

## Risk Disclosure

- The Fund primarily invests in interest bearing securities and convertible bonds in the Asia region, which are subject to higher concentration risks.
- The Fund will invest in debt securities which are subject to counterparty, interest rate, liquidity, foreign currency and downgrading risks. The Fund may also invest in emerging markets which may involve higher political and economic uncertainties and increased liquidity, currency and legal risks as compared to developed markets.
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## Fund Data

### Investment Policy

Asian Bond Fund. The fund has a regional focus on Asia and invests in fixed income/debt securities issued by governments of Asian countries, Asian government agencies, Asian country municipals and Asian corporates, that are denominated in Asian and non-Asian currencies. The fund may also invest in bonds of non Asian issuers that are denominated in Asian currencies. The fund may invest in investment grade and high yield bond issuers/issues.

### Morningstar Category™

Asia Bond

### Ratings

Morningstar Overall Rating™:

★★★★★

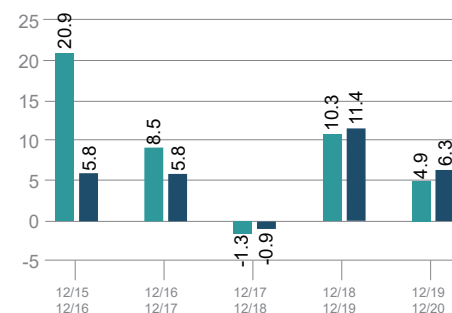
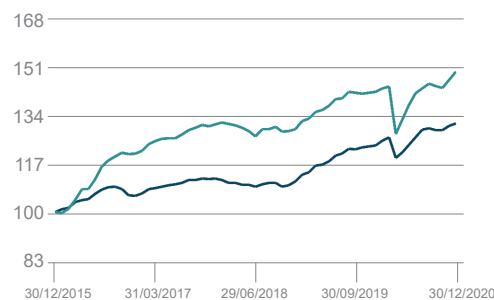
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(As at: 30/11/2020)

## Performance

### Performance (in %) - Share Class USD FC(USD)



■ Fund ■ Benchmark: JP Morgan Asian Credit Index (RI)

Calculation of performance is based on the time-weighted return and excludes front-end fees. Individual costs such as fees, commissions and other charges have not been included in this presentation and would have an adverse impact on returns if they were included. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

### Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - Share Class USD FC(USD)

Volatility	8.83%	Maximum Drawdown	-11.70%	VAR (99%/10 days)	3.49%
Sharpe Ratio	0.30	Information Ratio	-0.20	Correlation Coefficient	0.93
Alpha	-4.42%	Beta	1.65	Tracking Error	4.60%

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## Cumulative Performance (in %)

	1m	1y	3y	5y	s. Launch	Ytd.	3 y Ø	5 y Ø	2017	2018	2019	2020
AUD LDMH(AUD)	1.7	3.4	--	--	12.8	3.4	--	--	--	--	8.7	3.4
CHF LCH(CHF)	1.7	2.2	--	--	2.1	2.2	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
CHF TFCH(CHF)	1.7	2.6	--	--	2.9	2.6	--	--	--	--	--	2.6
FCH(EUR)	1.7	3.1	6.0	34.5	39.0	3.1	2.0	6.1	6.3	-4.0	7.1	3.1
FCH100(EUR)	1.8	3.3	--	--	4.1	3.3	--	--	--	--	--	3.3
GBP TFDH(GBP)	1.8	3.5	--	--	3.6	3.5	--	--	--	--	--	3.5
HKD LDM(HKD)	1.9	3.9	--	--	11.3	3.9	--	--	--	--	8.9	3.9
HKD LDMH(HKD)*	1.9	4.5	--	--	13.5	4.5	--	--	--	--	9.1	4.5
HKD TFDH(HKD)	1.9	5.1	--	--	15.7	5.1	--	--	--	--	9.7	5.1
IDH(EUR)	1.8	3.2	--	--	7.2	3.2	--	--	--	--	7.3	3.2
LCH(EUR)	1.7	2.4	--	--	4.0	2.4	--	--	--	--	6.5	2.4
LDH(EUR)	1.7	2.6	4.5	--	10.6	2.6	1.5	--	5.8	-4.5	6.5	2.6
LDMH(EUR)	1.7	2.6	--	--	9.5	2.6	--	--	--	--	6.6	2.6
NCH(EUR)	1.7	2.1	--	--	8.3	2.1	--	--	--	--	6.3	2.1
RMB FCH350(CNY)	2.2	6.8	--	--	13.5	6.8	--	--	--	--	--	6.8
RMB FCH700(CNY)	2.2	7.3	--	--	13.7	7.3	--	--	--	--	--	7.3
SGD LDM(SGD)	0.9	2.4	--	--	13.6	2.4	--	--	--	--	8.4	2.4
SGD LDMH(SGD)	1.9	4.0	--	--	12.7	4.0	--	--	--	--	9.0	4.0
SGD TFDH(SGD)	1.9	4.6	--	--	15.0	4.6	--	--	--	--	9.5	4.6
TFCH(EUR)	1.7	3.0	6.0	--	6.0	3.0	2.0	--	--	-4.0	7.1	3.0
TFDH(EUR)	1.7	3.0	5.9	--	5.9	3.0	1.9	--	--	-4.0	7.0	3.0
TFDMH(EUR)	1.7	3.1	--	--	10.7	3.1	--	--	--	--	7.2	3.1
USD FC(USD)*	1.9	4.9	14.2	49.8	55.5	4.9	4.5	8.4	8.5	-1.3	10.3	4.9
USD FC50(USD)	1.9	5.2	--	--	13.1	5.2	--	--	--	--	--	5.2
USD IC(USD)*	1.9	5.2	15.1	--	20.1	5.2	4.8	--	--	-1.1	10.6	5.2
USD LC(USD)*	1.9	4.4	--	--	11.9	4.4	--	--	--	--	9.7	4.4
USD LDM(USD)*	1.9	4.4	12.8	--	21.8	4.4	4.1	--	7.9	-1.5	9.7	4.4
USD TFC(USD)	1.9	4.9	14.2	--	14.4	4.9	4.5	--	--	-1.3	10.3	4.9
USD TFDH(USD)	1.9	4.9	--	--	11.4	4.9	--	--	--	--	--	4.9
USD XC(USD)*	2.0	5.4	15.7	--	20.8	5.4	5.0	--	--	-0.9	10.7	5.4
Benchmark in USD	0.6	6.3	17.4	31.4	38.6	6.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	-0.9	11.4	6.3

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The returns are calculated based on NAV to NAV basis. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

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## Portfolio Analysis

## Portfolio Breakdown

(in % of fund volume)

Emerging markets corporates		46.0
Corporate Bonds		22.4
Financial bonds		14.6
Government bonds		12.9
Cash equivalents		3.5
Emerging markets sovereigns		0.6

Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.

## Breakdown by Currency

(in % of fund volume)

United States dollar		99.9
Euro		0.1

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

## Breakdown by Country (Bonds)

(in % of fund volume)

Japan		17.3
India		14.4
Korea		13.8
Indonesia		13.6
USA		12.9
Australia		7.5
China		6.8
Hong Kong SAR		4.7
Singapore		2.3
Philippines		1.3
Other Countries		1.9

Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.

## Breakdown by Rating

(in % of bond holdings)

AAA		12.9
AA		11.1
A		15.4
BBB		29.1
BB		16.8
B		9.7
CCC		5.0

The presentation of the structure of the bond credit ratings is based on both internal and external ratings.

## Investment Ratio

(in % of fund volume)

Bonds	96.5
Cash and other assets	3.5

## Principal Holdings (Bonds)

(in % of fund volume)

US Treasury 20/31.03.25	4.7
US Treasury 20/30.04.25	3.7
Eterna Capital 17/11.12.22 S.A	2.8
Medco Platinum Road 18/30.01.25 Reg S	2.5
Asahi Mutual Life Insurance 18/Und.	2.2
HPHT Finance 17/11.09.22	2.1
Theta Capital 20/22.01.25	2.0
Santos Finance 17/14.09.27 MTN	2.0
Greenko Dutch 17/24.07.24 Reg S	2.0
Woodside Finance 19/04.03.29 Reg S	2.0
Total	26.0

Gross weighting, not adjusted for any positions in derivatives.

## Key Figures

Yield (in %)	3.4	Current Interest Rate (in %)	3.7	Maturity (in years)	6.0
Duration (in years)	3.6	Modified Duration	3.6	Yield to Worst (in %)	3.43
Number of Bonds	153	Average Rating	BBB	Modified Duration to Worst	3.57

## Fund Data

Portfolio Manager	Henry Wong	Assets	2,145.0 Mio. USD
Portfolio Manager since	16/06/2014	Fund Currency	USD
Portfolio Management Company	DWS Investment GmbH & DWS Investments Hong Kong	Launch Date	16/06/2014
		Fiscal Year End	31/12/2020
Portfolio Management Location	Hong Kong	Investor profile	Risk-tolerant
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.		
Legal Structure	SICAV		
Custodian	State Street Bank, Lux.		

## Share Classes

Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	German Sec. Code	Earnings	Front-end Load <sup>1</sup> up to	Issue Price	Redemption Price	Interim Gains	Management Fee	Running costs /TER	plus performance-related	Minimum Investment Amount
AUD LDMH	AUD	LU1880859548	DWS 2YL	Distribution	3.00%	105.98	102.80		1.100%	1.24% (2)	--	--
CHF LCH	CHF	LU2004370479	DWS 22K	Accumulation	3.00%	105.29	102.13		1.100%	1.32% (3)	--	--
CHF TFCH	CHF	LU2004370636	DWS 22L	Accumulation	0.00%	102.89	102.89		0.600%	0.74% (3)	--	--
FCH	EUR	LU0813324794	DWS 1GH	Accumulation	0.00%	138.99	138.99		0.600%	0.74% (2)	--	2,000,000
FCH100	EUR	LU2022029008	DWS 22Z	Accumulation	0.00%	104.07	104.07		0.200%	0.28% (3)	--	100,000,000
GBP TFDH	GBP	LU2079148602	DWS 24M	Distribution	0.00%	100.64	100.64		0.600%	0.74% (3)	--	--
HKD LDM	HKD	LU1769795342	DWS 2VW	Distribution	3.00%	104.60	101.46		1.100%	1.33% (2)	--	--
HKD LDMH <sup>#</sup>	HKD	LU1805360861	DWS 2WD	Distribution	3.00%	107.48	104.26		1.100%	1.23% (2)	--	--
HKD TFDH	HKD	LU1880859621	DWS 2YM	Distribution	0.00%	115.22	115.22		0.600%	0.73% (2)	--	--
IDH	EUR	LU1796233663	DWS 2WE	Distribution	0.00%	98.63	98.63		0.400%	0.48% (2)	--	10,000,000
LCH	EUR	LU0813324364	DWS 1GF	Accumulation	3.00%	107.22	104.00		1.100%	1.23% (2)	--	--
LDH	EUR	LU0813324521	DWS 1GG	Distribution	3.00%	99.57	96.59		1.100%	1.23% (2)	--	--
LDMH	EUR	LU1880859894	DWS 2YN	Distribution	3.00%	104.17	101.05		1.100%	1.25% (2)	--	--
NCH	EUR	LU1914384000	DWS 2Z2	Accumulation	1.50%	109.98	108.33		1.400%	1.55% (2)	--	--
RMB FCH350	CNY	LU1968688793	DWS 21C	Accumulation	0.00%	113.48	113.48		0.300%	0.40% (3)	--	350,000,000
RMB FCH700	CNY	LU1968688520	DWS 21B	Accumulation	0.00%	113.67	113.67		0.200%	0.28% (3)	--	700,000,000
SGD LDM	SGD	LU1769795698	DWS 2VX	Distribution	3.00%	10.93	10.61		1.100%	1.20% (2)	--	--
SGD LDMH	SGD	LU1805361083	DWS 2WP	Distribution	3.00%	10.37	10.06		1.100%	1.23% (2)	--	--
SGD TFDH	SGD	LU1880859977	DWS 2YP	Distribution	0.00%	10.48	10.48		0.600%	0.73% (2)	--	--
TFCH	EUR	LU1663839196	DWS 2PB	Accumulation	0.00%	105.95	105.95		0.600%	0.73% (2)	--	--
TFDH	EUR	LU1663839279	DWS 2PC	Distribution	0.00%	95.15	95.15		0.600%	0.73% (2)	--	--
TFDMH	EUR	LU1880860041	DWS 2YQ	Distribution	0.00%	102.12	102.12		0.600%	0.73% (2)	--	--
USD FC <sup>#</sup>	USD	LU0813325502	DWS 1GN	Accumulation	0.00%	155.54	155.54		0.600%	0.70% (2)	--	2,000,000
USD FC50	USD	LU1949850538	DWS 20Q	Accumulation	0.00%	113.07	113.07		0.300%	0.40% (3)	--	50,000,000
USD IC <sup>#</sup>	USD	LU1589659504	DWS 2NA	Accumulation	0.00%	120.06	120.06		0.400%	0.45% (2)	--	10,000,000
USD LC <sup>#</sup>	USD	LU0813325411	DWS 1GM	Accumulation	3.00%	115.39	111.93		1.100%	1.20% (2)	--	--
USD LDM <sup>#</sup>	USD	LU1525638091	DWS 2MB	Distribution	3.00%	102.45	99.37		1.100%	1.20% (2)	--	--
USD TFC	USD	LU1663839352	DWS 2PD	Accumulation	0.00%	114.44	114.44		0.600%	0.70% (2)	--	--
USD TFDH	USD	LU1951361812	DWS 20R	Distribution	0.00%	102.78	102.78		0.600%	0.74% (3)	--	--
USD XC <sup>#</sup>	USD	LU1589658878	DWS 2NB	Accumulation	0.00%	120.83	120.83		0.200%	0.28% (2)	--	2,000,000

(2) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. If the Fund invests a substantial part of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective funds and payments received by them will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year which ended on 31/12/2019. They are subject to change from year to year.

(3) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. The total expenses listed here represent an estimate since the Fund was launched on (CHF LCH:28/06/2019, CHF TFCH:28/06/2019, FCH100:31/07/2019, GBP TFDH:29/11/2019, RMB FCH350:15/04/2019, RMB FCH700:15/04/2019, USD FC50:28/02/2019, USD TFDH:15/03/2019). Actual expenses will be calculated and published once the first financial year has ended. The annual report for each financial year will contain the expense details with their precise calculation.

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## Note

Source: DWS as at 30 December 2020

<sup>1</sup>Based on the gross investment.

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## Commentary

### Market Update

Asian credit market ended the year in a strong fashion, with investors continuing to deploy cash and adding to risky positions as one of the largest uncertainties in the market, the US Presidential Election, was removed. Risky assets and commodities also rallied on the back of positive developments with regard to Covid-19 vaccines. However, one key risk in the market remains: US-China relations.

JACI was up +0.56% in December. High Yield ("HY") outperformed Investment Grade ("IG") as investors turned bullish, returning +1.91% and +0.16% respectively. JACI credit spread tightened slightly, by 8bps, to 298bps. Investment Grade credit spread moved marginally tighter by 4bps. High Yield credit spread tightened 31bps to 639bps. JACI spread returned +0.8%, while JACI US Treasury returned -0.3% as UST yield moved higher as market turned bullish.

After a hugely volatile 2020, which saw JACI credit spread widening by as much as 78%, or 200bps, in March, before recovering 79% of that 200bps move, December was a relatively quiet month. Despite the discovery of a new strain of Coronavirus, the market was encouraged by vaccine developments. As a result, commodity prices recovered on the back of higher oil prices and hopes that the global economy would slowly return to normalcy.

One of the key risks currently in the market remains the ongoing US-China disputes. In addition to adding Chinese Technology and Telecom companies onto its sanction list, Trump also added a list of companies deemed to be in support of militarization, which includes a number of listed Chinese SOEs. This could result in these listed companies being delisted from respective US stock exchanges, and removed from various benchmarks. Selected names on the sanction list have seen their credit spread widening. However, the broader impact to Chinese credits is yet to be seen, with JACI China credit spread tightening by 5bps in December, and JACI China retuning +0.6% in the same month.

After a busy 2020, the new issuance market took a breather in December as market participants were on holiday. Only US\$5bn was issued during the month, taking the total new issuance printed in Asia Ex-Japan in 2020 to US\$324bn, +5% yoy, setting yet another record. New issuances from China was flat yoy, at US\$193bn, representing roughly 60% of the total issuance in 2020. We fully expect the new issuance market to come back in full force in January, as companies take advantage of the good market momentum and low interest rate environment.

### Performance comments: DWS Invest Asian Bonds Fund USD FC

December performance (net of fee): +1.91% (benchmark: +0.56%)

YTD performance (net of fee): +4.94% (benchmark: +6.32%)

### Performance driver (December):

- Our High Yield positions outperformed as market turned more risk on
- Our commodities related names outperformed on the back of commodities price rally

### Major changes to the portfolio:

- No major changes in December

### Market Outlook:

Looking ahead to 2021, key risks to the market remain the ongoing pandemic and US-China relations. Given current news surrounding vaccine developments, the market has started pricing in a recovery in the global economy. On US-China relations, investors are taking a cautious view, with a wait and see approach, to observe how the new US Administration would deal with the situation.

The USD dollar has been on a weakening trend since the US Presidential election as the capital market turned more bullish, and on belief that the new administration might take a different approach to USD regime versus the current administration's strong USD policy. Together with the recovery in oil and other commodities prices, this would be positive for Asian credit.

The new issuance market is expected to remain active for 2021, as there is still an ample amount of liquidity within the market waiting to be deployed, and as issuers take advantage of the low interest rate environment. Demand for new issuance is likely to remain strong, however, new issuance premium has become scarce, and as such, we will be very selective in participating in the IPO market.

We will continue to adjust our portfolio duration and credit risks, both through buying and selling of USTs and corporate bonds. We are comfortable with our holdings in short-dated names, which have been providing decent yield carry to the portfolio.

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## Glossary

### Alpha

A measure of the difference between the risk-adjusted return on an investment and a benchmark. The alpha measures the part of the performance that cannot be explained by market movements or market risk, but rather is derived from the selection of securities within the market. Alpha is a way of measuring the active contribution to performance made by the portfolio manager. It is also a good yardstick to use when comparing several funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Average dividend yield

Measures the average dividend amount, based on the current share price. This figure is calculated based on the shares (including ADRs/GDRs - > Depositary receipts) and REITs contained in a fund.

### Average market capitalization

Measures the average market capitalization of the shares, REITs and ADRs/GDRs (depositary receipts) contained in a fund. The market capitalization represents the total market value of a company as determined by multiplying the number of shares issued by the current share price.

### Beta factor

A measure of sensitivity - given as the average percentage change in the price of a fund when the market (benchmark) rises or falls by 1%. A value over (under) 1 means that on average the fund exhibits more (less) volatility than the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Correlation coefficient

Describes the degree to which two values (fund versus benchmark) move in the same direction. The value of the correlation coefficient is between -1 and +1. A correlation of +1 means that the fund generally moves in the same direction as the benchmark, while -1 indicates that the fund generally moves in the opposite direction. A correlation of 0 means that there is no relation between the price movements of the fund and the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Current interest yield

The current interest yield differs from the nominal interest rate because securities are bought at a price that can be higher or lower than their nominal value. Since interest is always paid on the nominal value, the following calculation is used:  $(\text{interest rate} \times 100) / \text{price} = \text{effective yield}$ .

### Duration (in years/in months)

A measure of the sensitivity of an investment to changes in interest rates. Duration, which was developed by Frederick Macaulay, is the average period for which invested capital is committed. Because of the interest payable over time on the invested capital, duration is shorter than -> maturity. This version of duration is used in DWS Top Reporting and refers to invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

### Information ratio

The information ratio measures the difference between the annualized average return of the fund and that of the benchmark, divided by the Tracking error. The higher this value is, the more the investor pays for the risk in the fund. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Maturity (in years/in months)

The amount of time until the maturity of an obligation, such as a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

### Maximum drawdown

The maximum drawdown is the largest percentage drop in value in a given period of time. It measures the amount the fund falls from its highest point to its lowest point in the selected timeframe. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Modified duration (in years/in months)

Serves as a measure of interest-rate sensitivity. Modified duration indicates the percentage change in price of a bond (in a portfolio) when the market interest rate changes by 1%. In order to calculate the percentage change in the bond price, the modified duration of the bond is multiplied by the percentage change in the interest rate. This figure helps investors assess the risks and opportunities of a bond at a glance.

### Sharpe ratio

A measure of risk developed by William F. Sharpe, defined as the excess return on an investment over that of a risk-free investment in relation to the risk of the investment. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the higher the yield the investor receives for the risk the investment carries (expressed in volatility). The Sharpe ratio can be used to compare multiple funds. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### Tracking error

The tracking error is the standard deviation of the yield differential between a fund and its benchmark. This makes it a measure of how well the fund manager tracks the benchmark. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.

### VaR (Value at Risk)

A measure of risk that indicates the maximum fund losses with a given probability for a given period of time (holding period). VaR is calculated on the basis of the daily prices of the individual securities contained in the portfolio for a year.

### Yield

The yield is the annual return on a capital investment, measured as the actual interest earned (effective yield) on the capital invested. It is based on the fund's income (e.g., interest, dividends, realized capital gains) and change in the price of the assets held in the fund. The yield of a fund is derived from the invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings") and is presented as a "gross" figure, i.e., before the deduction of total expenses/fee.

### Volatility

Volatility expresses the degree to which the yield on an investment (the price performance of a fund, for example) varies from a mean value in a specific period of time. This makes it a measure of fund risk. The greater the variation from the mean, the higher the volatility. Knowing the volatility allows investors to assess the profit and loss potential of an investment. The figure is calculated on a 3-yearly basis.