objective of reducing carbon emissions (#2 Not sustainable). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

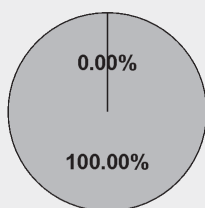


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

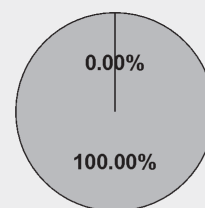
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 20% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund will invest the remaining proportion of the net assets in investments that are not aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management in particular for liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.





**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://www.dws.de/gemischte-fonds/LU2178858259> as well as on your local country website.

## DWS Invest Qi LowVol Emerging Markets

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS International GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 11–17, 60329 Frankfurt/Main, Germany
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI Emerging Markets Daily Net, administered by MSCI Limited.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Emerging Markets Daily Net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg, Frankfurt/Main and Cologne
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Qi LowVol Emerging Markets, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Qi LowVol Emerging Markets is to achieve a sustainable capital appreciation.

"Qi" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group. Investment decisions are the

result of a trade-off between investment opportunities that are identified by analysing fundamental and technical data and risk as well as cost considerations.

In the portfolio construction the sub-fund management is focusing on equities that are expected to have a lower volatility in comparison to the broad equity market.

At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public.

A company is viewed as having its principal business activity in emerging-market countries if a significant part of its earnings or revenues is generated there. Emerging markets are countries listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or listed in the Standard & Poor's Emerging Markets Database (EMDB). Further, countries which are listed as low or middle income (including both lower middle and higher middle income) by the World Bank will be considered as Emerging Markets even if such countries are neither listed in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index nor in the EMDB but must not be included in the MSCI World Index. At present, the emerging countries most significant for the sub-fund are mostly, but not exclusively, located in Asia, Eastern Europe and South America and include, among others, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey. If investments are effected in countries that do not yet possess a regulated market, these securities shall be considered as unlisted financial instruments.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to achieve the investment objective and implement the investment strategy, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock futures, options or equity swaps.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions. The sub-fund may invest more than 10% of the sub-fund's assets in securities that are traded on the Moscow Exchange (MICEX-RTS).

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may be invested in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 40% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 40% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B.o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is

eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to

one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies.

An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund’s assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund’s gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund’s assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic

- Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate to a limited extent (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively low. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environ-

ment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Qi LowVol Emerging Markets

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?"

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 60% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies registered in Emerging Markets countries or companies that conduct their principal business activity in Emerging Markets countries or which, as holding companies, hold primarily interest in companies registered in Emerging Markets countries. "Q" relates to the stock selection, which is based on a proprietary quantitative investment approach managed by the quantitative investments (Qi) group.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and

environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of

“E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

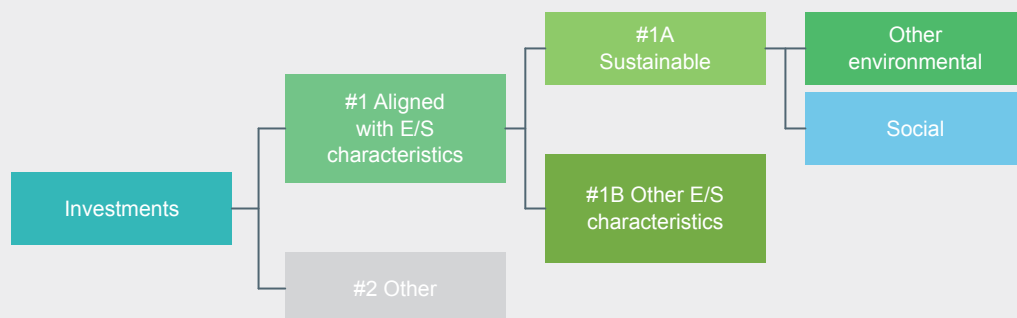
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

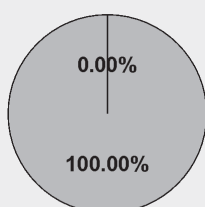


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

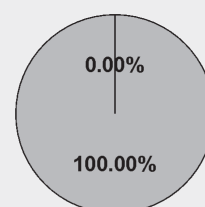
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest SDG Corporate Bonds

<b>Investor profile</b>	Income-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	-
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, XC LC	0% up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC LC XC	up to 0.6% up to 0.9% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	March 31, 2022

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest SDG Corporate Bonds, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund has sustainable investment as its objective and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its

assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest SDG Corporate Bonds is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by corporate issuers worldwide (private and

semi-private) that (i) have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) or (ii) that finance special SDG related/themed projects (use of proceeds bonds).

At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by

Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. In case of split rating between three agencies, the lower rating of the two best ratings should be applicable. In case of split rating between two agencies, the lower rating should be applicable. In the case of no rating, an internal rating may be applied. When a holding asset is downgraded to lower than B3/B-, such asset will be sold within 6 months.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

The sub-fund management invests at least 90% of the sub-fund's assets in issuers that contribute to environmental and/or social objectives and to at least one of the UN Sustainable development goals ('SDG') or in debt instruments where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental, climate benefits and/or other sustainability or ESG themed projects (i.e. Green Bonds, Blue Bonds, Social Bonds, Sustainability Bonds).

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive

better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a country's governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as rele-

vant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially

based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

The sub-fund manager considers in its asset allocation the resulting scores from the investment methodology as detailed above. At least 90% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (scores A-C) of the SDG score from the application of the SDG investment methodology or in Use of Proceeds Bonds according to the DWS Use of Proceeds Bond assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 50% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education

- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);

- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 25% of the

sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 25% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in asset-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value. The term "asset backed securities" is always used in the extended sense, i.e., including mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. Asset-backed securities are interest-bearing debt securities backed by a range of receivables and/or securities, including in particular securitized credit card receivables, private and commercial mortgage receivables, consumer loans, vehicle leasing receivables, small business loans, mortgage bonds, collateralized loan obligations and collateralized bond obligations.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 100%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 200%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return

swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

#### Risk disclaimer

The sub-fund may invest in different types of asset-backed securities. Among others, investments may also include securities that may become subject to strong market volatility, such as collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations. In some cases, these securities may be very illiquid during periods of market uncertainty and may be sold only at a discount. Individual securities may, in such extreme market phases, suffer a total loss or a significant decrease in value. High losses of value at the level of the sub-fund can therefore not be excluded.

#### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. However, the expected leverage should not be viewed as an additional risk limit for the fund.

#### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest SDG Corporate Bonds  
**Legal entity identifier:** 25490081R81SN3UWSM78  
**ISIN:** LU2442814435

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div>Yes</div></div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div>X</div></div><div>No</div></div>
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics as follows.

I.

On the one hand this [sub-]fund promotes environmental and social characteristics that related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

For such assets this [sub-]fund promotes at the same time a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

II.

On the other hand this [sub-]fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing in bonds where the use of proceeds is limited to projects with environmental, climate benefits and/or other sustainability or ESG themed projects (Green Bonds, Blue Bonds, Social Bonds, Sustainability Bonds; further "Use of Proceeds Bonds").

Use of proceeds bonds are devoted to (re)finance projects or activities with positive environmental and/or social impacts. The decisive difference to conventional bonds is that the issuers of use of proceeds bonds invest the issue proceeds in environmentally and/or socially beneficial projects or activities.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer's environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS SDG Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the allocation to issuers contributing to the UN SDGs
- **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment** is used as indicator for qualifying a bond as use-of-proceeds bond that follows recognized industry standards and to check whether the issuer meets defined ESG criteria
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity (or a Use of Proceeds Bond) contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of the issuer significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the issuer as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?"

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Hazardous waste (no. 9);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are predominantly invested in interest-bearing debt securities issued by corporate issuers worldwide that have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) or that finance special SDG related/themed projects. At least 75% of the sub-fund's assets shall be invested globally in interest-bearing debt securities that have an investment grade status at the time of the acquisition. A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

## What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The selection of assets that attain the promoted environmental or social characteristics is conducted either via execution of a dedicated ESG and SDG assessment (as detailed under I.) or via the qualification as Use of Proceeds Bond (as detailed under II.).

In a last step it is further assessed whether the economic activities of an issuer or the Use of Proceeds Bond can be considered as sustainable (as detailed under III.).

### **I. ESG & SDG assessment methodology**

#### **1. ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

## **2. DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment.



## **II. DWS Use of Proceeds Bond assessment methodology**

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two stage process.

In a first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles or the ICMA Social Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

The sub-fund manager considers in its asset allocation the resulting scores from the investment methodology as detailed above. At least 90% of the sub-fund’s assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (scores A-C) of the SDG score from the application of the SDG investment methodology or in Use of Proceeds Bonds according to the DWS Use of Proceeds Bond assessment methodology.

## **III. Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 90% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics**). Within this category, at least 50% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (**#1A Sustainable**).

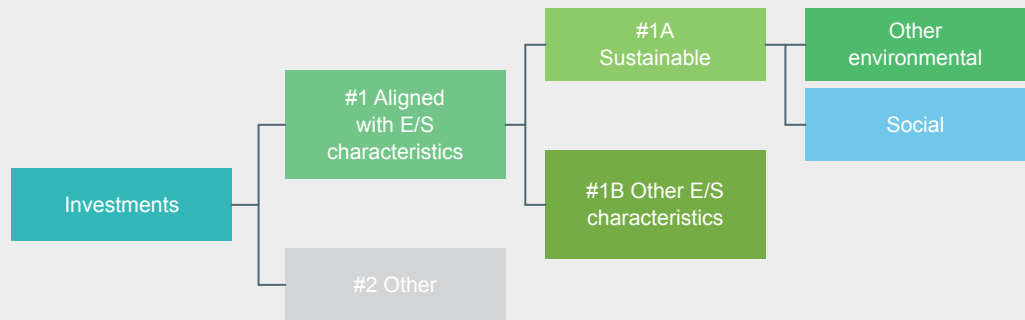
Up to 10% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (**#2 Other**). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

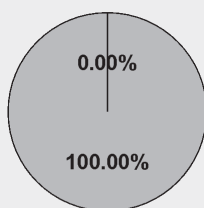


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

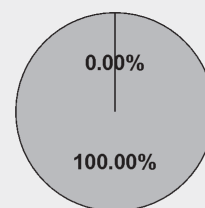
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU2442814435/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest SDG European Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI Europe TR Net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, TFC, XC LC	0% up to 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, TFC LC XC	up to 0.75% up to 1.5% up to 0.35%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, LC, TFC, XC	March 31, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest SDG European Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest SDG European Equities is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance by investing in companies that the sub-fund management considers to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers that operate in a business field included in the central themes favoured according to the market situation, profit from the selected trends or are active in an industrial sector that can directly or indirectly contribute to one of the UN SDGs.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the

extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics (ESG assessment methodology) as well as with DWS SDG investment assessment methodology detailed below.

### ESG assessment methodology

The sub-fund management seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and

principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### DWS ESG Quality Assessment

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment. As



regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by

means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At least 80% of the sub-fund’s net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores “A” to “C”) of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as well as the ESG assessment methodology in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 50% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action

- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion

strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and DWS SDG investment assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment

limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

## Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

## Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer's environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS SDG Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the allocation to issuers contributing to the UN SDGs
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
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- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

**X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversitysensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as well as the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

☐ No





**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers that operate in a business field included in the central themes favoured according to the market situation, profit from the selected trends or are active in an industrial sector that can directly or indirectly contribute to one of the UN SDGs. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

#### What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

##### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

##### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

##### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

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score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

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The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

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Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

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The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

• **DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?"

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?". Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 50% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 20% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

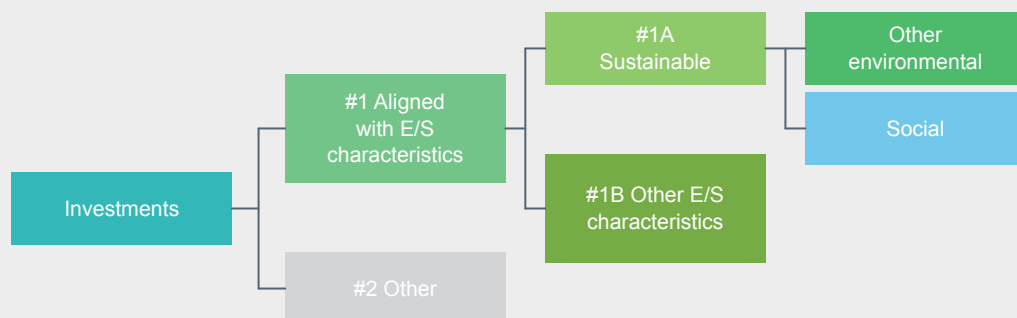


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

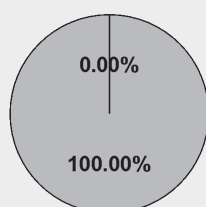


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

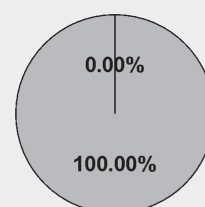
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU2306834925/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest SDG Global Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World AC Index
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, IC, ID, LC, LD, XC, XD, NC, TFC, TFD, PFC, IC250, IC100 USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P), USD IC50 GBP D RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, IC, ID, XC, XD, TFC, TFD, PFC, USD TFCH (P), USD IC50, GBP D RD, IC250, IC100 LC, LD NC USD LCH (P)	0% up to 5% up to 3% 5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD IC, ID LC, LD, USD LCH (P) XC, XD, IC250 NC PFC USD IC50 IC100	up to 0.75% up to 0.5% up to 1.5% up to 0.35% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.45% up to 0.4%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, IC, ID, LC, LD, XC, XD, NC, TFC, TFD, PFC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P), USD IC50, GBP D RD, IC250, IC100	0%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, XC, XD, NC, TFC, TFD, PFC, USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P), GBP D RD IC, ID, USD IC50, IC250, IC100	0.05% 0.01%



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## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, IC, ID, LC, LD, XC, XD NC TFC, TFD PFC USD LCH (P), USD TFCH (P) USD IC50 GBP D RD IC250 IC100	November 2, 2018 December 14, 2018 February 15, 2019 October 30, 2020 February 15, 2021 February 26, 2021 September 15, 2021 January 31, 2022 May 13, 2022
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\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest SDG Global Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector. ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest SDG Global Equities is to achieve a positive mid- to long-term investment performance by investing in companies that the sub-fund management considers to be in a position to profit from present or future geopolitical, social and economic trends and themes which have a positive contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers that operate in a business field included in the central themes favoured according to the market situation, profit from the selected trends or are active in an industrial sector that can directly or indirectly contribute to one of the UN SDGs.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market

instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 20% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 20% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics (ESG assessment methodology) as well as with DWS SDG investment assessment methodology detailed below.

### ESG assessment methodology

The sub-fund management seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's

future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced

labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “E”) are limited to 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

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To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

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The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At least 80% of the sub-fund’s net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores “A” to “C”) of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS SDG investment assessment methodology as well as the ESG assessment methodology in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 50% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social

characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology and DWS SDG investment assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Notwithstanding the investment limit specified in article 2 B. (n) concerning the use of derivatives, the following investment restrictions shall apply with regard to the investment restrictions currently applicable in individual distribution countries:

Derivatives that constitute short positions must have adequate coverage at all times and may be used exclusively for hedging purposes. Hedging is limited to 100% of the underlying instrument covering the derivative. Conversely, no more than 35% of the net value of the assets of the sub-fund may be invested in derivatives that constitute long positions and do not have corresponding coverage.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other UCITS and/or other UCIs as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits

described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;
- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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**Legal entity identifier:** 549300PGPY6VQ5ZNEU06  
**ISIN:** LU1891311356

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>Yes</div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div>X</div></div>No</div>
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b></div>	<div><div><div>X</div></div>It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div> <div><div><div>X</div></div>with a social objective</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div>It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b></div>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as general ESG quality through the avoidance of issuers (1) exposed to high or excessive climate and transition risks, (2) exposed to high or highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) exposed to high or excessive environmental, social and governance risks compared to their peer group, (4) moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer's exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS ESG Quality Assessment** is used as indicator for comparison of an issuer's environmental, social and governance risks in relation to their peer group
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer's involvement in controversial weapons
- **DWS SDG Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the allocation to issuers contributing to the UN SDGs
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments



What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section "How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?".

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Activities negatively affecting biodiversitysensitive areas (no. 7);
  - Emissions to water (no. 8);
  - Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio (no. 9);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section “How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?”.

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers that operate in a business field included in the central themes favoured according to the market situation, profit from the selected trends or are active in an industrial sector that can directly or indirectly contribute to one of the UN SDGs. Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in short-term deposits, money market instruments and bank balances.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

#### What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

##### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer. The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

##### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g., in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

##### **• DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, e.g., within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, e.g., human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

##### **• DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e., a letter

score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of “D” in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund’s net assets.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score. Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment. As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and DWS ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

• **DWS SDG investment assessment methodology**

The UN SDG contribution of an issuer will be measured by dedicated letter scores, which are the result of DWS SDG investment assessment. Issuers are identified and scored essentially based on their positive and negative contribution to the UN SDGs.

The sub-fund management considers in its allocation the resulting scores from the DWS SDG investment assessment. At least 80% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in issuers that are classified in the highest three scores (letter scores "A" to "C") of the proprietary letter score from the application of the DWS SDG investment assessment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS SDG investment assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

**Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?"

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?". Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 50% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 20% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



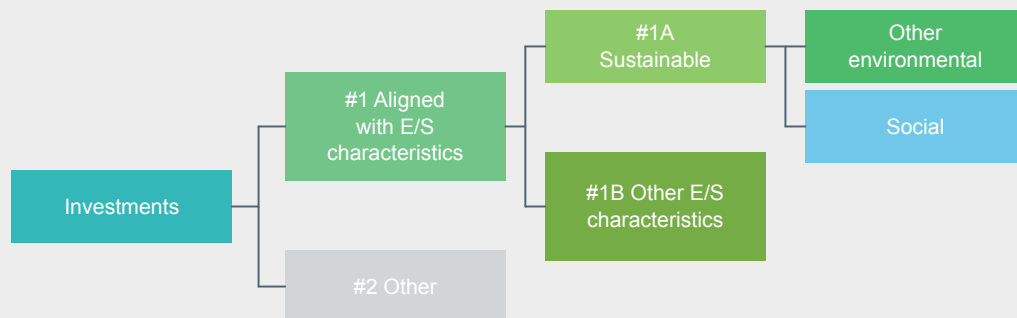


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

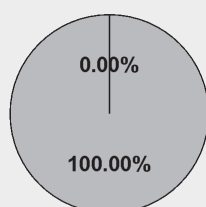


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

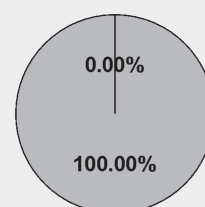
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 50% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU1891311356/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Short Duration Credit

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	iBoxx Euro Corporates 1-3 Y, administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	(absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	5 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, IC, ID, PFC, IC50, ID50, TFC, TFD	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD NC FC, IC, ID, PFC, IC50, ID50, TFC, TFD	up to 3% up to 1.5% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD NC FC, TFC, TFD IC, ID, PFC IC50, ID50	up to 0.6% up to 1.1% up to 0.45% up to 0.3% up to 0.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, FC, LD, IC, ID, PFC, IC50, ID50, TFC, TFD NC	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, FC, LD, PFC, TFC, TFD IC, ID, IC50, ID50	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, FC LD IC, ID, PFC IC50, ID50 TFC, TFD	February 27, 2006 January 31, 2014 October 14, 2016 April 28, 2017 December 5, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Short Duration Credit, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Short Duration Credit is to achieve an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund's assets may be invested globally in the following instruments:

- corporate bonds issued by companies from Developed Countries or Emerging Markets that may or may not offer an investment grade status at the time of acquisition;
- covered bonds;
- convertible bonds;
- subordinated bonds;
- asset-backed securities.

Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest into money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds.

The sub-fund's investments in subordinated bonds shall be limited to 30% of the sub-fund's assets value. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

A maximum of 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into interest-bearing debt securities with a non-investment grade status with a minimum credit rating of B3 (rated by Moody's) or B- (rated by S&P and Fitch) at time of acquisition.

The average duration of the overall portfolio shall not exceed three years. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on

financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund may use, particularly in accordance with the investment limits stated in article 2 B. of the Sales Prospectus – general section, derivatives to optimize the investment objective.

The derivatives may only be used in compliance with the investment policy and the investment objective of DWS Invest Short Duration Credit. The performance of the sub-fund is therefore besides other factors depending on the respective proportion of derivatives, e.g. swaps in the sub-fund's total assets.

To implement the investment policy and achieve the investment objective it is anticipated that the derivatives, such as swaps, will be entered with at least BBB3 (Moody's) /BBB- (S&P, Fitch) rated financial institutions specializing in such transactions. Such OTC-agreements are standardized agreements.

In conjunction with the OTC transactions, it is important to note the associated counterparty risk. The sub-fund's counterparty risk resulting from the use of portfolio total return swaps will be fully collateralized. The use of swaps may furthermore entail specific risks that are explained in the general risk warnings.

The sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several OTC-transactions negotiated with a counterparty under customary market conditions. Therefore, the sub-fund can be invested in total or in parts in one or several transactions.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG

data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter

score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### Involvement in controversial weapons

The ESG database assesses a company’s involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS’ Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 10% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);

- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets specified in article 2 of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Specific risks

The use of credit default swaps may entail greater risks than direct investment in debt securities. The market for credit default swaps can at times be less liquid than the markets for debt securities. The use of swaps may entail specific risks that are explained in more detail in the "Notes" section.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar

weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

Contrary to the provision of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, because of the investment strategy of the sub-fund it is expected that the leverage effect from the use of derivatives will not be any higher than five times the sub-fund assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). The disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Short Duration Credit

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300NH5FB8OOJT2J63

**ISIN:** LU0236145453

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets may be invested globally in corporate bonds issued by companies from Developed Countries or Emerging Markets that may or may not offer an investment grade status at the time of acquisition, covered bonds, convertible bonds, subordinated bonds and asset-backed securities. The sub-fund's investments in subordinated bonds shall be limited to 30%. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities shall be limited to 20%. The average duration of the overall portfolio shall not exceed three years. The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the euro in the portfolio.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

#### **Good governance**

practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

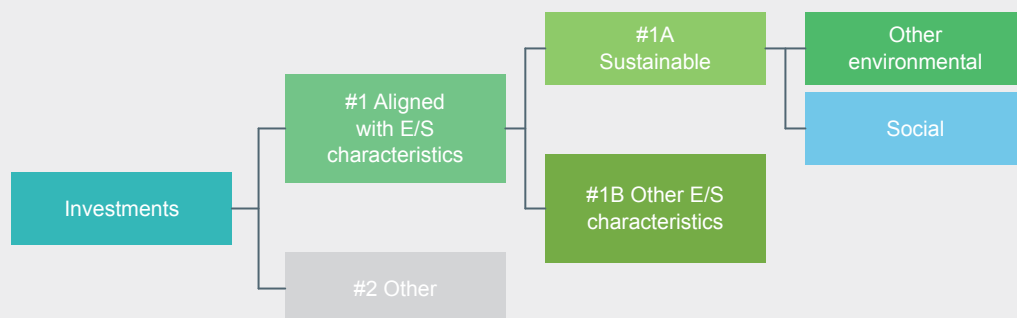




**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

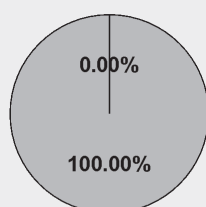


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

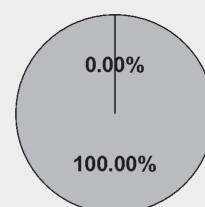
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 10% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU0236145453/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Short Duration Income

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	Barclays Global Aggregate 1-3y (hedged EUR), administered by Barclays Bank Plc.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	FC, FD, IC50, ID50, LC, LD, NC, PFC, TFC, TFD USD FCH, USD LCH, USD TFCH CHF ICH25	EUR USD CHF
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	FC, FD, IC50, ID50, PFC, TFC, TFD, USD FCH, USD TFCH, CHF ICH25 LC, LD, USD LCH NC	0% up to 3% up to 1.5%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, TFC, TFD, USD FCH, USD TFCH IC50 ID50 LC, LD, USD LCH NC PFC CHF ICH25	up to 0.45% up to 0.18% up to 0.2% up to 0.6% up to 1.1% up to 0.3% up to 0.23%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	FC, FD, IC50, ID50, LC, LD, NC, PFC, TFC, TFD, USD FCH, NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	FC, FD, LC, LD, NC, PFC, TFC, TFD, USD FCH, USD LCH, USD TFCH IC50, ID50, CHF ICH25	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	FC, FD, IC50, ID50, LC, LD, NC, PFC, TFC, TFD, USD FCH, USD LCH, USD TFCH CHF ICH25	October 12, 2020 October 15, 2021

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to substantial downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Short Duration Income, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Short Duration Income is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund may acquire interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend right certificates, money markets instruments and liquid assets.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities having maturities classified as short-term. "Short term" relates to a term to maturity or fixed-rate term of investments ranging between zero and three years. Furthermore, the sub-fund may invest into money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds.

At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months.

This sub-fund does not comply with the provisions of the EU Regulation 2017/1131 on money market funds and hence will not qualify as a money market fund.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in debt instruments or other securities that do not meet the above criteria.

No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend right certificates.

The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities shall be limited to 20% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

At least 90% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR.

Investments in domestic securities via the Chinese onshore market will be done in listed securities, via direct access to the inter-bank bond market (CIBM) or via Bond Connect. When investing via Bond Connect the investment limit of 10% must be respected.

Due to the fact that investments made by the sub-fund and income received by the sub-fund may be denominated in Renminbi, investors should be aware of a possible depreciation of the Renminbi.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

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Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controver-

sial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter

must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 1% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities

that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The absolute Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk for the sub-fund assets.

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

#### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notionals of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 1% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. The fund may acquire interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend right certificates, money markets instruments and liquid assets. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities having maturities ranging between zero and three years. At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months. No more than 25% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds; no more than 10% may be invested in participation and dividend right certificates. The sub-fund's investments in asset backed securities and mortgage backed securities shall be limited to 20%. At least 90% of the sub-fund's assets will be in EUR or hedged into EUR. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 1% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



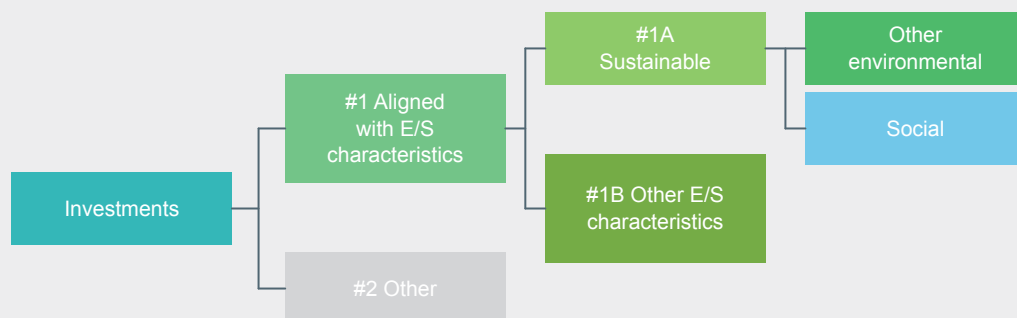


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

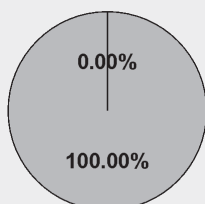


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

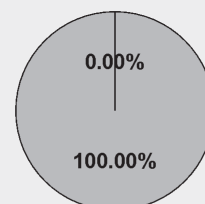
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 1% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/bond-funds/LU2220514363/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest StepIn ESG Future Trends

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	1Y: 35% MSCI World + 65% Barc Global Agg Corporates TR EUR 2Y: 65% MSCI World + 35% Barc Global Agg Corporates TR EUR 3Y: 95% MSCI World + 5% Barc Global Agg Corporates TR EUR
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main. A bank business day is any day on which banks are open for business and payments are processed in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main.
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest StepIn ESG Future Trends, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Invest StepIn ESG Future Trends is to generate an above average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund is actively managed. The sub-fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

In general, the sub-fund will invest globally in fixed income assets such as interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, money-market instruments, bank balances (the "Fixed Income Assets") as well as equities and/or securities equivalent to equities ("the Equities"). Investment in Fixed Income Assets and Equities shall be mainly held indirectly through investment funds. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes, mainly to hedge foreign currency risks.

At the launch date, the sub-fund's assets shall be predominantly invested in Fixed Income Assets, mainly held through at least six investment funds. The portfolio management intends to decrease the respective proportion of Fixed Income Assets step-by-step over a three-year period and simultaneously increase the respective proportion invested into Equities to at least 90%.

The sub-fund's assets shall be shifted monthly (step-by-step) over a three-year period (the "Shifting Period") into Equities, mainly held through six

investment funds. The portfolio management intends to increase the respective proportion of Equities by 2.5% of the sub-fund's assets with each monthly step (monthly "StepIn").

- After one year, the respective proportion invested into Equities increased to at least 30% of the sub-fund's assets.
- After two years, the respective proportion invested into Equities increased to at least 60% of the sub-fund's assets.
- After three years, the respective proportion invested into Equities increased to at least 90% of the sub-fund's assets. This amount can be further increased to a level of up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets.

In contrast to traditional benchmark-oriented investment funds, the sub-fund management pursues an "Future trends concept" by investing in funds with a focus on companies well positioned to benefit from future trends, such as technological innovation, environmental and social sustainability, impact on SDGs and development of infrastruc-

tures. It is intended to invest in investment funds with different types of thematic focus.

This amount can be further increased to a level of up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets.

The portfolio manager pursues an "Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) concept" by investing exclusively in DWS ESG funds.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 10% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 10% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

Contrary to the provision in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus the sub-fund may hold up to 10% ancillary liquid assets.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the pro-

moted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment. Issuers with high severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "E") are limited to 5% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **DWS ESG Quality Assessment**

The DWS ESG Quality Assessment distinguishes between corporate and sovereign issuers.

For corporate issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment allows for a peer group comparison based on cross vendor consensus on overall ESG assessment (best-in-class approach), for example concerning the handling of environmental changes, product safety, employee management or corporate ethics. The peer group is composed of issuers from the same sector in the same region. Issuers rated better in this peer group comparison receive a better score, while issuers rated worse in the comparison receive a worse score. Corporate issuers rated poorly compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

For sovereign issuers, the DWS ESG Quality Assessment evaluates a countries' governance from a holistic perspective taking into account, among other things, the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

Further, issuers with a letter score of "D" in the DWS ESG Quality Assessment are limited to 15% of the sub-fund's net assets.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, tobacco, and adult entertainment. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, nuclear energy or coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

Issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed

by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk-, Norm- and ESG Quality Assessment (excluding the assessment of sovereigns) outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund’s investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund’s net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund’s net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments’ underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Emissions to water (no. 8);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion

strategy for the sub-fund’s assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

Notwithstanding article 3.2 (i), the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of the sub-fund’s assets into other funds after the launch and the following applies:

The sub-fund’s assets may be used to acquire shares of other UCITS and/or UCLs as defined in article 3.1 (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund’s assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCLs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties. Investments in shares of other UCLs other than UCITS must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund’s net assets in total.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCLs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCLs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 3.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The sub-fund’s investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund’s net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus

The sub-fund will not invest in ABS or MBS.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### **Risk management**

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### **Investment in shares of target funds**

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

The sub-fund will not invest in target funds where the management fee exceeds a certain level. Specific information on the maximum management fee for this sub-fund can be found in the table.

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund will invest globally in fixed income assets such as interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, money-market instruments, bank balances as well as equities and/or securities equivalent to equities. Investments shall be mainly held indirectly through investment funds. The "Future trends concept" is implemented by investing in funds with a focus on companies that are well positioned to benefit from future trends, such as technological innovation, environmental and social sustainability, impact on SDGs and development of infrastructures. It is intended to invest in investment funds with different types of thematic focus. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes, mainly to hedge foreign currency risks. At the launch date, the sub-fund's assets shall be predominantly invested in fixed income assets, mainly held through at least six investment funds. The portfolio management intends to decrease the respective proportion of fixed income assets step-by-step over a three-year period and simultaneously increase the respective proportion invested into equities to at least 90%.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered

individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

• **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of

that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



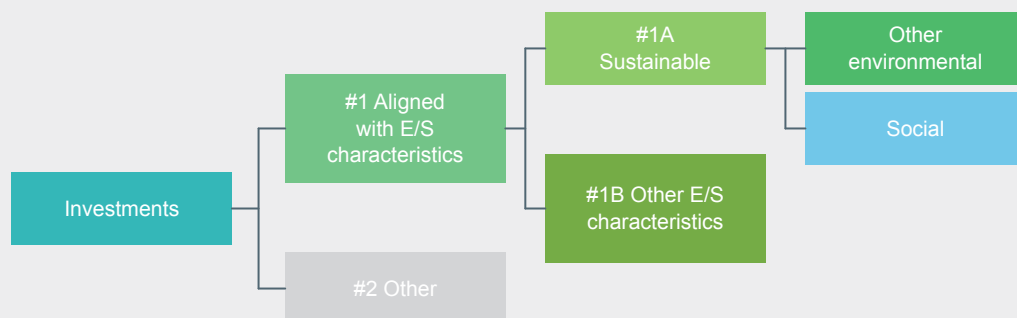


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

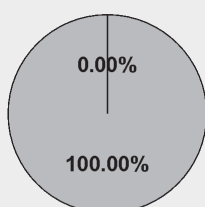


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

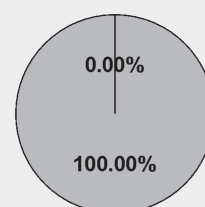
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## DWS Invest StepIn Global Equities

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI World TR Net, administered by MSCI Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI World TR Net
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee
<b>Maximum management fee charged in respect of investments in shares of target funds (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	3.25%

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, NC, PFC	EUR
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC NC PFC	up to 4% up to 2% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC NC PFC	up to 1.3% up to 1.7% up to 1.2%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, PFC NC	0% 0.1%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, NC, PFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, NC, PFC	January 31, 2017
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

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Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

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For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest StepIn Global Equities, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest StepIn Global Equities is to generate an above average return for the sub-fund.

The sub-fund will invest in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, money-market instruments, bank balances, other low-risk assets, investment funds, equities, securities equivalent to equities and derivatives.

From launch until the date, when the shifting period described below is completed, the following shall apply:

At launch date 90% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds, investment funds, money market instruments or liquid assets.

Starting at launch date the sub-fund's assets will be shifted monthly step-by-step over a three-year period into instruments with higher yield and higher risk, i.e. mainly equities and equity related securities and its derivatives. After three years the percentage amount invested in those securities can be increased to a level of up to 100%.

Notwithstanding article 2 B. (i) the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets into other funds until 3 years after the launch and the following applies:

The sub-fund's assets may be used to acquire shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities and/or collective investment undertakings as defined in article 2 A. (e), provided that no more than 20% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in one and the same UCITS and/or UCIs.

Every sub-fund of an umbrella fund is to be regarded as an independent issuer, provided that the principle of individual liability per sub-fund is applicable in terms of liability to third parties. Investments in shares of other collective investment undertakings other than Undertakings for

Collective Investment in Transferable Securities must not exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets in total.

In the case of investments in shares of another UCITS and/or other UCIs, the investments held by that UCITS and/or by other UCIs are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the limits specified in article 2 B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

After the above-mentioned shifting period, the following shall apply:

At least 51% of the sub-fund's assets must be invested in equities of well-established and growth oriented national and international enterprises which, after return expectations or with taking advantage of short-term market movements, have a promising performance or in equity investment funds. The fund management ensures a flexible focus weighting and invests if necessary – for defensive purposes – additionally in Fixed Income Securities.

Up to 49% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments (including investment funds), and deposits with credit institutions, respectively. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 49% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's

future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribu-

tion of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles.

The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via

the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in

order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest StepIn Global Equities

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300CRHOIRRDOB5P81

**ISIN:** LU1532502512

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
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- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

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**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on multiple asset classes as main investment strategy. The sub-fund will invest in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, money-market instruments, bank balances, other low-risk assets, investment funds, equities, securities equivalent to equities and derivatives. At launch date 90% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds, warrant-linked bonds, investment funds, money market instruments or liquid assets. Starting at launch date the sub-fund's assets will be shifted monthly step-by-step over a three-year period into instruments with higher yield and higher risk, i.e. mainly equities and equity related securities and its derivatives. After three years the percentage amount invested in those securities can be increased to a level of up to 100%.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons.

Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or

“F”),

- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.



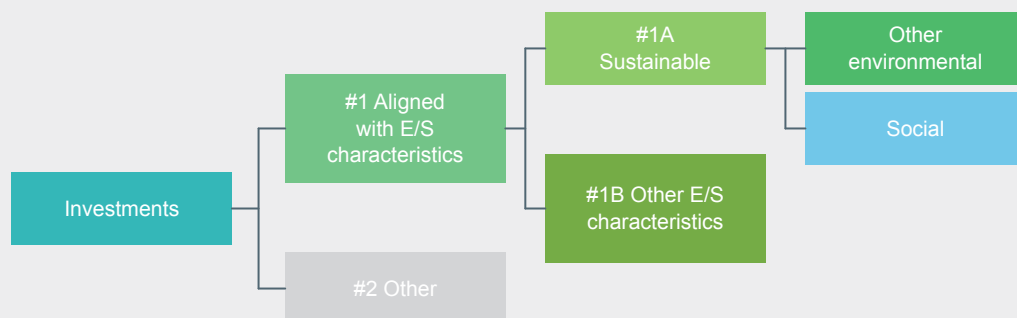


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

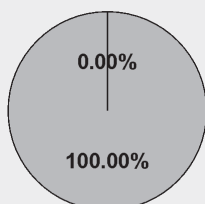


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

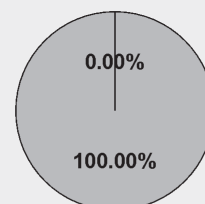
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/balanced-funds/LU1532502512/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Top Asia

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investments Hong Kong Limited, Level 60, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan EUR Nt Index (MAASJ Index), administered by MSCI Limited
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan EUR Nt Index (MAASJ Index)
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg that is also an exchange trading day on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, TFC, TFD USD LC, USD FC, USD TFC GBP D RD	EUR USD GBP
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, USD LC NC FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	up to 5% up to 3% 0%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, USD LC NC FC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	up to 1.5% up to 2% up to 0.75%
<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, USD LC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC NC	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC, USD LC, USD FC, GBP D RD, TFC, TFD, USD TFC	0.05%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, NC, FC USD LC, USD FC GBP D RD TFC, TFD, USD TFC	June 3, 2002 November 20, 2006 January 19, 2009 December 5, 2017

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Top Asia, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Top Asia is to achieve as high an appreciation as possible of capital invested in Euros. The sub-fund may acquire equities, interest-bearing securities, convertible bonds and warrant-linked bonds, participation and dividend-right certificates and equity warrants. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies having their registered offices or principal business activity in Asia (ex Japan).

A company is viewed as having its principal business activity in Asia (ex. Japan) if the greatest part of its earnings or revenues is generated there. Considered as Asian (ex Japan) issuers are companies having their registered offices or principal business activity in Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the People's Republic of China. The securities issued by these companies may be listed on Chinese (including the Shenzhen-Hong Kong and Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) or other foreign securities exchanges or traded on other regulated markets in a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that operate regularly and are recognized and open to the public. The following aspects shall be considered when selecting equities:

- strong market position of an issuer in its field of business;
- financial ratios that are sound for the circumstances;
- better-than-average corporate management that is focused on achieving solid long-term earnings;
- strategic orientation of the company;
- shareholder-centred information policies.

Accordingly, the sub-fund acquires equities of companies it expects to achieve results and/or share prices that are above average with respect to the broad market.

A maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets (after deduction of liquid assets) may be invested in equities of foreign and domestic issuers that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding sentence.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

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### Exposure to controversial sectors

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- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics

as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 3% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to

determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

Notwithstanding the investment limit of 10% specified in article 2 B. (i) concerning investments in shares of other Undertakings for Collective Investment in Securities and/or other collective investment undertakings as defined in article 2 A. (e), an investment limit of 5% shall apply to this sub-fund.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

The following investment restriction applies to the sub-fund due to a possible registration in Korea:

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union

or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;

- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The sub-fund must invest more than 70% of the net assets in non-Korean Won-denominated assets.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Benchmark

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may

lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Specific risks

Because the sub-fund is specialized on a specific geographic area, it presents increased opportunities, but these opportunities are countered by equally elevated risks.

The sub-fund is focused on investments in Asia. Asian exchanges and markets are sometimes subject to substantial fluctuations. Fluctuations in the rate of exchange of the local currencies against the euro can also impact on investment performance. The credit risk associated with an investment in securities, i.e., the risk of a decline in the assets of issuers, cannot be entirely eliminated even by the most careful selection of the instruments to be purchased. Political changes, restrictions on currency exchange, exchange monitoring, taxes, limitations on foreign capital investments and capital repatriation etc. can also affect investment performance.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).

# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 3% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.





**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:
- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
  - GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
  - Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
  - Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
  - Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of companies having their registered offices or principal business activity in Asia (ex Japan). Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China. Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed

to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or

- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 3% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

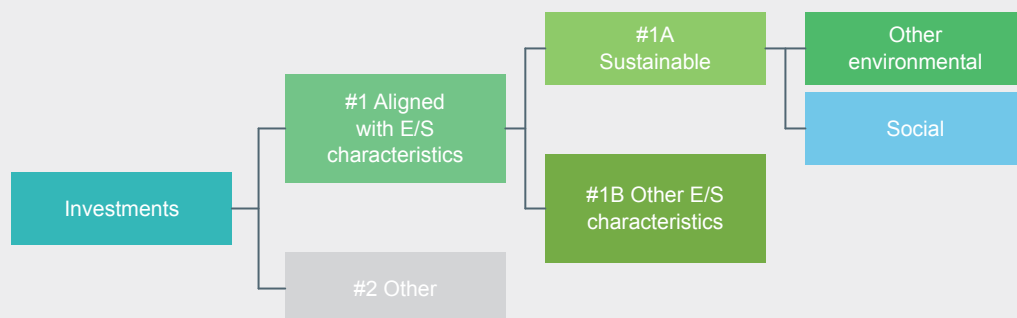
Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

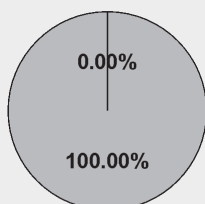


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

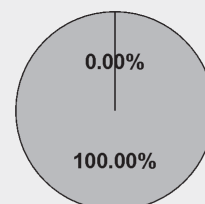
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures



What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 3% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0145648290/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest Top Dividend

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	EUR
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	MSCI WORLD HIGH DIVIDEND YIELD
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

### Overview of the share classes

<b>Currency of the share class</b>	LC, LD, FC, NC, ND, FD, PFC, PFD, LDQH (P), LCH (P), IC, IDQ, TFC, TFCH (P) GBP LD DS, GBP D RD, GBP C RD, GBP DH (P) RD USD LC, USD LCH (P), USD LDH (P), USD FC, USD LDQ, USD LDM, USD LDQH (P), USD FCH (P) SGD LDQ, SGD LC, SGD LCH (P), SGD LDQH (P) CHF FCH (P), CHF LCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) SEK LCH (P) AUD TFCH (P)	EUR GBP  USD SGD CHF SEK AUD
<b>Front-end load (payable by the investor)</b>	LC, LD, GBP LD DS, USD LC, SGD LDQ, CHF LCH (P), SGD LC, SGD LCH (P), USD LCH (P), USD LDH (P), SGD LDQH (P), USD LDQ, LDQH (P), USD LDM, LCH (P), USD LDQH (P), SEK LCH (P) FC, CHF FCH (P), FD, GBP D RD, USD FC, PFC, PFD, GBP C RD, USD FCH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, IC, IDQ, TFC, TFCH (P), AUD TFCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) NC, ND	up to 5%  up to 3%
<b>Management Company Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, GBP LD DS, USD LC, SGD LDQ, CHF LCH (P), SGD LC, SGD LCH (P), USD LCH (P), USD LDH (P), SGD LDQH (P), USD LDQ, LDQH (P), USD LDM, LCH (P), USD LDQH (P), SEK LCH (P) FC, CHF FCH (P), FD, GBP D RD, USD FC, GBP C RD, USD FCH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, TFC, TFCH (P), AUD TFCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) NC, ND PFC, PFD IC, IDQ	up to 1.5%  up to 0.75% up to 2% up to 1.6% up to 0.5%

## Overview of the share classes (continued)

<b>Service Fee p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)*</b>	LC, LD, FC, GBP LD DS, USD LC, SGD LDQ, CHF FCH (P), CHF LCH (P), SGD LC, SGD LCH (P), USD LCH (P), USD LDH (P), FD, GBP D RD, USD FC, SGD LDQH (P), USD LDQ, PFC, PFD, LDQH (P), USD LDM, LCH (P), GBP C RD, USD LDQH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD FCH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, IC, IDQ, TFC, TFCH (P), AUD TFCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) NC, ND	0% 0.2%
<b>Taxe d'abonnement p.a. (payable by the sub-fund)</b>	LC, LD, FC, GBP LD DS, NC, USD LC, ND, SGD LDQ, CHF FCH (P), CHF LCH (P), SGD LC, SGD LCH (P), USD LCH (P), USD LDH (P), FD, GBP D RD, USD FC, SGD LDQH (P), USD LDQ, PFC, PFD, LDQH (P), USD LDM, LCH (P), GBP C RD, USD LDQH (P), SEK LCH (P), USD FCH (P), GBP DH (P) RD, TFC, TFCH (P), AUD TFCH (P), CHF TFCH (P) IC, IDQ	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Launch date</b>	LC, LD, FC, GBP LD DS, NC USD LC ND SGD LDQ CHF FCH (P), CHF LCH (P) SGD LC, SGD LCH (P) USD LCH (P) USD LDH (P) FD GBP D RD USD FC SGD LDQH (P), USD LDQ PFC, PFD LDQH (P) USD LDM LCH (P) GBP C RD, USD LDQH (P), SEK LCH (P) USD FCH (P) GBP DH (P) RD, IC IDQ TFC TFCH (P) AUD TFCH (P) CHF TFCH (P)	July 1, 2010 September 13, 2010 November 16, 2010 August 16, 2011 October 21, 2011 April 24, 2012 May 30, 2012 January 28, 2013 March 1, 2013 May 27, 2013 June 24, 2013 September 23, 2013 May 26, 2014 June 4, 2014 August 11, 2014 December 11, 2014 September 30, 2015 June 30, 2016 September 1, 2016 April 13, 2017 December 5, 2017 April 30, 2019 May 15, 2020 August 16, 2021
<b>Dilution adjustment (payable by the shareholder)**</b>	PFC and PFD: A dilution adjustment of up to 3% based on the gross redemption amount may be charged. Please see the general section for further explanation.	
<b>Placement fee (payable from the sub-fund's assets)</b>	PFC and PFD: Up to 3% for the benefit of the distributor. Please see the general section for further explanation.	

\* For additional costs, see article 12 in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

\*\* The Management Company may, at its discretion, partially or completely dispense with the dilution adjustment.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to **markedly increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest Top Dividend, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest Top Dividend is to achieve an above average return.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of international issuers that are expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield.

When selecting equities, the following criteria shall be of decisive importance: dividend yield above the market average; sustainability of dividend yield and growth; historical and future earnings growth; price/earnings ratio. In addition to these criteria, the proven stock-picking process of the Fund Manager will be applied. This means that a company's fundamental data, such as asset quality, management skills, profitability, competitive position and valuation, are analysed. These criteria may be weighted differently and do not always have to be present at the same time.

In compliance with article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may use derivative techniques to implement the investment objective, including in particular – but not limited to – forwards, futures, single-stock-futures, options or equity swaps.

Against this background, positions could be built up that anticipate declining stock prices and index levels.

According to the prohibition stipulated in article 2 F. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, no short sales of securities will be undertaken. Short positions are achieved by using securitized and non-securitized derivative instruments.

Investments in the securities mentioned above may also be made through Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on recognized exchanges and markets issued by international financial institutions.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in instruments that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These investments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

A maximum of 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities such as A-Shares, B-Shares, bonds and other securities listed and traded in Mainland China.

The sub-fund will not invest in contingent convertibles.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets as specified in article 2, including the assets mentioned in article 2 A. (j) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further

detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

### DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Norm Assessment

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

### DWS Sovereign Assessment

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

### Exposure to controversial sectors

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial

business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This

assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 15% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

**Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

For the purpose of inducing a partial tax exemption within the meaning of the German Investment Tax Act and in addition to the investment limits described in the Articles of Incorporation and this Sales Prospectus (equity fund) at least 51% of the sub-fund's gross assets (determined as being the value of the sub-fund's assets without taking into account liabilities) are invested in equities admitted to official trading on a stock exchange or admitted to, or included in, another organized market and which are not:

- units of investment funds;
- equities indirectly held via partnerships;
- units of corporations, associations of persons or estates at least 75% of the gross assets of which consist of immovable property in accordance with statutory provisions or their investment conditions, if such corporations, associations of persons or estates are subject to corporate income tax of at least 15% and are not exempt from it or if their distributions are subject to tax of at least 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations which are exempt from corporate income taxation to the extent they conduct distributions unless such distributions are subject to taxation at a minimum rate of 15% and the sub-fund is not exempt from said taxation;
- units of corporations the income of which originates, directly or indirectly, to an extent of more than 10%, from units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate

income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it;

- units of corporations which hold, directly or indirectly, units of corporations, that are (i) real estate companies or (ii) are not real estate companies, but (a) are domiciled in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax or are exempt from it or (b) are domiciled in a third country and are not subject in said domicile to corporate income tax of at least 15% or are exempt from it if the fair market value of units of such corporations equal more than 10% of the fair market value of those corporations.

For the purpose of this investment policy and in accordance with the definition in the German Investment Code (KAGB), an organized market is a market which is recognized, open to the public and which functions correctly, unless expressly specified otherwise. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Integration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest Top Dividend

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493003XYDKBDCH55556

**ISIN:** LU0507265923

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 15% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in equities of international issuers that are expected to deliver an above-average dividend yield. When selecting equities, the following criteria shall be of decisive importance: dividend yield above the market average, sustainability of dividend yield and growth, historical and future earnings growth as well as price/earnings ratio.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers

that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area (“controversial sectors”). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”) are excluded as an investment.

• **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of “E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 15% of the sub-fund’s assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

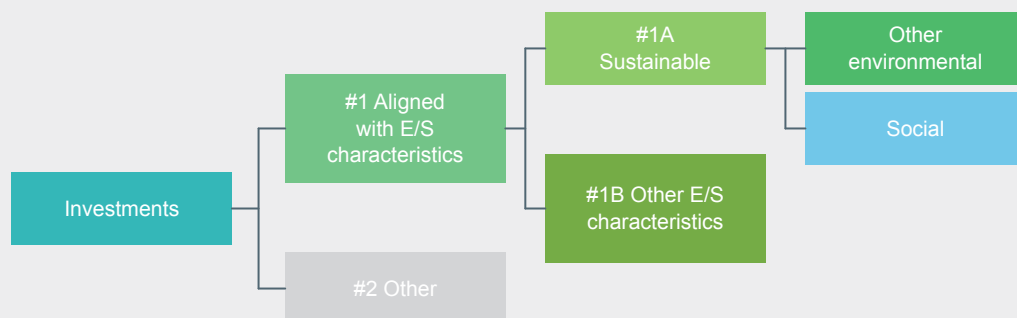


### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

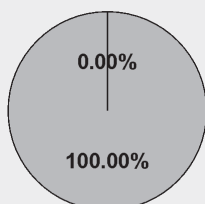


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

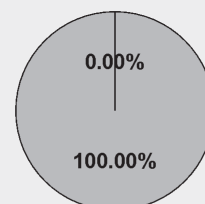
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 15% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:** <https://funds.dws.com/en-lu/equity-funds/LU0507265923/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## DWS Invest USD High Yield Corporates

<b>Investor profile</b>	Growth-oriented
<b>Currency of sub-fund</b>	USD
<b>Sub-fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH and as sub-manager DWS Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	ICE BoAML US HY Constrained, administrated by ICE Data Indices, LLC.
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	ICE BoAML US HY Constrained
<b>Leverage effect</b>	2 times the value of the investment sub-fund's assets
<b>Calculation of the NAV per share</b>	Each bank business day in Luxembourg
<b>Swing Pricing</b>	The sub-fund may apply Swing Pricing. If implemented, it will be disclosed in the fund facts section on the website of the Management Company <a href="http://www.dws.com">www.dws.com</a> .
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All subscription, redemption and exchange orders are placed on the basis of an unknown net asset value per share. Orders received by the Transfer Agent at or before <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the subsequent valuation date. Orders received after <b>4:00 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per share on the valuation date immediately following that next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In a purchase, the equivalent value is debited three bank business days after issue of the shares. The equivalent value is credited three bank business days after redemption of the shares. The value date for purchase and redemption orders of certain currencies may deviate by one day from the value date as specified in the description of share classes in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.
<b>Fractional shares</b>	Up to three places after the decimal point
<b>Expense cap</b>	Not to exceed 15% of the Management Company fee

The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

Due to its composition and the techniques applied by its fund management, the sub-fund is subject to markedly **increased volatility**, which means that the price per share may be subject to **substantial** downward or upward **fluctuation**, even within short periods of time.

For the sub-fund with the name DWS Invest USD High Yield Corporates, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the terms contained in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and reports as product in accordance with article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR"). While the sub-fund does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will invest a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by article 2 (17) SFDR.

The objective of the investment policy of DWS Invest USD High Yield Corporates is to generate an above-average return for the sub-fund.

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status. Non-investment grade

encompasses BB+ and below rated bonds, including bonds with D rating and non-rated bonds.

In case of a split rating involving three rating agencies, the second best will prevail. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings will be used for the rating classification. If a security only has one rating, the single rating will be used. If there is no official rating, an internal rating will be applied in accordance with DWS internal guidelines.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in corporate bonds that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

The sub-fund manager aims to hedge any currency risk versus the USD in the portfolio.

In the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments held by the sub-fund, the sub-fund manager may also invest up to a maximum of 10% of the sub-fund's assets into listed or non-listed equities. Furthermore, the sub-fund

manager may also participate in capital increases or other corporate actions (e.g. for convertible bonds or warrant linked bonds) that are part of a re-structuring or take place after a re-structuring.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in article 2 B. of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy may also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These derivative financial instruments may include, among others, options, forwards, futures, futures contracts on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including swaps, forward-starting swaps, inflation swaps, total return swaps, excess return swaps, swaptions, constant maturity swaps and credit default swaps.

In accordance with article 41 (1) of the Law of 2010, the sub-fund may invest in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions and up to 10% in money market funds. These invest-

ments in money market instruments, deposits with credit institutions, money market funds and the holding of ancillary liquid assets (as referred to below) will not in aggregate exceed 30% of the sub-fund's net assets. In exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, it is permitted to temporarily exceed this 30% limit if circumstances so require and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of shareholders.

The sub-fund may hold ancillary liquid assets as specified in article 2 B. o) of the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that comply with DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as detailed below.

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions. The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts, and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereigns Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence, and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted

uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score "F"), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F").

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may

only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

Ancillary liquid assets will not be evaluated via the ESG assessment methodology.

As part of the sub-fund's investment in assets that meet the DWS standards in respect to environmental and social characteristics as well as good governance practices as further described above, the sub-fund management will invest at least 5% of the sub-fund's net assets in sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption & production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources, and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment.

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of

sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

The sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the SFDR:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology. For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment.

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies, and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture, and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

#### **Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund is available in the annex to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10% of the sub-fund's net asset value.

The sub-fund intends to use securities financing transactions under the conditions and to the extent further described in the general part of the Sales Prospectus.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

In extreme market situations, the Portfolio Manager may diverge from the above investment strategy to avoid a liquidity squeeze. Up to 100% of the sub-fund's assets may temporarily be invested in interest-bearing debt securities and money market instruments permissible under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 13, 2009, on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

The respective risks connected with investments in this sub-fund are disclosed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### **Integration of sustainability risks**

The sub-fund management integrates sustainability risks into its investment decisions as described in the General Section of the Sales Prospectus in the section "Integration of sustainability risks in the investment process".

#### **Benchmark**

The sub-fund is actively managed and is managed in reference to one or a combination of benchmarks as further detailed in the sub-fund specific table. All benchmarks respectively their administrators are registered with the ESMA, either in the public register of administrators of benchmark indices or the public register of third country benchmarks.

The majority of the sub-fund's securities or their issuers are not necessarily expected to be components of the benchmark and the portfolio is not necessarily expected to have a similar weighting to the benchmark. The sub-fund management will use its discretion to invest in securities and sectors that are not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. In regard to its benchmark, the sub-fund positioning can deviate significantly (e.g., by a positioning outside of the benchmark as well as a significant underweighting or overweighting) and the actual degree of freedom is typically relatively high. A deviation generally reflects the sub-fund manager's evaluation of the specific market situation, which may lead to a defensive and closer or a more active and wider positioning compared to the benchmark. Despite the fact that the sub-fund aims to outperform the return of the benchmark, the potential outperformance might be limited depending on the prevailing market environment (e.g. less volatile market environment) and actual positioning versus the benchmark.

### Additional information

When using total return swaps to implement the investment strategy as described above, the following shall be noted:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets subject to total return swaps, expressed as the sum of notional amounts of the total return swaps divided by the sub-fund's net asset value, is expected to reach up to 50%, but depending on the respective market conditions, with the objective of efficient portfolio management and in the interest of the investors, it may reach up to 100%. The calculation is performed in line with the guidelines CESR/10-788. However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps may be found in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, amongst others, in the section "Efficient portfolio management techniques". The selection of counterparties to any total return swap is subject to the principles as described in the section "Choice of counterparty" of the Sales Prospectus. Further information on the counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. For special risk considerations linked to total return swaps, investors should refer to the section "General Risk Warnings", and in particular the section "Risks connected to derivative transactions" of the Sales Prospectus.

### Risk management

The relative Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach is used to limit market risk in the sub-fund.

In addition to the provisions of the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the potential market risk of the sub-fund is measured using a reference portfolio that does not contain derivatives ("risk benchmark").

Leverage is not expected to exceed twice the value of the investment sub-fund's assets. The leverage effect is calculated using the sum of notional approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative position divided by the net present value of the portfolio). However, the disclosed expected level of leverage is not intended to be an additional exposure limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in shares of target funds

In addition to the information in the general section of the Sales Prospectus the following is applicable to this sub-fund:

When investing in target funds associated to the sub-fund, the part of the management fee attributable to shares of these target funds is reduced by the management fee/all-in fee of the acquired target funds, and as the case may be, up to the full amount (difference method).



# Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** DWS Invest USD High Yield Corporates

**Legal entity identifier:**

**ISIN:**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_%**

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%**

☒ It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics related to climate, governance and social norms as well as sovereign matters through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) issuers exposed to highest severity of norm issues (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environment safety and business ethics), (3) sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties, (4) issuers moderately, highly or excessively exposed to controversial sectors and controversial activities, and/or (5) issuers involved in controversial weapons.

This sub-fund further promotes a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a positive contribution to one or several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as the sustainable investment is assessed via the application of a proprietary ESG assessment methodology as further described in section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. The methodology applies a variety of assessment categories that are used as sustainability indicators to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, which are as follows:

- **DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to climate and transition risks
- **DWS Norm Assessment** is used as indicator for an issuer’s exposure to norm-related issues
- **DWS Sovereign Assessment** is used as indicator for a sovereign issuer’s extent of controversies regarding governance, such as political and civil liberties
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial sectors and controversial activities
- **Involvement in controversial weapons** is used as indicator for an issuer’s involvement in controversial weapons
- **Sustainability Investment Assessment** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sub-fund will partially invest in sustainable investments according to article 2(17) SFDR. Such sustainable investments will contribute to at least one of the UN SDGs that relate to environmental and/or social objectives, such as the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 10: Reduced inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land

The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

DWS will measure the contribution to the UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable. Via this assessment, the sub-fund management evaluates (1) whether an economic activity contributes to one or several of the UN SDGs, (2) whether the economic activity or other economic activities of that company significantly harm any of these objectives (Do Not Significantly Harm (DNSH) assessment) and (3) whether the company as such is in line with the DWS safeguard assessment.

The sustainability investment assessment uses data from multiple data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to determine if an activity is sustainable. Activities that contribute positively to the UN SDGs are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). If a positive contribution is determined, the activity will be considered sustainable if the company passes the DNSH assessment and complies with the DWS safeguard assessment as detailed in the section “How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?”.

The sub-fund will currently not commit to target a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The DNSH assessment is integral part of the sustainability investment assessment and evaluates whether an economic activity with a contribution to an UN SDG causes significant harm to any of these objectives. In case that a significant harm is identified, the economic activity fails the DNSH assessment and cannot be considered as sustainable economic activity.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainability investment assessment systematically integrates all mandatory principal adverse indicators from Table 1 and relevant indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Taking into account these adverse impacts, DWS has established quantitative thresholds and/or qualitative values to determine if an investment significantly harms any of the environmental or social objectives. These values are set based upon various external and internal factors, such as data availability or market developments and may be adapted going forward.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of its sustainability investment assessment, DWS further evaluates through its safeguard assessment the alignment of a company with international norms. This includes checks in relation to adherence to international norms, for example, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the standards of the International Labour Organization. Companies with assessed and reconfirmed highest violations of one of the international norms are considered as non-compliant to the safeguards and their economic activities cannot be considered sustainable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

- X** Yes, the sub-fund management considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

The above principal adverse impacts are considered at product level through the exclusion strategy for the sub-fund's assets that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics via the proprietary ESG assessment methodology as detailed in section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

For sustainable investments, the principal adverse impacts are further considered in the DNSH assessment as described above in section "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

Further information on principal adverse impacts will be provided in an annex to the sub-fund's annual report.

No



**The Investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on bonds as main investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested globally in corporate bonds that offer a non-investment grade status at the time of acquisition. Up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested into listed or non-listed equities in the due course of a re-structuring of fixed income instruments. The sub-fund's investments in contingent convertibles shall be limited to 10%. Currency risks versus the USD in the portfolio shall be hedged.

Further details regarding the main investment strategy are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The sub-fund's assets are predominantly allocated into investments that comply with the defined standards in respect to the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The sub-fund's strategy in relation to the promoted environmental or social characteristics is integral part of the ESG assessment methodology, which is continuously monitored via the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

#### **ESG assessment methodology**

The portfolio management of this sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database, which uses data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores. The ESG database is therefore constituted by data and figures as well as on internal assessments that take into account factors beyond the processed data and figures, such as an issuer's future expected ESG development, plausibility of the data with regard to past or future events, an issuer's willingness to engage in dialogues on ESG matters or corporate decisions.

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories as further detailed below. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is deemed insufficient, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score in a category is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

The ESG database uses a variety of assessment categories to assess the attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics, including amongst others:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in relation to climate change and

environmental changes, e.g. in respect to greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation. Issuers that contribute less to climate change and other negative environmental changes or are less exposed to such risks receive better evaluations. Issuers with excessive climate risk profile (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Norm Assessment**

The DWS Norm Assessment evaluates the behaviour of issuers, for example, within the framework of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. Issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Sovereign Assessment**

The DWS Sovereign Assessment evaluates the assessment of political and civil liberties. Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding political and civil liberties (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Exposure to controversial sectors**

The ESG database defines certain business areas and business activities as relevant. Business areas and business activities are defined as relevant if they involve the production or distribution of products in a controversial area ("controversial sectors"). Controversial sectors are defined, for example, as the civil firearms industry, military defence and tobacco. Other business sectors and business activities that affect the production or distribution of products in other sectors are defined as relevant. Other relevant sectors are, for example, coal mining and coal-based power generation.

Issuers are evaluated according to the share of total revenues they generate in controversial business areas and controversial business activities. The lower the percentage of revenues from the controversial business areas and controversial business activities, the better the score.

As regards the involvement in tobacco and civil firearms, issuers (excluding target funds) with a moderate, high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in the military defence industry, issuers (excluding target funds) with high or excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

As regards the involvement in coal mining and coal-based power generation or other controversial sectors and controversial business practices, issuers (excluding target funds) with excessive exposure (i.e. a letter score "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **Involvement in controversial weapons**

The ESG database assesses a company's involvement in the business of controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include for example anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons.

Issuers are assessed based on their degree of involvement (production of controversial weapons, component production, etc) in the manufacturing of controversial weapons, regardless of total revenues they generate from controversial weapons. Issuers (with the exception of target funds) with medium, high or excessive involvement (i.e., a letter score of "D", "E" or "F") are excluded as an investment.

- **DWS Use of Proceed Bond Assessment**

By way of derogation from the above, bonds that comply with DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are investable also in cases where the bond issuer does not fully comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

The financing of use of proceeds bonds will be assessed via a two-stage process.

In the first stage DWS assesses whether a bond qualifies as a Use of Proceeds Bond. A key element is checking for compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, the ICMA Social Bond Principles or the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles. The assessment focuses on the use of proceeds, the selection of the projects financed by these proceeds, the management of the proceeds spending as well as the annual reporting on the use of proceeds to investors.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of that bond in relation to defined minimum standards in respect to environmental, social, and corporate governance factors. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology as described above and excludes

- corporate issuers with poor ESG quality compared to their peer group (i.e. a letter score of "E" or "F"),
- sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding governance (i.e. a letter score of

“E” or “F”),

- issuers with highest severity of norm issues (i.e. a letter score “F”), or
- issuers with excessive exposure to controversial weapons (i.e. a letter score of “D”, “E” or “F”).”

To the extent that the sub-fund seeks to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics as well as corporate governance practices by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk- and Norm Assessment outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum share of assets complying with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlying comply with the ESG assessment methodology.

#### **Sustainability investment assessment methodology**

Further, for the proportion of sustainable investments DWS will measure the contribution to one or several UN SDGs via its sustainability investment assessment which evaluates potential investments in relation to different criteria to conclude that an economic activity can be considered as sustainable as further detailed in section “What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?”

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The applied ESG investment strategy does not pursue a committed minimum reduction of the scope of the investments.

**Good governance**  
practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The procedure to assess the good governance practices of the investee companies is based on the DWS Norm Assessment, as further detailed in the dedicated section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”. Accordingly, the assessed investee companies follow good governance practices.

Further, the management company considers active ownership as a strong driver to improve governance, policies and practices, and thus for a better long-term performance of investee companies. Active ownership means using the position as shareholders to influence the activities or behaviour of the investee companies. An engagement activity can be initiated with the investee companies regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be undertaken via, e.g., issuer meetings or engagement letters. Furthermore, for equity investments it could also be an interaction with the company resulting from proxy voting activities or participation at general meetings.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This sub-fund invests at least 51% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 5% of the sub-fund's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 49% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

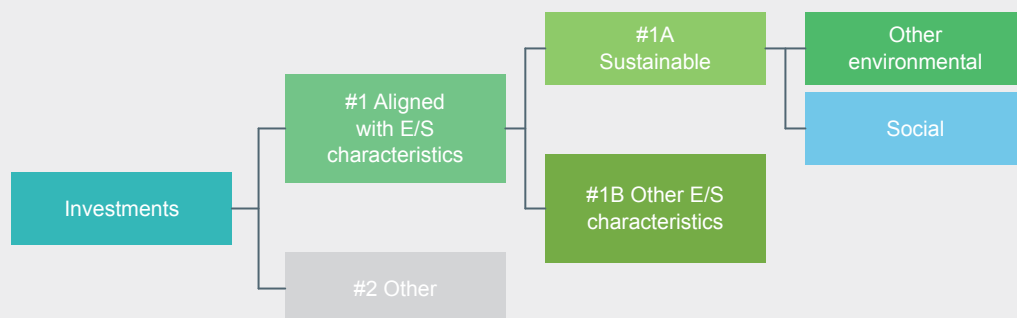




**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear **energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.  
br>**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

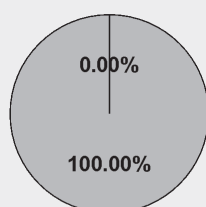


To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Due to a lack of reliable data the sub-fund does not commit to invest a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum percentage of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0% of the sub-fund's net assets. However, it may occur that part of the investments' underlying economic activities are aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

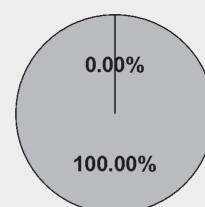
*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



■ Taxonomy-aligned ■ Other Investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The sub-fund does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not intend to make a minimum allocation to environmentally or socially sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR. However, the minimum share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments shall in total be at least 5% of the net assets of the sub-fund.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This sub-fund promotes a predominant asset allocation in investments that are aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). In addition, and on an ancillary basis, this sub-fund will invest into investments that are not considered aligned with the promoted characteristics (#2 Other). These remaining investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy including cash and derivatives.

In line with the market positioning of this sub-fund, the purpose of these remaining investments is to provide investors with an exposure to non-ESG aligned investments while at the same time ensuring a predominant exposure to environmentally and socially aligned investments. Remaining investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

This sub-fund does not consider any minimum environmental or social safeguards on these remaining investments.



**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

The sub-fund has not been launched yet. The Board of Directors of the Investment Company may at any time elect to launch new share classes for the sub-fund in accordance with the share class features as specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

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