Environmental, Social and Governance Key Performance Indicators (EKPIs)



DWS Invest ESG Climate Tech

ISIN Fund: LU1863261647 | Reference: MSCI AC World Index (Inoffizielle/Unofficial Benchmark)

DWS ESG Portfolio Quality



Excellent Based on 360-degree in-depth assessment by DWS ESG Engine **Morningstar Sustainability Rating**



CARBON FOOTPRINT (Illustration per funds volume 10,000 EUR / yearly observation)



Renewable Energy



Fund holdings generated 272.6% more

272.07011016

renewable electricity than the stocks of the reference

Carbon Reserves



Fund holdings had 100% less

carbon emissions of reserved fossil fuels than the reference

The fund had 0% exposure to companies in these sectors (reference had 4.3%):



A company is assigned to a controversial sector if the following revenues percentages are exceeded: * <0%; ** <5%; *** <15%

ADDITIONAL EKPI

ESG Laggards



to ESG laggards, reference had 18%

UN Global Compact Signatory



companies with UNGC signatory, reference had 34.7%

Proxy Voting



ADDITIONAL EKPI (Continued)
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Board Diversity	Proportion of women on the supervisory boards of the companies in the fund portfolio was 0.5% more than that of the reference companies
Board Independence	Boards in holdings were 6.5% more independent than the reference
Water Intensity	Fund holdings were 32.9% less water-intense then the reference
Waste Intensity	Fund holdings were 58.5% less waste-intense than the reference

Glossary

Environmental, Social and Governance Key Performance Indicators (EKPIs)

The topic of sustainability is multi-layered, complex and subjective. There are currently no uniform criteria and no market standard for sustainable management and investment or for financial products. With the Environmental, Social and Governance Key Performance Indicators (EKPIs) listed above, DWS illuminates the ESG quality of a fund from several perspectives across the areas of Environment (E), Social (S) and Good Governance (G). The EKPIs are calculated on a relative basis compared to the fund's reference. To measure the EKPIs, DWS uses the ESG Engine data available on the reporting date of the EKPI Report.

Reference

Reference is a reference portfolio that is used for the purposes of this promotional communication to represent certain ESG KPIs/characteristics of the fund.

DWS ESG Engine

The DWS ESG Engine is a proprietary software system and draws on the extensive knowledge of five leading external ESG data providers: ISS-ESG, MSCI, Arabesque S-Ray, Morningstar Sustainalytics and S&P Trucost, as well as publicly available sources. This ensures that investment decisions are made from a 360° perspective.

360°-Analysis

360° analysis is the standard data calculation method of the DWS ESG Engine, which comprehensively covers various ESG facets.

DWS ESG Portfolio Quality

The ESG quality of funds is assessed by DWS using a broad range of ESG criteria. As part of the 360° analysis of the ESG engine, issuers are evaluated on the basis of the criteria qualification as ESG laggards, violation of international standards and climate risks, among others. Possible categories of the DWS ESG Fund Rating Method are "Outstanding", "Very Good", "Good", "Moderate" and "Poor".

Glossary (continued)

Morningstar Sustainability Rating

The rating is based on an evaluation of the fund compared to the fund's reference group as determined by Morningstar. The rating is based on historical portfolio holdings (12-month rolling) and the ESG risk ratings of the fund's companies, prepared by Sustainalytics. The rating given is the most recent available in the DWS ESG Engine as of the publication date of this document.

CO2 Footprint

To calculate the EKPI carbon footprint, the absolute CO2 emissions of each company held in the fund are compared with its enterprise value. With this approach, DWS follows the recommendation of the Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance (TEG) of the EU Commission on the disclosure of the carbon footprint for climate and ESG benchmarks (see p. 40 TEG Final Report on Climate benchmarks and benchmarks' ESG Disclosures). Scope 1 emissions (=emissions generated by the company itself), Scope 2 emissions (=emissions from purchased energy) and Scope 3 emissions (=all other emissions that occur in the life cycle of the goods and services used or produced by the company) as well as so-called "avoided" emission technologies that lead to a reduction in CO2 emissions compared to traditional technologies. The most current values of the DWS ESG Engine as of the publication date are used, which have been disclosed by the company or estimated by a data provider of the DWS ESG Engine. All instruments for which no CO2 emissions data is available (cash, government bonds, derivative financial instruments) are compensated to the extent that the remaining fund holdings are scaled to an investment ratio of 100% in line with their weighting. This creates the same CO2 emissions data coverage for the fund and the reference.

CO2 Footprint Equivalents

The CO2 footprint of the fund holdings is compared with that of the reference based on a fund volume of 10,000 euros. The difference, measured in tons of CO2, is put in relation to the emissions per kilometer driven by an average passenger car, the emissions per kilometer traveled by an average scheduled flight, and the emissions from the annual energy consumption of an average single-family home.

The data on CO2 emissions per kilometer driven refers to the gasoline consumption of a passenger car, defined as a 2axle, 4-tired vehicle, including vans, pickup trucks and SUVs. Fuel economy is reported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as 10.55 liters of gasoline per 100 kilometers and 18,481.66 kilometers driven per year, based on 2017 data from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). One liter of gasoline results in emissions of 2.35 kilograms of CO2.

The data on CO2 emissions per kilometer per average scheduled flight comes from the UK government's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and from the year 2020. An emission factor of 15 kilograms of CO2 per gigajoule is given for kerosene, which is derived into a value of 75.4 grams of CO2 per passenger kilometer on short-haul flights. Here, the average number of seats across all common aircraft types is 185, of which 86% are occupied on average. The average route length on short-haul flights is 1,306 kilometers.

CO2 emissions data from the annual energy consumption of an average single-family home comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In 2019, a single-family home consumed an average of 12,146 kilowatt hours. In 2016, and taking into account a transmission loss of 6.9%, the average CO2 emissions from electricity generation was 486.30 grams per kilowatt-hour.

EKPI Fossil Fuel Stocks/ Bound CO2

This EKPi records the CO2 emissions that would be released if the fossil fuel stocks of the companies held in the fund or the companies in the reference were used (= bound CO2).

Glossary (continued)

EKPI Controversy Sectors

This EKPI captures a company's links to sectors that DWS considers controversial. The determination takes place on the basis of the annual sales achieved by a company in such a sector, as companies are not classified as "defense companies" or "nuclear power companies", for example. For the controversial sectors listed, the sales threshold above which a company is assigned to a controversial sector is generally 5% of annual sales. This does not apply to the coal and controversial weapons sectors. For the coal sector, DWS applies a critical sales threshold of 15%. For the controversial weapons sector, which includes cluster bombs and anti-personnel mines, any connection is considered critical, so a 0% turnover threshold is applied.

EKPI ESG Laggards

ESG laggards are those companies that are classified as E and F according to the DWS ESG SynRating, and proportionately those that have a rating of D. The DWS SynRating is a best-in-class ESG rating that takes into account a wide range of criteria across environmental, social and good governance issues. Best-in-Class means that companies are rated relative to their reference group, which consists of region (developed vs. emerging markets) and industry sector (GICS classification). Six possible SynRatings are assigned: A (True ESG Leaders), B (ESG Leaders), C (Upper Midfield), D (Lower Midfield), E (ESG Laggards), and F (True ESG Laggards). For the SynRating, DWS uses the ESG Engine data.

EKPI UNGC (United Nations Global Compact) Signatories

The United Nations Global Compact is the world's largest and most important initiative for responsible corporate governance. Based on its 10 universal principles, the UNGC pursues the vision of an inclusive and sustainable global economy for the benefit of all people, communities and markets, today and in the future. (Source: Global Compact Network Germany).

EKPI Independent Supervisory Board members

In many companies, the supervisory board consists of members with personal and / or material interests relating to the company. A Supervisory Board member is independent if there are no personal and/or material interests relating to the company.

Water and Waste Intensity

Water intensity indicates the average water consumption (in liters) of the companies held in the fund in relation to sales compared with those of the reference. Waste intensity indicates the average amount of waste (in tons), less recycled material, measured in tons per EUR 1 million in sales, of the companies held in the fund compared with those of the reference.

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