

DWS Investment S.A.

# DWS Portfolio

Sales Prospectus and Management Regulations  
Fonds commun de placement (FCP) under Luxembourg law

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# DWS Investment S.A. currently manages the following investment funds in accordance with Part I of the Law of December 17, 2010, on undertakings for collective investment (As of: 10/10/2023):

## Investment fund in the legal form of a fonds commun de placement (FCP)

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AL GlobalAktiv+	DWS ESG Multi Asset Dynamic	DWS USD Floating Rate Notes
ARERO – Der Weltfonds	DWS ESG Multi Asset Income Kontrolliert	DWS Vermögensmandat*
ARERO – Der Weltfonds – ESG	DWS Eurorenta	DWS Vorsorge*
DJE Gestion Patrimonial 2026	DWS Floating Rate Notes	DWS Vorsorge Geldmarkt
DWS Advisors Emerging Markets Equities – Passive	DWS Garant 80 FPI	DWS Zeitwert Protect
DWS Concept ARTS Balanced	DWS Global Value	Multi Opportunities
DWS Concept ARTS Conservative	DWS India	Südwestbank Vermögensmandat*
DWS Concept ARTS Dynamic	DWS Laufzeit*	Vermögensfondsmandat flexibel (80% teilgeschützt)
DWS Concept DJE Alpha Renten Global	DWS Multi Asset PIR Fund	Zurich*
DWS Concept DJE Responsible Invest	DWS Multi Opportunities	Zurich Premium Multi Asset Offensiv
DWS ESG Euro Bonds (Long)	DWS Multi Thematic	
DWS ESG Euro Bonds (Medium)	DWS Osteuropa	
DWS ESG Euro Money Market Fund	DWS Portfolio*	
DWS ESG European Equities	DWS Russia	
DWS ESG Global Emerging Markets Balanced	DWS Top Balance	
	DWS Top Dynamic	

\* Umbrella FCP

## Investment company with variable capital (SICAV)

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DB Advisors SICAV	DWS Concept	DWS Invest II
db Advisory Multibrands	DWS Fixed Maturity	DWS Strategic
db PBC	DWS Funds	Xtrackers
db PrivatMandat Comfort	DWS Garant	Xtrackers II
DB PWM	DWS Institutional	
DB Vermögensfondsmandat	DWS Invest	

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## Legal structure

Umbrella FCP according to Part I of the Law of December 17, 2010, on undertakings for collective investment.

## General information

The legally dependent investment fund described in this Sales Prospectus is a Luxembourg investment fund (fonds commun de placement) organized as an umbrella fund under Part I of the Luxembourg Law on collective investment undertakings 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 ("UCITS Regulation"), 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>

It is prohibited to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in the Sales Prospectus and in the Management Regulations. DWS Investment S.A. shall not be liable if and insofar as information or representations are supplied that diverge from the Sales Prospectus or Management Regulations.

<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

## General regulations

The Management Regulations of the fund are attached to this Sales Prospectus. The Sales Prospectus and the Management Regulations form a coherent unit and therefore complement each other.

The fund DWS Portfolio is a umbrella fund as defined by article 181 of the Law of 2010. The investor may be offered one or more sub-funds at the discretion of the Management Company. The aggregate of the sub-funds produces the umbrella fund. Each investor participates in the fund via the sub-fund.

The Sales Prospectus, the Key Information Document and the Management Regulations, as well as the semiannual and annual reports are available free of charge from the Management Company and from the paying agents. The Management Company will provide the investors with other important information in an appropriate form.

Announcements to investors are available for viewing on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation). If provided for in a country of distribution, announcements are additionally published in a newspaper or other publication medium specified by law. Where required by law in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, publications will also be published in at least one Luxembourg daily newspaper and, where appropriate, in the Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations (RESA) of the Trade and Companies Register.

## Management Company

The fund is managed by DWS Investment S.A., Luxembourg ("Management Company"), which complies with the conditions set out in Chapter 15 of the Law of 2010 and thus with the provisions of the UCITS Directive.

The Management Company was established on April 15, 1987, and published in the Mémorial C on May 4, 1987. The subscribed and paid-in capital amounts to EUR 30,677,400. The activity of investment fund management includes the tasks listed in Annex II to the Law of 2010, which is not exhaustive.

The Management Company may delegate one or more tasks to third parties under its supervision and control, in accordance with the provisions of the Luxembourg Law of 2010 and Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF") Regulation 10-04 and any Circulars issued in respect thereof.

### (i) Investment management

The Management Company has concluded a fund management agreement on behalf of the fund with DWS Investment GmbH, Frankfurt/Main, under its own responsibility and control and at its

own expense. DWS Investment GmbH is an investment company under German law. The contract can be terminated by either of the parties with three months' notice.

Fund management encompasses the daily implementation of the investment policy and direct investment decisions. The designated fund manager may delegate all or part of fund management services under its supervision, control and responsibility and at its own expense.

The fund manager may also engage investment advisors at its own expense, control and responsibility. The investment advisory function encompasses in particular the analysis and recommendation of suitable investment instruments for the assets of the fund. The fund manager is not bound by investment recommendations of the investment advisor. Any investment advisors appointed by the fund manager are listed in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The designated investment advisors possess any necessary regulatory approvals.

### (ii) UCI management function

The Management Company's remit includes the UCI management function. This can be divided into three main functions: (1) the registrar function, (2) the calculation of net asset value and fund accounting, and (3) the customer communications function. The Management Company may transfer any of the main functions to a third party under its own responsibility and at its own expense.

The Management Company performs all three functions of the UCI management function. In performing the tasks related to calculation of net asset value and fund accounting and the customer communications function, the Management Company receives support from DWS Beteiligungs GmbH.

In performing the tasks related to the registrar function, the Management Company receives support from State Street Bank International GmbH, Munich. State Street Bank International GmbH, Munich, assumes in particular the tasks of managing the global certificate deposited with Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt/Main.

### (iii) Distribution

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

DWS Investment S.A. may enter into nominee agreements with credit institutions, Professionals of the Financial Sector ("PSF") and/or comparable companies under foreign law that are obliged to identify investors. These nominee agreements entitle the institutions to distribute units and to be entered in the unit register as a nominee themselves. The names of the nominees can be requested at any time from DWS Investment S.A. The nominee accepts purchase, sale and exchange orders from the investors it is responsible for and arranges for the necessary changes in the unit

register. In this respect, the nominee is in particular obliged to observe any special conditions of purchase. Unless there are mandatory legal or practical reasons to the contrary, an investor who has acquired units through a nominee may at any time, by means of a declaration, require of DWS Investment S.A. or the transfer agent that they themselves be registered as investors if all the authentication requirements are met.

### (iv) Accounting standard

The annual financial statements are prepared and the net asset value for this fund is calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Luxembourg (LUX GAAP).

### (v) Special note

The Management Company draws the attention of investors to the fact that any investor may assert their investor rights in their entirety directly against the fund only if the investor themselves has subscribed to the fund's units in their own name. In cases where an investor has invested in a fund through an intermediary that invests in its name but on behalf of the investor, not all investor rights can necessarily be asserted directly by the investor against the fund. Investors are advised to inform themselves about their rights.

### (vi) Data protection and data sharing

The Management Company and its service providers store and process personal data of investors in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) and the associated implementing provisions and guidelines of the competent financial and data protection authorities. For more information on the handling of personal data, see the Management Company's website at <https://www.dws.com/de-de/footer/legal-resources/privacy-notice/>. The Management Company and its service providers may pass on personal data of investors to the parties assisting them and/or agents.

## Custodian

The Management Company has, in accordance with the custodial agreement, appointed State Street Bank International GmbH, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, as the custodian as defined by the Law of 2010.

State Street Bank International GmbH is a limited liability company established under German law, which has its registered office at Briener Str. 59, 80333 Munich, Germany, and is registered at the Munich registry court under the number HRB 42872. It is a credit institution that is supervised by the European Central Bank (ECB), the

German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) and the Deutsche Bundesbank.

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is authorized as a custodian by the CSSF in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and specializes in custodial and fund management services as well as other similar services. State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is registered in the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under the number B 148 186. State Street Bank International GmbH is part of the State Street corporate group, whose ultimate parent company is State Street Corporation, which is listed on the stock exchange in the United States.

### Functions of the custodian

The relationship between the Management Company and the custodian is governed by the terms and conditions of the custodial agreement. The custodian was entrusted with the following main tasks under the custodial agreement:

- ensuring that the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of units takes place in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- ensuring that the value of the units is determined in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- carrying out the instructions of the Management Company, insofar as they do not violate applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- ensuring that, in transactions relating to the assets of a sub-fund, consideration is paid within the customary time limits;
- ensuring that the income of a sub-fund is used in accordance with applicable law and the Management Regulations;
- monitoring the cash and cash flows of a sub-fund;
- holding the assets of a sub-fund in custody, including financial instruments to be held in custody, reviewing ownership and keeping records of other assets.

### Liability of the custodian

In the event of a loss of a financial instrument held in custody which is determined in accordance with the UCITS Directive and in particular article 18 of the UCITS Regulation, the custodian shall immediately return to the Management Company operating in the name of the fund any financial instrument of the same type or refund the corresponding amount without delay.

The custodian shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss of a financial instrument held in custody is attributable to external events that cannot reasonably be controlled and the consequences of which could not have been avoided despite all reasonable efforts under the UCITS Directive.

In the event of the loss of financial instruments held in custody, investors may assert liability claims against the custodian directly or indirectly through the Management Company, provided that this does not lead to duplication of claims for recourse or unequal treatment of the investors.

The custodian shall be liable to the fund for all other losses incurred by the fund as a result of its negligent or intentional failure to comply with its obligations under the UCITS Directive.

The custodian shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damages or special damages or losses resulting from or in connection with the performance or non-performance of tasks and duties by the custodian.

### Delegation

The custodian shall have the broadest powers to delegate all or part of its custodial functions, but its liability shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted all or part of the assets it is to hold in custody to a third party. The liability of the custodian shall remain unaffected by the delegation of its custodial functions under the custodial agreement.

The custodian has delegated these custodial duties set out in article 22 (5) (a) of the UCITS Directive to State Street Bank and Trust Company, with its registered office at One Congress Street, Suite 1, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2016, USA, which it has appointed as its global sub-custodian. As the global sub-custodian, State Street Bank and Trust Company has appointed local sub-custodians within its global custody network.

Information on the custodial functions that have been delegated and the identification of the respective agents and sub-agents is available at the registered office of the Management Company or on the following website at <https://www.statestreet.com/disclosures-and-disclaimers/lu/subcustodians>.

### Unit classes

The investor may be offered one or more unit classes within the sub-fund at the discretion of the Management Company.

All unit classes of a sub-fund shall be invested together in accordance with the investment objectives of the respective sub-fund, but they may differ from each other, in particular with regard to their fee structure, the minimum investment requirements for initial and subsequent subscriptions, the currency, the distribution policy, the conditions to be met by investors or other specific characteristics, such as hedging, as determined in each case by the Management Company.

The net asset value per unit is calculated individually for each unit class issued for a particular sub-fund. The respective sub-fund does not keep a separate portfolio for the individual unit classes.

The Management Company reserves the right to offer only one unit class or only certain unit classes for sale to investors in certain jurisdictions so as to comply with the applicable laws, customs or business practices there. Furthermore, the Management Company reserves the right to adopt principles that apply to certain investor categories or transactions in respect of the acquisition of certain unit classes.

The unit classes NC and IC are currently offered for the fund. The unit classes are denominated in euro. Further information on unit classes that are currently launched is available on the Internet at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

### Description of the suffixes

The fund currently generally offers unit classes with different characteristics, which can be identified by the suffixes described below.

### Investor type

The suffix "I" indicates the investor type for which the unit class is intended. Unit classes with the suffix "I" are exclusively offered to institutional investors as defined by article 174 (2) of the Law of 2010.

Unit classes with the suffix "N" are open to private investors.

### Distribution policy

For unit classes with the suffix "C", income is reinvested (reinvesting units). Unit classes with the suffix "D" indicate a distribution of income (distributing units).

### Minimum investment

A minimum investment of EUR 10,000,000.00 applies for the purchase of units of the "I" unit class. The Management Company reserves the right to deviate from these provisions in justified individual cases. Subsequent purchases may be made in any amount.

### Risk warnings

Investing in the units involves risks. Risks may include or be associated with equity and bond market risks, interest rate, credit, counterparty default, liquidity and counterparty risks, as well as exchange rate, volatility and political risks. Each of these risks can also occur together with other risks. Some of these risks are briefly discussed below. Potential investors should have experience with the instruments that can be used within the framework of the planned investment policy. Investors should also be aware of the risks associated with investing in the units and should only make an investment decision when they have received comprehensive advice from their legal, tax and financial advisors, auditors or other advisors on (i) the suitability of an investment in the units, taking into account their personal financial and tax situation and other circumstances, (ii) the information contained in this Sales Prospectus and (iii) the investment policy of the relevant sub-fund.

**It should be noted that a sub-fund's investments also contain risks as well as opportunities for price increases. The units of the fund are securities whose value is determined by the price fluctuations of the assets contained in the respective sub-fund. Accordingly, the value of the units may rise or fall relative to the purchase price.**

**Consequently, no assurance can be given that the objectives of the investment policy 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 rumors can also have an effect on general price performance, particularly on a stock exchange.

### Market risk associated with sustainability risks

Environmental, social or governance risks may affect the market price. Market prices can therefore change if companies do not do business sustainably and do not make investments in sustainable changes. The strategic alignments of companies that do not take sustainability into account may also have a negative effect on the market price. The reputational risk that arises from companies failing to act in a sustainable way may also have negative consequences. Finally, physical damage caused by climate change or measures to switch over to a low-carbon economy may have negative effects on the market price.

### Creditworthiness risk

The creditworthiness (ability and willingness to pay) of the issuer of a security or money market instrument held directly or indirectly by the sub-fund may subsequently decline. As a rule, this leads to price declines of the respective security that exceed the general market fluctuations.

### 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 may 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, without limitation, to individual or corporate income tax 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

If the assets of the sub-fund are invested in currencies other than the fund currency, the sub-fund will receive income, repayments and proceeds from such investments in these other currencies. If the value of these currencies falls in relation to the sub-fund currency, the value of the fund is reduced.

### Custody risk

Custody risk describes the risk resulting from the basic possibility that in the event of insolvency, violations of due diligence or improper conduct on the part of the custodian or a sub-custodian, the assets held in custody could be partially or completely withdrawn from access by the fund, to its detriment.

### Company-specific risk

The price performance of the securities and money market instruments held directly or indirectly by the fund is also dependent on company-specific factors, for example, on the economic situation of the issuer. If the company-specific factors deteriorate, the market value of the respective security may fall significantly and permanently, irrespective of any generally positive stock market development.

### Concentration risk

Additional risks may arise from a concentration of investments in particular assets or markets. The assets of the sub-fund then become particularly heavily dependent on the performance of these assets or markets.

### Risk of changes in interest rates

Investors should be aware that an investment in units may involve interest rate risks which may arise in the event of fluctuations in the interest rates in the currency applicable to the securities or sub-fund.

### Legal and political risks

Investments for the fund may be undertaken in jurisdictions in which Luxembourg law does not apply, or where, in the case of disputes, the place of jurisdiction is outside the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Any resulting rights and obligations of the Management Company for the account of the fund may differ from those in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the detriment of the fund or of the investor.

Political or legal developments, including changes to the legal framework in these jurisdictions, may not be detected by the Management Company, or may be detected too late, or they may lead to restrictions in terms of acquirable assets or assets that have already been acquired. These consequences may also arise when the legal framework for the Management Company and/or the administration of the fund in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg changes.

### Geopolitical risks

Political events or changing political conditions, such as unexpected armed conflicts, terrorist attacks or tensions between states, that threaten peaceful exchanges may give rise to major challenges for the fund's business activity and affect the global economic and financial system. Assets held by the fund in such countries may therefore entail valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and thus depreciate, become completely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk of the fund suffering losses or missing out on upside 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 entail valuation uncertainties and liquidity difficulties and may depreciate, become completely worthless or illiquid. This can give rise to the risk of the fund suffering losses or missing out on upside opportunities in the short term. The Management Company will monitor the situation and shall, where possible, take suitable measures within the framework of liquidity management and valuation.

### Operational risk

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

### Risks from criminal acts, shortcomings, natural disasters or failure to take sustainability into account

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 of external third parties, or be damaged by outside events such as natural disasters or pandemics. These events may be caused or exacerbated by failure to take sustainability into account. The Management Company strives to minimize operational risks and possible associated financial consequences that could adversely affect the value of a sub-fund's assets as much as reasonably possible, and has set up processes and procedures to identify, manage and minimize such risks.

## Inflation risk

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

## Key individual risk

The exceptionally positive performance of certain funds during a particular period is also attributable to the abilities of the individuals acting on behalf of such funds, and therefore to the correct decisions made by their respective fund management. Fund management personnel can change, however. New decision-makers might not be as successful.

## Amendment of the investment policy

The risk associated with the fund may change in terms of content due to a change in the investment policy within the statutorily and contractually permissible investment spectrum for the sub-fund.

## Amendment to the Management Regulations; liquidation or merger

The Management Company reserves the right to amend the fund's Management Regulations. In addition, it may, in accordance with the provisions of the Management Regulations, completely liquidate the fund or merge it with another fund. For the investor, this entails the risk that the holding period planned by the investor will not be realized.

## Credit risk

Bonds or debt securities entail credit risk with respect to the issuer, for which the issuer's credit rating can be used as a measure. Bonds or debt instruments issued by issuers with a lower rating are usually considered to be securities with a higher credit risk and a higher probability of default by the issuer than those issued by issuers with a better rating. If an issuer of bonds or debt securities encounters financial or economic difficulties, this may affect the value of the bonds or debt securities (which may fall to zero) and the payments made on these bonds or debt securities (which may fall to zero). In addition, some bonds or debt instruments are also classified as subordinated in the financial structure of an issuer. In the event of financial difficulties, serious losses can therefore occur. At the same time, the probability that the issuer will meet these obligations is lower than for other bonds or debt instruments. This in turn leads to high price volatility of these instruments.

## Risk of default

In addition to the general trends on the capital markets, the price of an investment is also affected by the particular developments of the respective issuers. The risk of a decline in the assets of issuers cannot be entirely eliminated, for example, even through the most careful selection of securities.

## Risks associated with 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 can cause a decrease in the value of the option or future, and even result in a total loss. This can have a negative effect on the value of the fund's assets. Changes in the value of the asset underlying a swap or a total return swap can also result in losses for the fund's assets.
- Any necessary back-to-back transactions (closing of position) incur costs that can reduce the value of the sub-fund's assets.
- The leverage effect of options, swaps, futures contracts and other derivatives may alter the value of the sub-fund's assets more strongly than the direct purchase of underlyings would.
- The purchase of options entails the risk that the call options are not exercised because the prices of the underlyings do not change as expected, meaning that the sub-fund loses the option premium it 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 suffers a loss amounting to the price difference less the option premium received.
- Futures contracts also entail the risk that the sub-fund's assets may incur losses due to market prices not having developed as expected at maturity.

## Risk associated with the acquisition of investment fund units

When investing in units of target funds, it should be borne in mind that the fund managers of the individual target funds operate independently of one another, and it is therefore possible that several target funds will be engaged in similar or mutually opposing investment strategies. This can result in a cumulative effect of existing risks, and any opportunities might be offset.

## Risks of investing in contingent convertibles

Contingent convertibles ("CoCos") are a form of hybrid financial instrument. From the perspective of the issuer, they act as a capital buffer and contribute to the fulfillment of certain regulatory capital requirements. Under their terms and conditions of issue, CoCos are either converted into shares or their principal amount is written down upon the occurrence of certain trigger events linked to regulatory capital thresholds. The conversion event can also be triggered by the supervisory authorities, independently of the trigger events and outside of the control of the issuer, if the supervisory authorities call into question the long-term viability of the issuer, or of companies related to the issuer, as a going concern (conversion/write-down risk).

Following a trigger event, the recovery of the capital invested depends essentially on the configuration of the CoCo. CoCos can use one of the following three methods to recover their fully or partially written-down nominal value: conversion into shares, temporary write-down or permanent

write-off. In the case of a temporary write-down, the write-down is completely discretionary, taking into account certain regulatory restrictions. Any coupon payments after the trigger event are based on the reduced nominal value. A CoCo investor may therefore, under certain circumstances, incur losses ahead of equity investors and other holders of debt instruments in respect of the same issuer.

In accordance with the minimum requirements set out in the EU Capital Requirements Directive IV / Capital Requirements Regulation (CRD IV/CRR), the configuration of the terms and conditions of CoCos can be complex and can vary depending on the issuer or the bond. Investment in CoCos is associated with some additional risks, such as:

- a) Risk of falling below the specified trigger (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 is at least 5.125% of the regulatory capital ratio or higher, 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 as, for example, in the case of a write-down of the nominal value or a 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 lost coupon payments 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 is not called 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 (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 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 competent 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 (prolongation 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 in a secondary market, which 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 have subordinate priority and are dependent on the remaining funds available. Therefore, a conversion of the CoCo may 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. By law, 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 market volume compared with that of 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 CoCos and the highly changeable regulatory environment for financial institutions, risks may arise that cannot be foreseen at the present time.

For further information, please refer to the statement from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA/2014/944) of July 31, 2014, regarding potential risks associated with investing in contingent convertible instruments.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risks arise when a particular security is difficult to sell. Only those securities that can be resold at any time shall be acquired for a sub-fund. However, difficulties may occur in selling individual securities at the desired time during certain phases or in certain market segments. In addition, there is a risk that securities traded in a rather narrow market segment will be subject to considerable price volatility.

### Counterparty risk

The fund may incur risks in the context of a contractual relationship with another party (a "counterparty"). Here there is a risk that the counterparty might no longer be able to meet its contractual obligations. These risks can affect the performance of the respective sub-fund, and can thus also adversely affect the net asset value per unit and the capital invested by the investor.

When OTC (over-the-counter) transactions are entered into, the fund may be exposed to risks relating to the creditworthiness of its counterparties and their ability to meet the terms of such contracts. For example, the sub-fund may use futures, options and swap transactions or other derivative techniques, such as total return swaps, in which the sub-fund is subject to the risk that the counterparty will not fulfill its obligations under the respective contract.

In the event of a counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency, the respective sub-fund may suffer significant losses due to a delay in liquidating positions, including the loss of value of the investments while the sub-fund enforces its rights. It is also possible that the use of the agreed techniques may be terminated through bankruptcy, illegality or changes in the law in comparison with those in force at the time of conclusion of the agreements.

Sub-funds may, among other things, enter into transactions on OTC and interdealer markets. The participants in these markets are typically not subject to financial supervision in the same way as the participants in regulated markets are. A sub-fund that invests in swaps, total return swaps, derivatives, synthetic instruments or other OTC transactions in these markets assumes the counter-

party's credit risk and is also subject to the counterparty's default risk. These risks can be materially different from those of regulated market transactions, which are secured by guarantees, daily mark-to-market valuations, daily settlement and corresponding segregation and minimum capital requirements. Transactions concluded directly between two counterparties do not benefit from this protection.

The sub-fund is also subject to the risk that the counterparty will not execute the transaction as agreed, due to a discrepancy in the terms of the contract (irrespective of whether or not it is in good faith) or due to a credit or liquidity problem. This may result in losses for the respective sub-fund. This counterparty risk increases for contracts with a longer maturity period, as events may prevent a settlement, or if the sub-fund has focused its transactions on a single counterparty or a small group of counterparties.

If the counterparty defaults, a sub-fund may be subjected to opposing market movements during the execution of substitute transactions. A sub-fund may conclude a transaction with any counterparty. It can also conclude an unlimited number of transactions with a single counterparty. The ability of a sub-fund to conclude transactions with any counterparty, the lack of a meaningful and independent evaluation of the counterparty's financial characteristics and the absence of a regulated market for concluding agreements can increase the sub-fund's loss potential.

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

Securities financing transactions, namely securities lending and borrowing and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions, can either represent a risk on their own or have an impact on other risks and contribute significantly to risks, 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 transaction or securities lending and borrowing 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 securities lending and borrowing or the (reverse) repurchase agreement transaction are less than the repurchase price or, as the case may be, the value of the underlying securities. In addition, the sub-fund may also suffer losses as a result of bankruptcy or similar proceedings against the counterparty of securities lending and borrowing or the repurchase agreement transaction or any other type of non-performance of the return of the securities, e.g., loss of interest or loss of the respective securities, as well as default and enforcement costs in relation to securities lending and borrowing or the repurchase agreement

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 agreement transactions, reverse repurchase agreement transactions and securities lending and borrowing 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 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 risks 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 contract on securities lending and borrowing or (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions 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 in connection with investments in special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs)

SPACs may constitute permissible investments for UCITS provided they qualify as transferable securities as defined by article 41 of the Law of 2010 at all times during their life cycle. Investments in SPACs may involve specific risks related to dilution, liquidity, conflicts of interest or uncertainty regarding the identification, valuation and suitability of the target company and may be difficult to assess due to a lack of company history or a lack of information in the public domain. In addition, SPACs may have a complex structure and their characteristics may vary significantly from one SPAC to another. The Management Company shall therefore review each SPAC individually to ensure that such SPAC investments meet all applicable eligibility requirements and are consistent with the risk profile of the UCITS.

#### Risks associated with the acceptance of collateral

The sub-fund receives collateral for derivative transactions, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions. Derivatives, securities lent and securities sold under repurchase agreement transactions can increase in value. In that case, the collateral provided might no longer fully cover the sub-fund's delivery or retransfer claim against the counterparty.

The sub-fund can invest cash collateral in blocked cash accounts, in high-quality government bonds or in money market funds with short-term maturity structures. However, it is possible for the credit institution holding bank balances to default. Government bonds and money market funds can perform negatively. When the transaction is ended, the collateral thus invested might no longer be fully available, even though collateral must be returned by the sub-fund in the amount originally granted. In that case, the sub-fund can be obligated to top up the collateral to the amount granted, thereby compensating for the loss incurred through the investment.

#### Risks associated with the management of collateral

The management of this collateral requires the deployment of systems and the definition of certain processes. The failure of these processes as well as human or system failure at the Management Company or external third parties in connection with the management of collateral may result in the risk that the collateral could depreciate or no longer be sufficient to fully cover the sub-fund's claim to delivery or retransfer with respect to the counterparty.

#### Sustainability risk – Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Sustainability risk is an event or a condition relating to environmental, social or governance factors whose occurrence can have actual or potential significant negative impact on the value of an investment. A sustainability risk can either be a standalone risk or influence other risks and materially contribute to risk, e.g., price risks, liquidity risks or counterparty risks, or operational risks.

These events or conditions are broken down into the categories of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and relate to the following topics, among others:

##### Environment

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

##### Social

- Compliance with recognized labor standards (no child labor or forced labor, no discrimination)
- Compliance with occupational safety and health protection
- Appropriate remuneration, fair conditions in the workplace, diversity as well as opportunities for training and development
- Freedom to belong to a trade union and freedom of assembly
- Assurance of sufficient product safety, including health protection
- The same requirements of companies in the supply chain
- Inclusive projects and consideration of the concerns of communities and social minorities

##### Governance

- Honesty in tax matters
- Measures to prevent corruption
- Sustainability management by the management board
- Management board compensation dependent on sustainability
- Facilitation of whistle blowing
- Assurance of workers' rights
- Assurance of data protection
- Disclosure of information

In the context of environmental issues, the Management Company considers the following aspects in particular in connection with climate change:

##### Physical climatic events or conditions

- Isolated extreme weather events
  - Heat waves
  - Droughts
  - Floods
  - Storms
  - Hailstorms
  - Forest fires
  - Avalanches
- Long-term climate changes
  - Decreasing snow volumes
  - Changes in the frequency and volume of precipitation
  - Volatile 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 with regional extremes

##### Transitional events or conditions

- Prohibitions and restrictions
- Withdrawal from fossil fuels
- Other political measures associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy

- Technological change associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy
- Changes in customer preferences and behavior

Sustainability risks may lead to a material deterioration in the financial profile, liquidity, profitability or reputation of the underlying investment. If the sustainability risks have not been anticipated and taken into account in the valuation of the investments, this may have a significant negative effect on the expected/estimated market price and/or the liquidity of the investment and therefore on the sub-fund's returns.

## Investment principles

### Investment policy

The respective sub-fund assets shall be invested in accordance with the principle of risk diversification and the investment policy principles in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, and in accordance with the investment opportunities and restrictions set out in article 4.

### Consideration of sustainability risks and the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors

In addition to the usual financial data, the Management Company and the sub-fund management take sustainability risks and the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors into account when making investment decisions.

The sub-fund management bases its considerations on an ESG-integrated fundamental analysis that includes identifying global sustainability trends and financially relevant ESG topics and challenges and is used, in particular, in the proprietary issuer analysis.

The sub-fund management also uses an internal ESG database comprising data from multiple ESG data providers, public sources and internal assessments. Internal assessments take into account factors 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 dialogue on ESG matters and an issuer's ESG-specific decisions.

The consideration of these factors takes place within the framework of the corresponding investment process. Investments are continuously monitored with respect to the development of the sustainability risks and the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors to the extent intended for the particular sub-fund.

In addition, dialogue is sought with selected companies regarding good governance and sustainable governance practices as part of the expanded engagement framework.

Furthermore, particularly those risks that could arise from the impact of climate change or risks arising from the violation of internationally recognized guidelines are subjected to a special review

using the ESG-integrated fundamental analysis and the processes for monitoring sustainability risks. The internationally recognized guidelines include, in particular, the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the ILO Core Labor Standards, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Where the method for the consideration of sustainability risks and the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors differs from the method described above, the special section of the Sales Prospectus or the annex to this Sales Prospectus ("Precontractual information") discloses the method used by the sub-fund management for including sustainability risks in its investment decisions.

### Reference indices

A sub-fund can use an index or a combination of indices as a benchmark. Such indices are used if the objective of the sub-fund is to replicate an index; however, they can also be used to expressly or indirectly define the portfolio composition and/or objectives and/or to measure performance.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 8, 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 having regard to the transition period, the sub-fund may only use reference indices if the benchmark or its administrator is registered in the relevant register of the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA"). The Management Company has laid down robust written plans for each benchmark that stipulate measures that would take effect if the benchmark were to change materially or were no longer made available.

A clarification is provided in the special section of the Sales Prospectus to indicate whether the sub-fund is actively or passively managed, and whether the sub-fund replicates a reference index or is managed with the help of such an index. In the latter case, information is provided for the sub-fund as to the amount of latitude available to deviate from the benchmark.

### Efficient portfolio management techniques

According to CSSF Circular 14/592, efficient portfolio management techniques can be used for the sub-funds. These include all forms of derivative transactions, including total return swaps, as well as securities financing transactions, specifically securities lending and borrowing and repurchase agreement transactions (securities financing transactions). 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 Management Company make use of these types of securities financing transactions in future, the Sales Prospectus shall be amended accordingly.

Total return swaps and securities financing transactions shall be used in accordance with legal provisions, especially the provisions of 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

Subject to an appropriate risk management system, the respective sub-fund may invest in any and all derivatives permitted under the Law of 2010 that are based on assets that may be acquired for the sub-fund or on financial indices, interest rates, exchange rates or currencies. In particular, these include options, financial futures and swaps (including total return swaps), as well as combinations thereof. These can be used not only for hedging but may also be part of the investment strategy.

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 managing investment maturities and risks.

### Swaps

The Management Company may conduct the following swap transactions for the account of the sub-funds within the scope of the investment principles:

- interest rate,
- currency,
- equity,
- total return or
- credit default 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 in which one counterparty transfers to another counterparty the total return of a reference liability including income from interest and fees, gains and losses from price fluctuations, and credit losses.

If a sub-fund makes use of the possibility of using total return swaps or other derivatives with comparable characteristics in order to substantially implement the investment strategy, information on this, such as the underlying strategy or the counterparty, can be found in the special section of this Sales Prospectus and in the annual report.

## 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 pays a premium to its counterparty.

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

## Securitized financial instruments

The Management Company may also acquire the financial instruments described in the preceding if they are securitized. 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 securitized financial instruments, but with the condition that the risk of loss in the case of securitized financial instruments is limited to the value of the security.

## OTC derivative transactions

The Management Company may conduct both those derivative transactions admitted for trading on a stock exchange or included in another organized market and over-the-counter (OTC) transactions. A process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of OTC derivatives will be employed.

## Securities lending and borrowing and repurchase agreement transactions (securities financing transactions)

A sub-fund is authorized to transfer securities from its assets to a counterparty for a certain period of time in exchange for appropriate market consideration. The fund ensures that it is able to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate any securities lending and borrowing agreement into which it has entered at any time.

The Management Company has appointed DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing securities lending and borrowing as well as (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions for the fund (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. The applicable restrictions can be found in CSSF Circular 08/356, as amended from time to time. Securities lending and borrowing may only be carried out with regard to the assets permitted under the Law of 2010 and the sub-fund's investment guidelines.

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 and borrowing. However, if there is an increased market demand, the Management Company reserves the right to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of the sub-fund's securities to counterparties as a loan.

Securities lending and borrowing may be conducted with respect to the assets of the sub-fund provided (i) that the transaction volume is kept at an appropriate level at all times or that the sub-fund can require the return of the securities lent in a manner that enables them to meet their redemption obligations at all times and (ii) that these transactions do not jeopardize the management of the sub-fund's assets in accordance with sub-fund's investment policy. Their risks shall be captured by the risk management process of the Management Company.

The sub-fund may enter into securities lending and borrowing only if they comply with the following rules:

- (i) The sub-fund may only lend securities through a standardized system operated by a recognized clearing house or through a securities lending and borrowing program operated by a top-rated financial institution that specializes in such transactions and is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- (ii) The borrower must be subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in 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 and borrowing may not exceed 10% of the assets of the 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 Management 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 and borrowing may also be conducted synthetically ("synthetic securities lending and borrowing"). In a synthetic securities loan, a security contained in the sub-fund is sold to a counterparty at the current market price. The

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 and borrowing fee, (b) the income (e.g., dividends, interest payments, corporate actions) from the securities whose return can be demanded 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 and borrowing may also, as the case may be, be entered into with respect to individual unit classes, taking into account the specific characteristics of such unit class and/or its investors, with any right to income and collateral under such securities lending and borrowing arising at the level of such specific unit class.

### b) (Reverse) repurchase agreement transactions

Unless further restricted by the investment policy of a specific sub-fund as described in the special sections 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 in the following special section, a sub-fund may (i) enter into repurchase agreement transactions, which consist of the purchase and sale of securities with a clause granting the right to or imposing the obligation on the seller to repurchase from the buyer the securities sold at a price and at terms specified by the two parties in their contractual arrangement and (ii) enter into reverse repurchase agreement transactions, which consist of forward transactions that at maturity impose on the seller (counterparty) the obligation to repurchase the securities sold, and on the sub-fund the obligation to return the securities received under the transaction (collectively the "repurchase agreement 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 assumed that up to 50% of the securities held in the sub-fund may be transferred to a transferee in exchange for a consideration (in the case of repurchase agree-

ment transactions) and securities are accepted within the scope of the respectively applicable investment limits against cash (in the case of reverse repurchase agreement transactions). However, the Management Company reserves the right, depending on increased market demand, to transfer a maximum of up to 100% of the securities or cash held in the sub-fund by way of a repurchase agreement transaction.

A sub-fund may act either as purchaser or seller in individual repurchase agreement transactions or in a series of continuing repurchase transactions. Its involvement in such transactions is, however, subject to the following rules:

- (i) The sub-fund may not buy or sell securities using a repurchase agreement transaction unless the counterparty in that transaction is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in 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) repurchase agreement transaction(s) may not exceed 10% of the sub-fund's assets 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 term of a repurchase agreement transaction in which the fund acts as the purchaser, it cannot sell the securities that are the object of the contract until the right to repurchase these securities has been exercised by the counterparty, or until the repurchase term has expired, except to the extent that the fund has other means of coverage.
- (iv) The securities acquired by the sub-fund under a repurchase agreement transaction must conform to the investment policy and investment restrictions of the fund and must be limited to:
  - short-term bank certificates or money market instruments according to the definition in Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007;
  - bonds issued or guaranteed by an OECD member country or its local authorities or by supranational institutions and authorities at EU, regional or international level;
  - units of a UCI investing in money market instruments that calculates a net asset value daily and has a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;
  - bonds issued by non-governmental issuers that provide adequate liquidity; and
  - equities listed on or trading in a regulated market in a member state of the European Union or on a stock exchange in an OECD member country, as long as these equities are contained in a major index.

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

Repurchase agreement transactions may also be entered into with respect to individual unit classes, taking into account their respective specific characteristics and/or investor profiles, with any right to income and collateral under such repurchase agreement transactions arising at the level of the relevant unit class.

### Choice of counterparty

The conclusion of OTC derivative transactions, including total return swaps, securities lending transactions and repurchase agreement transactions, 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 management for OTC derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques

A sub-fund may receive collateral for OTC derivatives and reverse repurchase agreement transactions to reduce counterparty risk. Within the scope of its securities lending operations, the fund must receive collateral of a value equal to at least 90% of the total value of the securities lent for the duration of the agreement (taking into account interest, dividends, other possible rights and any agreed discounts or minimum transfer amounts).

To secure its obligations, a sub-fund can accept all collateral that corresponds to the regulations of CSSF Circulars 08/356, 11/512 and 14/592, as amended.

I. In the case of a securities loan, this collateral shall have been received before or at the time of the transfer of the securities lent. If the securities are lent via intermediaries, the transfer of the securities can take place before receipt of the collateral as long as the respective intermediary ensures the orderly completion of the transaction. Such intermediary can provide collateral in place of the borrower.

II. In general, collateral for securities lending and borrowing, reverse repurchase agreement transactions and transactions with OTC derivatives (not including currency futures) must be provided in one of the following forms:

- liquid assets such as cash, short-term bank deposits, money market instruments according to the definition in Directive 2007/16/EC of March 19, 2007, letters of credit and first-demand guarantees that are issued by top-rated credit institutions not affiliated with the counterparty, or bonds issued by an OECD member country or its local authorities or by supranational institutions and authorities at local, regional or international level, irrespective of their residual term to maturity;
- units of a UCI investing in money market instruments that calculates a net asset value daily and has a rating of AAA or an equivalent rating;
- units of a UCITS that invests primarily in the bonds and equities listed under the next two indents;
- bonds (irrespective of their residual term to maturity) issued or guaranteed by top-rated issuers with appropriate liquidity; or
- equities admitted to or trading in a regulated market in a member state of the European Union or on a stock exchange in an OECD member country, as long as these equities are contained in a major index.

III. Collateral that is not provided in the form of cash or units of UCIs/UCITS must have been issued by a legal entity that is not affiliated with the counterparty.

All non-cash collateral received should be highly liquid and traded at a transparent price on a regulated market or within a multilateral trading system so that it can be sold in the short term at a price close to the valuation established prior to the sale. The collateral received should also comply with the provisions of article 56 of the UCITS Directive.

IV. If collateral provided in the form of cash exposes the sub-fund to a credit risk with respect to the administrator of this collateral, such exposure shall be subject to the 20% restriction indicated in article 43 (1) of the Law of 2010. In addition, such cash collateral may not be held in custody by the counterparty unless it is legally protected from the consequences of a default of the counterparty.

V. Non-cash collateral may not be held in custody by the counterparty unless it is adequately segregated from the counterparty's own assets.

VI. Collateral that is provided must be adequately diversified in terms of issuers, countries and markets. If collateral fulfills a series of criteria such as standards for liquidity, valuation, credit quality of the issuer, correlation and diversification, it can be offset against the gross commitment of the counterparty. If collateral is offset, its value may be discounted by a certain percentage depending on the price volatility of the security. This discount (or "haircut") is intended to compensate for short-term fluctuations in the value of the commitment and the collateral. As a rule, no discounts are applied to cash collateral.

The criterion of adequate diversification in terms of issuer concentration is considered to be fulfilled if the sub-fund receives from a counterparty for transactions with OTC derivatives, securities lending and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions, a collateral basket whereby the maximum total value of the open positions with respect to a particular issuer does not exceed 20% of the net asset value. If the fund has various counterparties, the various different collateral baskets should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit for the total value of the open positions with respect to an individual issuer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing sub-paragraph, the collateral received by the sub-fund may consist up to 100% of securities and money market instruments stemming from different issues that are issued or guaranteed by a member state of the European Union or its local authorities, by a third country 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 fund's net assets.

VII. The Management Company pursues a strategy for the valuation of discounts for assets it accepts as collateral ("haircut strategy"). The discounts applied to collateral are governed by:

The valuation of collateral takes place daily using available market prices and appropriate haircuts determined on the basis of the haircut strategy. The haircut strategy takes various factors into account depending on the type of security accepted, such as the credit quality of the issuer, the residual maturity, currency and price volatility of the assets and, if applicable, the results of liquidity stress tests that a sub-fund performs under normal and extreme liquidity scenarios. As a rule, no discount is generally applied to cash collateral.

Through the use of the haircut strategy the Management Company requires its counterparties to furnish collateral. Unless otherwise stated in the special section for a sub-fund, the following degrees of collateralization apply to each sub-fund:

The above degrees of collateralization apply to collateral received in securities lending transactions and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions as well as transactions with OTC derivatives.

Degree of collateralization for	at least
Cash	100%
Fixed rate securities (depending on rating and type of instrument)	102%
Equities (depending on liquidity)	104%
ETFs	102%
Convertible bonds	104%

VIII. The degree of collateralization used is reviewed for appropriateness on a regular basis, at least once each year, and adjusted accordingly if necessary.

IX. The sub-fund (or its representatives) perform a daily valuation of the collateral received. Should the value of collateral previously provided appear to be insufficient in view of the amount to be covered, the counterparty must provide additional collateral at very short notice.

Collateral that is admitted for trading on a stock exchange or admitted to or included in another organized market is valued at the previous day's closing price or, if it is already available at the time the valuation takes place, at the closing price of the same day. The valuation is performed in such a way as to obtain a value for the collateral that is as close as possible to the market value.

X. Collateral is held in custody by the custodian or a sub-custodian. Cash collateral in the form of bank balances may be held in blocked accounts at the custodian of the sub-fund or, with the custodian's consent, at another credit institution, provided that this other credit institution is subject to supervision by a supervisory authority and is not associated with the guarantor.

The sub-fund shall ensure that it is able to assert its rights in relation to the collateral if an event occurs requiring the execution of these rights, meaning that the collateral shall be available at all times, either directly or through the intermediary of a top-rated financial institution or a wholly owned subsidiary of that institution, in a form that allows the fund to appropriate or make use of the assets provided as collateral 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 transaction 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 that receives collateral for at least 30% of its assets should examine the associated risk as part of regular stress tests conducted under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions in order to assess the consequences of changes in market value and the liquidity risk associated with the collateral. The liquidity stress testing strategy should contain guidelines covering the following aspects:

- a) the concept for analyzing the stress test scenario, including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;

- b) empirical impact assessment approach, including back-testing of liquidity risk assessments;
- c) reporting frequency and reporting thresholds/loss tolerance threshold(s); and
- d) loss mitigation measures, including haircut strategy and gap-risk protection.

### Use of financial indices

If provided for in the special section of this Sales Prospectus, the objective of the investment policy of a sub-fund may be to replicate a specific index or to replicate an index through the use of leverage. This requires that:

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

If an index is replicated, then the frequency of adjustment of the composition of the index depends on the index to be replicated. The adjustment is usually made semiannually, quarterly or monthly. Replication and adjustment of the composition of the index may give rise to costs that can reduce the value of the fund's assets.

### Risk management

A risk management process is used for the sub-funds that allows the Management Company to monitor and measure at any time the risk associated with the investment positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The Management Company monitors each sub-fund in accordance with the requirements of CSSF Regulation 10-04 and the Luxembourg or European Directives adopted from time to time, in particular CSSF Circular 11/512 of May 30, 2011, and the "Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS" of the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR/10-788) and CSSF Circular 14/592 of September 30, 2014. For the fund, the Management Company shall ensure that the total risk associated with derivative financial instruments in accordance with article 42 (3) of the Law of 2010 does not exceed 100% of the fund's net assets and that the market risk of the fund does not exceed a total of 200% of the market risk of the non-derivative reference portfolio (in the case of a relative VaR) or not more than 20% (in the case of an absolute VaR).

The risk management approach used for each sub-fund is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus for the sub-fund.

In general, the Management Company endeavors to ensure that investments made in a sub-fund through derivatives do not exceed twice the value of the sub-fund's assets (hereinafter referred to as "leverage"), unless otherwise stated in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The leverage is calculated using the "sum of notionals" approach (absolute (notional) amount of each derivative divided by the current net value of the portfolio). Derivatives in the portfolio are taken into account when calculating the leverage. Collateral is not currently reinvested and is therefore not taken into account.

However, this leverage varies depending on market conditions and/or changes in positions (also to hedge the fund against unfavorable market movements). Therefore, despite constant monitoring by the Management Company, the target ratio could be exceeded at some point. The expected leverage indicated is not to be considered as an additional risk limit for each sub-fund.

In addition, the sub-fund may borrow 10% of its net assets if this borrowing is temporary.

A correspondingly greater overall exposure can therefore significantly increase the opportunities and risks of an investment (see in particular the risk information in the section "Risks associated with derivative transactions").

## Potential conflicts of interest

Within the scope of and in compliance with the applicable procedures and measures for conflict management, the Management Company, the members of the supervisory board as well as the management board of the Management Company, the management, the fund manager, the designated sales agents and persons authorized to carry out the distribution, the custodian, if applicable the investment advisor, the agent(s) charged with the UCI management function, the investors, the Securities Lending Agent as well as all subsidiaries, affiliated companies, representatives or agents of the aforementioned entities and persons ("Associated Persons") may:

- 1 conduct among themselves or for the fund financial and banking transactions or other transactions, such as derivative transactions (including total return swaps), securities lending and borrowing and (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions, or enter into the corresponding contracts, including those that are directed at the fund's investments in securities or at investments by an Associated Person in a company or undertaking, such investment being a constituent part of the fund's assets, or be involved in such contracts or transactions;
2. for their own accounts or for the accounts of third parties, invest in units, securities or assets of the same type as the components of the fund's assets and trade in them;

3. in their own names or in the names of third parties, participate in the purchase or sale of securities or other investments in or from the fund through or jointly with the Management Company or the custodian, or a subsidiary, an affiliated company, representative or agent of these.

Assets of the fund in the form of liquid assets or securities may be deposited with an Associated Person in accordance with the legal provisions governing the custodian. Liquid assets of the fund assets 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 Management Company's derivative transactions or derivatives contracts ("Counterparty"). In addition, in some cases a Counterparty may be required to value such derivative transactions or contracts. These valuations can be used as a basis for calculating the value of certain assets of the fund. The Management Company is aware that DB Group Members may possibly be involved in a conflict of interest if they act as a Counterparty and/or provide such information. The valuation will be adjusted and carried out in a manner that is verifiable. However, the Management Company believes that such conflicts can be handled appropriately and assumes that the Counterparty possesses the aptitude and competence to perform such valuations.

In accordance with the respective terms agreed, DB Group Members may, in particular, act as Management Board members and Supervisory Board members, sales agent or sub-agent, custodian, sub-custodian, fund manager or investment advisor, and may offer to provide financial and banking transactions to the Management Company. The Management Company is aware that conflicts of interest may arise due to the functions that DB Group Members perform in relation to the Management Company. In respect of such eventualities, each DB Group Member has undertaken to endeavor, to a reasonable extent, to resolve such conflicts of interest equitably (with regard to the Members' respective duties and responsibilities), and to endeavor to ensure that the interests of the Management Company and of the investors are not adversely affected. The Management Company is of the view that DB Group Members possess the required aptitude and competence to perform such duties.

The Management Company is of the view that the interests of the Management Company and the above-mentioned entities may be in conflict with each other. The Management Company has taken appropriate measures to avoid conflicts of interest. In the event of unavoidable conflicts of interest, the Management Company will endeavor to ensure that conflicts of interest are handled fairly and resolved in favor of the fund. It is a principle of the

Management Company to take all reasonable steps to establish organizational structures and to apply effective administrative measures to enable the identification, handling and monitoring of the conflicts in question. In addition, the Management Company Management is responsible for ensuring that the systems, controls and procedures of the company for the identification, monitoring and resolution of conflicts of interest are appropriate.

Transactions with or between Associated Persons may be conducted for the fund with respect to the fund assets, provided that such transactions are in the best interests of the investors.

Additional information on the handling of conflicts of interest is available on the website at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation) under Legal Resources.

## Specific conflicts of interest in relation to the custodian or sub-custodians

The custodian is part of an international group of companies and operations which, in the ordinary course of business, is also active for a large number of clients and for its own account, which may lead to actual or potential conflicts of interest. Conflicts of interest arise when the custodian or a company affiliated with it exercises activities under the custodial agreement or separate contractual or other arrangements. These activities include:

- (i) the provision of nominee, management, registration and transfer agent, research, securities lending and borrowing, investment management, financial advisory and/or other advisory services to the fund;
- (ii) the execution of banking, sales and trading transactions, including foreign exchange, derivative, credit, brokerage, market making or other financial transactions with the fund, either as a principal and in its own interest or on behalf of other clients.

In connection with the above activities, the custodian or its affiliated companies:

- (i) will seek to make a profit from these activities, and are entitled to receive and retain any profits or remunerations of any kind. They are not required to notify the fund of the nature or amount of any such profits or compensation, including but not limited to fees, costs, commissions, income shares, spreads, markups, markdowns, interest, reimbursements, discounts or other benefits received in connection with such activities;
- (ii) may buy, sell, issue, trade or hold securities or other financial products or instruments as principals in their own interest, in the interest of their affiliated companies or for their other clients;
- (iii) may trade in the same or the opposite direction to the transactions carried out, including on the basis of information in their possession but not available to the fund;

- (iv) may provide the same or similar services to other clients, including competitors of the fund;
- (v) may obtain creditor rights from the fund, which they may exercise.

The fund may engage in foreign exchange, spot or swap transactions on behalf of the sub-fund through an affiliated company of the custodian. In such cases, the affiliated company acts as the principal and not as a broker, contractor or trustee of the fund. The affiliated company will seek to generate profits through these transactions and is entitled to retain profits and not notify the fund. The affiliated company shall enter into such transactions under the terms and conditions agreed with the fund.

If the cash of the fund is deposited with an affiliated company which is a bank, a potential conflict arises with respect to the interest (if any) credited or charged by the affiliated company to this account and the fees or other benefits it could derive from holding such cash as a bank rather than as a trustee.

The Management Company may also be a client or counterparty of the custodian or its affiliated companies.

Conflicts arising from the use of sub-custodians by the custodian may be assigned to four general categories:

- (1) conflicts arising from the choice of sub-custodians and the allocation of assets among multiple sub-custodians which, in addition to objective evaluation criteria, are influenced by (a) cost factors such as the lowest fees charged, discounts and similar incentives, and (b) the broad mutual business relationships in which the custodian may operate on the basis of the economic value of the broader business relationship;
- (2) affiliated or non-affiliated sub-custodians acting on behalf of other clients and in their own interest, which may lead to conflicts of interest with the interests of the client;
- (3) affiliated or non-affiliated sub-custodians maintaining only indirect relationships with clients, and considering the custodian to be their counterparty, which may encourage the custodian to act in its own interest or in the interest of other clients to the detriment of clients; and
- (4) sub-custodians potentially having market-based creditor rights with respect to clients' assets, which they may be interested in enforcing if they do not receive payment for securities transactions.

In the performance of its duties, the custodian shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the sole interest of the fund and its investors.

The custodian shall functionally and hierarchically separate the performance of its custodial

tasks from the performance of its other duties, which may be in conflict. The internal control system, the various reporting lines, the allocation of tasks and reporting to management enable potential conflicts of interest and matters related to the custodial function to be properly identified, managed and monitored.

Furthermore, in the case of sub-custodians used by the custodian, contractual restrictions shall be imposed by the custodian in order to take account of some of the potential conflicts; the custodian shall exercise due diligence and supervise the sub-custodians in order to ensure a high level of service for its clients. The custodian shall also provide regular reports on the activities of its clients and the portfolios held by its clients, with the underlying functions subject to internal and external control audits. Finally, the custodian shall separate the performance of its custodial duties internally from its own activities and comply with a code of conduct that obliges employees to act ethically, honestly and transparently in dealing with clients.

Current information on the custodian, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the custodial functions delegated by the custodian, the list of agents and sub-agents, and any conflicts of interest arising from such delegation shall be made available to investors on request by the custodian.

## Prevention of money laundering and transparency register

### Combating money laundering

The transfer agent charged with the registrar function (transfer agent) may require such proof of identity as it considers necessary for compliance with the anti-money laundering legislation in force in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. If there are doubts as to the identity of an investor or if the transfer agent does not have sufficient information to establish the identity, the transfer agent may request further information and/or documents in order to establish the identity of the investor beyond doubt. If the investor refuses or fails to provide the requested information and/or documents, the transfer agent may refuse or delay the entry of the investor's data in the Company's register of investors. The information provided to the transfer agent shall be obtained solely for the purpose of complying with anti-money laundering legislation.

The transfer agent is also obligated to verify the origin of the funds collected by a financial institution, unless the financial institution in question is subject to a mandatory proof of identity procedure that is equivalent to the verification procedure under Luxembourg law. The processing of subscription applications may be suspended until the transfer agent has duly established the origin of the funds.

Initial or follow-up unit subscription applications can also be submitted indirectly, i.e., via the

distributors. In this case, the transfer agent may waive the aforementioned required proof of identity under the following circumstances or under the circumstances which are considered sufficient under the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's anti-money laundering legislation:

- if a subscription application is processed through a distributor under the supervision of the competent authorities, whose rules provide for an identification verification procedure for customers which is equivalent to that laid down in Luxembourg anti-money laundering legislation and to which the distributor is subject;
- if a subscription application is processed through a distributor whose parent company is under the supervision of the competent authorities, whose rules provide for an identification verification procedure for customers which is equivalent to that laid down in Luxembourg anti-money laundering legislation, and if the law applicable to the parent company, or the parent company's group guidelines, impose equivalent obligations on its subsidiaries or branches.

For countries that have ratified the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) recommendations, it is generally assumed that natural or legal persons operating in the financial sector are required by the respective competent supervisory authorities in these countries to carry out identification verification procedures for their customers which are equivalent to the verification procedure prescribed under Luxembourg law.

Distributors may provide a nominee service to investors who purchase units through them. Investors may decide, at their own discretion, whether to take advantage of this service, in which the nominee holds the units in its name for and on behalf of the investors; the investors are entitled to demand direct ownership of the units at any time. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, investors are free to make investments directly with the Management Company without using the nominee service.

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

The Luxembourg Law of January 13, 2019, on the introduction of a Register of Beneficial Owners (the "Law of 2019") entered into force on March 1, 2019. The Law of 2019 obliges all entities registered in the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register, including the fund, to collect and store certain information on their beneficial owners. The fund is furthermore obliged to enter the collected information in the Register of Beneficial Owners, which is administered by the Luxembourg Business Register under the supervision of the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice. In this respect, the fund 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 fund ultimately lies by way of directly or indirectly holding a sufficient quantity of units or voting rights or a participation, including in the form of bearer units, or by means of another form of control.

If a natural person has a share of 25% plus one unit or an interest of more than 25% in the fund, 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 controlled by the same natural person or persons respectively has or have a share of 25% plus one unit or an interest of more than 25% in the fund, 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 fund is obliged, pursuant to the Law of 2019 and subject to criminal sanctions, to collect and transmit information. Likewise, the respective investor is themselves obliged to provide information. If an investor is not able to verify whether or not they are classified as a beneficial owner, they can contact the fund via the following e-mail address to seek clarification:  
[dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com](mailto:dws-lux-compliance@list.db.com).

## Legal status of the investors

The Management Company invests the capital invested in the fund in its own name for the collective account of investors in accordance with the principle of risk diversification in securities, money market instruments and other eligible assets. The invested capital and the assets acquired form the fund assets, which are held separately from the Management Company's own assets.

The investors are joint owners of the fund's assets in proportion to the number of units they hold. Their rights are represented by bearer units in the form of global certificates. All fund units have the same rights.

With respect to the legal relationship between investors, each sub-fund is treated as a separate entity. In relation to third parties, the assets of a sub-fund are only liable for the liabilities and payment obligations relating to that sub-fund. The investment restrictions set out in the Management Regulations apply to each sub-fund separately, but the investment limits set out in

the article 4 B. k), sentence 2, shall apply to the fund as a whole. Additional sub-funds may be established and/or one or more existing sub-funds may be liquidated or merged at any time. In this case, the sales documentation will be amended accordingly.

## Units

### Bearer units securitized by global certificates

The Management Company may decide to issue bearer units securitized by one or more global certificates.

These global certificates shall be issued in the name of the Management Company and deposited with the clearing houses. The transferability of the bearer units securitized by a global certificate shall be subject to the applicable statutory provisions in force as well as the rules and procedures of the clearing house responsible for the transfer. Investors receive the bearer units securitized by a global certificate by entering them in the custody accounts of their financial intermediaries, which are held directly or indirectly at the clearing houses. Such bearer units securitized by a global certificate are freely transferable in accordance with the provisions contained in this Sales Prospectus, the regulations applicable on the respective stock exchange and/or the regulations of the respective clearing house. Investors who do not participate in such a system may only transfer bearer units securitized by a global certificate via a financial intermediary participating in the settlement system of the relevant clearing house.

Payments of distributions for bearer units securitized by global certificates shall be made by way of crediting the securities account opened with the relevant clearing house by the financial intermediaries of the investors.

All units within a unit class have the same rights. The rights of investors in different unit classes within the respective sub-funds may differ, provided that this has been clarified in the sales documentation for the respective units. The differing configuration of different unit classes is specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. Units are issued by the Company immediately after the net asset value per unit has been received for the benefit of the Company.

Due to the Law of July 28, 2014, on the immobilization of bearer shares and units ("Law of 2014"), a new legal provision was drawn up in respect of bearer shares and units (the "units"). The Law of 2014 makes provisions that units issued by Luxembourg public limited companies (*sociétés anonymes*) and partnerships limited by shares (*sociétés en commandite par actions*) as well as by investment funds ("fonds commun de placement") must be deposited and registered with the appointed custodian. Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., 2, Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, 1115 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, was

appointed as custodian within the meaning of this Law.

If the units are not deposited and registered by February 18, 2016, at the latest, the Law of 2014 makes provisions for the mandatory deletion of the units. A capital reduction takes place due to the deletion of these units. The corresponding amount is deposited with the "Caisse de Consignation" until a person that can legally prove their ownership demands reimbursement.

### Calculation of the net asset value per unit

To calculate the unit value, the value of the assets belonging to the fund, less the liabilities of the fund, is determined on each valuation date and divided by the number of units in circulation.

Details on the calculation of the unit value and asset valuation are laid down in the Management Regulations.

On public holidays that are bank business days in a country that is relevant for the valuation date, as well as on December 24 and 31 of each year, the Management Company and the custodian currently refrain from determining the net asset value per unit. A different calculation of the net asset value per unit is published in suitable newspapers in each country of distribution (if necessary), as well as on the Internet at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

### Issue of units

Fund units are issued on each valuation date at the unit value plus the initial sales charge to be paid by the purchaser of units in favor of the Management Company. The initial sales charge may be withheld in part or in full by the intermediaries to compensate for sales activities. If stamp duties or other charges are incurred in a country in which units are issued, the issue price increases accordingly.

The fund units can also be issued as fractional units with up to three decimal places. Fractional units are rounded to the nearest thousandth according to commercial practice. Such rounding may be to the benefit of either the respective investor or the fund.

Newly subscribed units will only be allocated to the respective investor upon receipt of payment by the custodian or the approved correspondent banks. However, the corresponding units will already be taken into account for accounting purposes in the calculation of the net asset value on the value date following the corresponding securities settlement and can be canceled until receipt of payment. If an investor's units are to be canceled due to non-payment or late payment of these units, this may result in a loss for the fund.

The Management Company is authorized to issue new units on an ongoing basis. The Management Company does, however, reserve the right to suspend or permanently discontinue the issue of

units. In this case, payments already made will be refunded immediately. The investors will be informed immediately of the suspension and resumption of the issue of units.

Units can be purchased from the Management Company and the paying agents. If the Management Company no longer issues new units, units can only be acquired via the secondary market.

An example calculation for determining the issue price is as follows:

Net fund assets	EUR	1,000,000.00
÷ Number of units in circulation on the reporting date		<u>10,000.00</u>
Net asset value per unit	EUR	100.00
+ Initial sales charge (e.g., 5%)	EUR	<u>5.00</u>
Issue price	EUR	<u><u>105.00</u></u>

### Rejection of subscription orders

The Management Company reserves the right, at its own discretion, to reject or accept in whole or in part subscription orders for units at its own discretion.

The Management Company also reserves the right to withhold any excess subscription credit until final settlement. If an order is rejected in whole or in part, the subscription amount or the corresponding balance shall be repaid to the first named applicant at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto without interest immediately after the decision of non-acceptance has been taken.

### Redemption of units

Fund units are redeemed on each valuation date at the unit value less the redemption fee to be paid by the investor. No redemption fee is currently charged. If stamp duties or other charges are incurred in a country in which units are redeemed, the redemption price decreases accordingly.

Investors may submit all or a portion of their units of all unit classes for redemption.

The Management Company 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 the sub-fund are considered to be substantial redemptions. The Management Company is under no obligation to execute redemption requests if any such request pertains to units valued in excess of 10% of the net asset value of the sub-fund.

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

The Management Company, having regard to the fair and equal treatment of investors and taking into account the interests of the remaining investors of the 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 Management Company 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 Management Company taking into account, among other things, the liquidity profile of the sub-fund and the applicable market circumstances.

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

In these circumstances, exchange requests are treated as redemption requests.

The Management Company will publish 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 at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

The Deferral of the redemption and the exchange of units does not have any effect on the other sub-funds.

Units can be redeemed with the Management Company and the paying agents. Any other payments to the investors also take place via these agents.

An example calculation for determining the redemption price is as follows:

Net fund assets	EUR	1,000,000.00
÷ Number of units in circulation on the reporting date		<u>10,000.00</u>
Net asset value per unit	EUR	100.00
- Redemption fee (e.g., 2.5%)	EUR	<u>2.50</u>
Redemption price	EUR	<u><u>97.50</u></u>

The Management Company may, at its sole discretion, restrict or prohibit ownership of units of the fund by unauthorized persons ("Unauthorized Persons"). Unauthorized Persons are defined as private individuals, partnerships or corporations which, at the sole discretion of the Management Company, are not authorized to subscribe or hold units of the fund or, where applicable, of a specific sub-fund or unit class, (i) if, in the opinion of the Management Company, such a unitholding could be detrimental to the fund, (ii) if this would result in a breach of laws or regulations in force in Luxembourg or abroad, (iii) if the fund should subsequently suffer tax, legal or financial disadvantages which it would not otherwise have suffered, or (iv) if the aforementioned persons or companies do not meet the conditions for the acquisition of the units to be fulfilled by the investors.

The Management Company may request investors to submit any information or documents it deems necessary to determine whether the beneficial owner of the units is (i) an Unauthorized Person, (ii) a U.S. person or (iii) a person holding units but not meeting the necessary conditions.

If the Management Company becomes aware at any time that units are in the beneficial ownership of the persons referred to in (i), (ii) and (iii) above (regardless of whether they are exclusive owners or co-owners), and if the person concerned does not comply with the Management Company's request to sell their units and to submit a proof of sale to the Management Company within 30 calendar days after the Management Company has issued the request, the Management Company may, at its own discretion, force the redemption of such units at the redemption price. The compulsory redemption shall be effected in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to the units, immediately after the close of business indicated in the Management Company's notification to the Unauthorized Person, and the investors shall no longer be deemed to be owners of these units.

### Exchange of units

The investors may, against payment of an exchange commission reduced by 0.5 percentage points from the initial sales charge (based on the sub-fund to be acquired) plus any applicable issue taxes and duties, exchange part or all of their units for units of a different sub-fund at any time.

The exchange commission, which is charged for the benefit of DWS Investment S.A., is calculated on the amount to be invested in the new sub-fund. The balance resulting from an exchange, if any, shall be converted into euro and paid out to the investors, if necessary, provided this amount exceeds EUR 10.00 or 1% of the exchange amount. The exchange will be effected only on a valuation date.

### Market timing and short-term trading

The Management Company does not allow any practices related to market timing and short-term trading and reserves the right to refuse orders if it suspects that such practices are being used. In such cases, the Management Company will take all measures necessary to protect the other investors in the fund.

### Late trading

Late trading is the acceptance of an order after expiry of the relevant acceptance periods on the respective valuation date and the execution of such an order at the price applicable on that date on the basis of the net asset value. The practice of late trading is not permitted because it violates the provisions of the Sales Prospectus of the fund, which stipulate that an order received after the order acceptance period is to be executed at the price based on the next applicable net asset value per unit.

### Publication of the issue and redemption prices

The applicable issue and redemption prices as well as all other information for investors may be requested at any time from the registered office of the Management Company, on the Management Company's website at [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation) and from any designated paying agents. In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published in appropriate media (e.g., the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.) in every country of distribution. Neither the Management Company nor the paying agents shall be liable for errors or omissions in the price publications.

### Costs

#### Costs and services received

The respective sub-fund pays to the Management Company an all-in fee on the net assets of the sub-fund based on the net asset value calculated on the valuation date. The amount of the all-in fee is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The all-in fee is usually withdrawn from the sub-fund at the end of the month. This all-in fee shall in particular serve as compensation for investment management, fund management, the distribution of the fund (if applicable) and the services of the custodian.

In addition to the all-in fee, the following expenses may be charged to the sub-fund:

- all taxes imposed on the assets of the sub-fund and on the sub-fund itself (in particular the *taxe d'abonnement*), as well as any taxes that may arise in connection with administrative and custodial costs;
- any costs that may arise in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets;
- extraordinary costs (e.g., litigation costs) incurred to protect the interests of the investors of the sub-fund; the decision to cover these costs is made individually by the Management Company and must be reported separately in the annual report;
- costs for providing information to the investors of the sub-fund by means of a durable medium, with the exception of the cost of information in the event 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.

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 custodian, 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.

The respective sub-fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending and borrowing 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 initiating, preparing and executing securities lending and borrowing.

For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending and borrowing or a repurchase agreement transaction, the respective 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 agreement transactions, no other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase

agreement transactions 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 agreement transactions 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) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions.

Certain costs and fees may arise in connection with total return swaps, especially with respect to entering into these transactions and/or any increase or decrease in their nominal values. The amount of such fees may be fixed or variable. Further information on costs and fees that the sub-fund must bear, as well as the identities of the recipients and all relationships (if any) existing between them and the Management Company, the fund manager or the custodian, are 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 sub-fund's assets.

The specified costs are listed in the annual reports.

The Management Company may pass on parts of its management fee to intermediaries. Such payments are in compensation for sales services performed on an agency basis and may constitute a substantial share of the management fee. The annual report contains additional information on this. The Management Company does not receive any reimbursement of the fees and expense reimbursements paid out of the sub-fund's assets to the custodian and to third parties.

In addition to the costs mentioned above, additional costs may be incurred by the investor in some countries in connection with the duties and services of local distributors, paying agents or similar entities. These costs are not borne by the sub-fund's assets, but directly by the investor.

#### Investment in units of target funds

Investments in target funds can lead to double charging, as fees are charged both at the level of the fund and at the level of a target fund. In connection with the acquisition of target fund units, the following types of fees are borne directly or indirectly by the investors in the fund:

- the management fee / all-in fee of the target fund;
- the performance-based fee of the target fund;
- the initial sales charges and redemption fees of the target fund;

- reimbursements of expenses by the target fund;
- other costs.

The annual and semiannual reports will contain a disclosure of the initial sales charges and redemption fees that have been charged to the fund during the reporting period for the acquisition and redemption of units of target funds. In addition, the annual and semiannual reports shall disclose the fees charged to the fund by another company as a management fee / all-in fee for the target fund units held in the fund.

If the assets of the fund are invested in units of a target fund managed directly or indirectly by the same Management Company or another company with which the Management Company is jointly managed or controlled or connected through a significant direct or indirect investment, the Management Company or the other company shall not charge the fund any initial sales charges or redemption fees for the purchase or redemption of units of this other fund.

The share of the management or all-in fee attributable to the units of affiliated investment funds (double charging or difference method) can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

### Repayment to certain investors of management fees collected

The Management Company may, at its discretion, agree with individual investors the partial repayment to these investors 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 of DWS Investment S.A. is responsible for these matters.

### Total expense ratio

The total expense ratio is defined as the ratio of the expenditure incurred by the sub-fund to the average assets of the sub-fund, excluding transaction costs incurred. The effective total expense ratio is calculated annually and published in the annual report. The total expense ratio is published in the Key Information Document as “ongoing charges.”

If the investor is advised on the acquisition of units by third parties (particularly companies providing investment services such as credit institutions and investment firms), or if such third parties act as intermediaries for the purchase, they may report expenses or expense ratios to the investor that are not consistent with the expense information in this Sales Prospectus or in the Key Information Document, and the charges reported may exceed the total expense ratio described here.

This may be due in particular to regulatory requirements for the determination, calculation and disclosure of costs by the aforementioned third parties, which must be complied with in the course of the national transposition 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 (known as “MiFID 2”). Deviations from the expense statement may arise on the one hand from the fact that these third parties additionally take into account the costs of their own services (e.g., a premium or also ongoing commissions for the brokerage or consulting activities, fees for custody account management, etc.). In addition, these third parties are subject to sometimes differing requirements for the calculation of costs incurred at fund level, so that, for example, the transaction costs of the sub-funds are included in the third party’s expense statement, although they are not part of the above-mentioned total expense ratio in accordance with the provisions currently applicable to the Management Company.

Deviations in the expense statement may arise not only with regard to the cost information prior to the conclusion of the contract, but also in the event of any regular cost information by a third party regarding the existing fund investment as part of a permanent business relationship with its client.

### 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 sub-funds. It 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 creditworthiness of the broker or trader and the execution capacities provided. The prerequisite for the selection of a broker is that the Management Company shall always ensure that the transactions are executed while taking into account the appropriate market at the appropriate time for transactions of the appropriate type and size at the best possible conditions.

The Management Company may enter into agreements with selected brokers, traders and other analysis providers in the context of which market information and analysis services (research) are acquired from the respective provider. The services are used by the Management Company for the purpose of managing the sub-fund. When availing of these services, the Management Company shall comply with all applicable regulatory provisions and industry standards. In particular, the Management Company shall not accept any services if these agreements do not support the Management Company in its investment decision process according to reasonably prudent discretion.

### Regular savings plans or withdrawal plans

Regular savings plans or withdrawal plans are offered in certain countries where the fund is licensed for public distribution. Further information on this can be obtained at any time on request from the Management Company or the respective distributors in the countries of distribution of the respective fund.

### Compensation policy

The Management Company as a subsidiary of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA (“DWS KGaA”) is included in the compensation strategy of the DWS Group (DWS KGaA and its subsidiaries). All matters related to compensation, as well as compliance with regulatory requirements, are monitored by the relevant governing bodies of the DWS Group. The DWS Group pursues a total compensation approach that comprises fixed and variable compensation components and contains portions of deferred compensation, which are linked both to individual future performance and the sustainable corporate development. Under the compensation strategy, employees at the first and second management level in particular receive a portion of the variable compensation in the form of deferred compensation elements, which are largely linked to the long-term performance of the DWS share price or of the investment products.

In addition, the compensation policy applies the following guidelines:

- The compensation policy is consistent with and conducive to sound and effective risk management and does not encourage the assumption of excessive risk.
- The compensation policy is consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the DWS Group (including the Management Company, the investment funds it manages and the investors of these investment funds) and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.
- The performance of portfolio managers is generally evaluated on a multi-year basis.
- The fixed and variable components of the total compensation are proportionate to each other, with the share of the fixed component in the total compensation being high enough to provide complete flexibility with regard to the variable compensation components, including the possibility of waiving payment of a variable component.

Further details on the current compensation policy are published on the Internet at <https://download.dws.com/download?elib-assetguid=771cee13e91c4d559695c82a7a106c83>. This includes the description of the compensation system for employees, including the principles related to granting the variable compensation, the consideration of sustainability and sustainability risks, and the description of the Compensation Committee established below the Management Board. The Management Company shall provide this information free of charge in paper

form upon request. Moreover, the Management Company provides additional information on employee compensation in the annual report.

## Liquidation of the fund / Amendment of the Management Regulations

The Management Company may liquidate the fund and individual sub-funds or amend the Management Regulations at any time. Details are set out in the Management Regulations.

## Taxes

In accordance with articles 174–176 of the Law of 2010, the assets of the fund are subject to a tax in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the “taxe d’abonnement”) of 0.05% p.a. or 0.01% p.a. at present, payable quarterly on the fund’s net assets reported at the end of each quarter.

The rate is 0.01% p.a. with regard to:

- sub-funds whose sole purpose is to invest in money market instruments and time deposits with credit institutions;
- sub-funds whose sole purpose is to invest in time deposits with credit institutions;
- individual (sub-)funds and individual unit classes, provided that the investment in these (sub-)funds or unit classes is reserved for one or more institutional investors.

In accordance with article 175 of the Law of 2010, the assets of a sub-fund or unit class may also be fully exempted from the taxe d’abonnement under certain conditions.

The applicable tax rate for the respective sub-fund is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

The income of the fund may be subject to withholding tax in countries in which the fund’s assets are invested. In such cases, neither the custodian nor the Management Company is obliged to obtain tax certificates.

The tax treatment of fund income for investors depends on the tax regulations applicable to the investor in each individual case. A tax advisor should be consulted for information on the individual tax burden on investors (in particular non-resident taxpayers).

## Selling restrictions

The units of this fund 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. Unless the Management Company, or a third party authorized by it, has obtained and can show permission to do so from the local regulatory authorities, this Prospectus does not constitute a solicitation to purchase investment fund units, nor may the Prospectus be used for the purpose of soliciting the purchase of investment fund units.

The information contained herein and the units of the fund 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 and 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). Accordingly, units will not be offered or sold in the United States or to or for the account of U.S. persons. Subsequent transfers of units in or into the United States or to U.S. persons are prohibited.

This Prospectus may not be distributed in the United States of America. The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of the units may also be restricted in other jurisdictions.

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 fund’s assets to the Management Company without delay.

This Prospectus may be used for sales purposes only by persons who have express written authorization from the Management Company (granted directly or indirectly via authorized distributors) to do so. Declarations or representations by third parties that are not contained in this Sales Prospectus or in the documentation have not been authorized by the Management Company.

These documents are available to the public at the registered office of the Management Company.

## Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act – “FATCA”

The provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (generally known as “FATCA”) are part of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the “HIRE Act”), which came into force in the United States in March 2010. These provisions of U.S. law serve to combat tax evasion by U.S. citizens. Accordingly, financial institutions outside of the United States (“foreign financial institutions” or “FFIs”) are obliged to make annual disclosures to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) on financial accounts held directly or indirectly by “specified” U.S. persons. In general, for FFIs that do not meet this reporting obligation, known as Non-Participating Foreign Financial Institutions (NPFIs), a penalty tax of 30% is applied to certain income from U.S. sources.

In principle, non-U.S. funds such as this fund have FFI status and must conclude an FFI agreement with the IRS if they are not classified as “FATCA-compliant” or, provided an applicable Model 1 intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) is in effect, do not meet the requirements of the IGA applicable to their home country either as a “reporting financial institution” or as a “non-reporting financial institution.” IGAs are agreements between the United States of America and other

countries regarding the implementation of FATCA requirements. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg signed a Model 1 agreement with the United States and a related Memorandum of Understanding on March 28, 2014. This IGA was transposed into national law in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by the law of July 24, 2015 (the “FATCA Law”).

The Management Company heeds all requirements resulting from FATCA and, in particular, those resulting from the Luxembourg IGA as well as from the national implementation act. It may, among other things, become necessary in this context for the Management Company to require new investors to submit the necessary documents to prove their tax residency in order to make it possible to determine on that basis whether they must be classified as specified U.S. persons.

Investors and intermediaries acting on behalf of investors should take note that, according to the applicable principles of this fund, units cannot be offered or sold for the account of U.S. persons and that subsequent transfers of units to U.S. persons are prohibited. If units are held by a U.S. person as the beneficial owner, the Management Company may, at its discretion, enforce a compulsory redemption of the units in question.

## Common Reporting Standard (CRS)

In order to facilitate a comprehensive and multi-lateral automatic exchange of information at global level, the OECD was mandated by the G8/G20 countries to develop a global reporting standard. This reporting standard has been included in the amended Directive on administrative cooperation (“DAC 2”) of December 9, 2014. EU member states were required to transpose DAC 2 into national law by December 31, 2015; it was enacted in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by a law dated December 18, 2015 (the “CRS Law”).

Under the Common Reporting Standard, certain financial institutions under Luxembourg law are obliged to carry out an identification of their account holders and to determine where the account holders are tax residents (under this same law, investment funds such as this one are generally regarded as financial institutions under Luxembourg law). For this purpose, a financial institution under Luxembourg law deemed to be a Reporting Financial Institution must obtain self-disclosure in order to determine the status within the meaning of the CRS and/or the tax residence of its account holders when opening an account.

Luxembourg’s Reporting Financial Institutions have been obliged since 2017 to provide the Luxembourg tax administration (Administration des contributions directes) with information on holders of financial accounts on an annual basis, for the first time regarding the fiscal year 2016. This notification is made annually by June 30 and, in certain cases, also includes the controlling persons resident for tax purposes in a state subject to the reporting requirement (to be

established by a Grand-Ducal Regulation). The Luxembourg tax authorities automatically exchange this information with the competent foreign tax authorities annually.

### **Data protection in connection with the CRS**

In accordance with the CRS Law and Luxembourg's data protection regulations, each natural person concerned (i.e., potentially subject to reporting) must, before their personal data are processed, be informed by the Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution of the processing of the data.

If the fund is to be classified as a Reporting Financial Institution, it shall notify those natural persons who are subject to reporting as defined in the above explanations of such classification in accordance with Luxembourg data protection regulations.

The Reporting Financial Institution is responsible for the processing of personal data and is the body responsible for processing for the purposes of the CRS Law.

- The personal data are intended for processing in accordance with the CRS Law.
- The data can be reported to the Luxembourg tax authorities (Administration des contributions directes), which may forward them to the competent authority/authorities of one or more reporting countries.
- If a request for information is sent to the natural person concerned for the purposes of the CRS Law, they are obliged to respond. Failure to respond within the prescribed time limit may result in the account being reported (erroneously or twice) to the Luxembourg tax authorities.

Every natural person concerned has the right to access and have corrected, if necessary, the data submitted to the Luxembourg tax administration for the purposes of the CRS Law.

### **Language versions**

The German version of the Sales Prospectus is authoritative. The Management Company may, with regard to fund units sold to investors in such countries, declare translations into the languages of those countries where the units may be offered for sale to the public to be binding on itself and on the fund.

## 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 higher capital appreciation who accepts the associated increased risks. 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/)

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

## B. Sales Prospectus – Special Section

### DWS Euro Ultra Short Fixed Income Fund

<b>Investor profile</b>	Risk-averse
<b>Fund currency</b>	EUR
<b>Fund manager</b>	DWS Investment GmbH
<b>Performance benchmark</b>	–
<b>Reference portfolio (risk benchmark)</b>	– (absolute VaR)
<b>Leverage</b>	Maximum of twice the sub-fund's assets
<b>Valuation date</b>	Each bank business day in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main. A bank business day designates a day on which the banks are open for regular business in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main and settle payments.
<b>Order acceptance</b>	All orders are submitted on the basis of an unknown net asset value per unit. Orders received by the Management Company or the paying agent at or before <b>1:30 PM Luxembourg time</b> on a valuation date are processed on the basis of the net asset value per unit on that valuation date. Orders received after <b>1:30 PM Luxembourg time</b> are processed on the basis of the net asset value per unit on the next valuation date.
<b>Value date</b>	In the case of a purchase, the equivalent value is charged two bank business days after issue of the units. The equivalent value is credited two bank business days after redemption of the units.
<b>Maturity date</b>	No fixed maturity
<b>Issue of fractional units</b>	Up to three decimal places
<b>Maturity date</b>	Yes, for the exact scope of the guarantee, cf. the "Guarantee" section below this table
<b>Publication of the filing of the Management Regulations in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA)</b>	December 22, 2023
<b>Entry into force of the Management Regulations</b>	November 17, 2023

#### Overview of the unit classes

<b>Unit class currency</b>	NC, IC	EUR
<b>Initial issue price</b>	NC IC	DEM 101 (incl. initial sales charge) EUR 10,000
<b>Minimum investment</b>	NC IC	None 10,000,000.00
<b>Initial sales charge (payable by the investor)</b>	NC, IC	0%
<b>Redemption fee (payable by the investor)</b>	NC, IC	0%
<b>All-in fee p.a. (payable by the fund)*</b>	NC, IC	Up to 0.1% p.a.
<b>Taxe d'abonnement (payable by the fund)</b>	NC IC	0.05% 0.01%
<b>Inception date</b>	NC IC	May 12, 1997 August 13, 2019

\* The sub-fund may also be charged with the expenses mentioned in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

## Investment objective and investment policy

This sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and discloses information in accordance with article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

The objective of the investment policy of the sub-fund DWS Euro Ultra Short Fixed Income Fund is to generate the greatest possible appreciation of capital in the short term while taking into account the opportunities and risks of the international capital markets.

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

At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in bonds, convertible bonds, fixed rate or floating rate bonds that are traded on stock exchanges or in 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), the G20, the EU or Singapore, all of which are denominated in or hedged against the euro, as well as in investment funds (including money market funds), deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments. Money market instruments such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit and time deposits, as defined in article 41 (1) a–d and h of the Law of 2010, therefore do not have to be admitted for trading on a stock exchange or included in a regulated market.

Up to a maximum of 30% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in securities that do not satisfy the requirements of the preceding paragraphs.

The investment policy is implemented in particular by managing credit risks of various issuers of government, bank and corporate bonds. The resulting risk premiums are dependent on economic fluctuations and on the situation specific to the respective issuer and provide corresponding opportunities to increase returns. The portfolio management continuously examines these risk premiums and compiles the portfolio based on the market situation and on their assessment of opportunity vs. risk. Interest rate risks are also taken into account in the investment policy, although the investment focus is on managing credit risks. The sub-fund can therefore be invested in assets with shorter or longer residual terms to maturity, depending on the market situation.

At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets that have a residual term to maturity that exceeds 24 months.

Up to 5% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in asset-backed securities (ABS). The asset-backed securities are based on receivables from leasing, credit card or car financing transactions, SME (Small & Medium Enterprise) financing or mortgage loans. 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. If there is no official rating, an internal rating in line with the DWS internal guidelines shall be applied.

The sub-fund may invest no more than 10% of its assets in units of other undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities or other collective investment undertakings.

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. However, this rating must be at least B3/B-. The baseline is the lowest rating assigned by the three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch).

If another asset held in the portfolio is downgraded to a rating lower than B3/B- by at least one rating agency, it shall be sold within six months. The baseline is the lowest rating assigned by the three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch).

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% of its net assets in ancillary liquid assets. Under particularly unfavorable market conditions, this upper limit of 20% may be temporarily exceeded if and to the extent that this appears to be justified with regard to the interests of unitholders.

At least 51% of the sub-fund's net assets are invested in assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

**More information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund, as well as the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors considered, is annexed to this Sales Prospectus.**

The sub-fund may 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 section of the Sales Prospectus.

In compliance with the investment limits specified in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the investment policy shall also be implemented through the use of suitable derivative financial instruments. These include, among others, options, forwards, futures contracts, futures, futures on financial instruments and options on such contracts, as well as privately negotiated OTC contracts on any type of financial instrument, including total return swaps and credit default swaps.

Credit derivatives may only be acquired for hedging purposes.

Securities lending and borrowing may be entered into in line with the investment policy.

In addition, the sub-fund's assets may be invested in all other permissible assets.

During the reasonable duration of a restructuring of the fixed rate instruments held by the sub-fund, the fund manager may also invest up to 10% of the sub-fund's assets in listed or unlisted equities. Furthermore, the fund manager may also participate in capital increases or other capital changes (e.g., for convertible or warrant-linked bonds) that take place as part of a restructuring or subsequent to a restructuring.

The respective risks associated with the investment assets are presented in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

This sub-fund does not comply with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2017/1131 on money market funds and is therefore not to be classified as a money market fund.

## Additional information

If total return swaps are used to implement the investment strategy described above, the following must be taken into account:

The proportion of the sub-fund's net assets that may be the subject of total return swaps (expressed as the sum of the nominal values of the total return swaps divided by the net asset value of the sub-fund) is expected to reach up to 10%. However, depending on market conditions, the objectives of efficient portfolio management and investors' interests, this share may rise to as much as 20%. The calculation is carried out in accordance with the CESR/10-788 guidelines. However, the expected leverage indicated is not to be considered as an additional risk limit for the sub-fund.

Additional information on total return swaps can be found under "Efficient portfolio management techniques" and elsewhere in the general section of the Sales Prospectus. The selection of counterparties for total return swaps is based on the principles described in the "Counterparty selection" section of the general section. Further information on counterparties is disclosed in the annual report. With regard to specific risk considerations arising from the use of total return swaps, investors are referred to the "General risk warnings" section and, in particular, to the "Risks associated with derivative transactions" section in the Sales Prospectus.

## Consideration of sustainability risks

The sub-fund management considers sustainability risks when making investment decisions, as described in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, in the section entitled "Consideration of sustainability risks and the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors".

### Specific risk warning

The sub-fund invests in various asset-backed securities (ABS). These securities may be exposed to strong market fluctuations. In addition, these securities are extremely illiquid in times of market uncertainty and may be unsaleable under certain circumstances. It is therefore possible that there may be a total loss or a significant reduction in value of these securities. Despite the diversification within the sub-fund, the possibility that several securities in which the sub-fund invests will be adversely affected at the same time cannot be ruled out. Strong price fluctuations for the sub-fund, as well as high losses in value therefore cannot be ruled out.

With respect to the potential illiquidity and the still restricted capacity of the ABS market, the Management Company specifically points out that there is a possibility that the calculation of the NAV may be suspended and also that the redemption of units may be suspended. The calculation of the issue and redemption price, as well as the issue and redemption of units, may be suspended by the Management Company if and for as long as the immediate sale of sub-fund assets to gain the necessary liquidity for large-scale redemptions is not in the interests of the investors. In such cases, the Management Company is only authorized to redeem units at the applicable redemption price if corresponding positions of the sub-fund's assets were sold and the interests of all investors are safeguarded.

### Guarantee

Following expiration of the guarantee on December 30, 2008, DWS Investment S.A. defined a new guarantee for the following reference date: Unlike the half-year frequency (June 30/December 30) that applied up to then, the new guarantee was not renewed on the reference date of June 30, but on the reference date of December 30, 2009, instead. The value of the new net asset value guarantee based on the reference date was determined on December 30, 2008, and subsequently published.

Since the guarantee reference date of December 30, 2009, the intention is to define a new guarantee on an annual basis.

The respective annual net asset values per unit, which serve as a basis for defining the guaranteed value, shall be determined on December 30 of each year on which banks are open in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main. If the reference date is not a date on which banks in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main are open, the closest-possible previous date on which banks are open in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main will be used.

If changes in taxes during the guarantee period have a detrimental effect on the sub-fund's performance, the guarantee will be reduced by the amount of this difference per unit, including lost market-based and time-based reinvestments.

Investors should be aware that the guaranteed value refers exclusively to the defined guarantee date. Depending on the concept, the net asset value per unit may therefore remain below the respective defined guarantee value up to the defined guarantee date.

There is no obligation on DWS Investment S.A. to define another guarantee once a guarantee has expired.

If DWS Investment S.A. defines a new guarantee, this does not have to match the amount of the net asset value per unit determined on a reference date. The exact amount of the guaranteed value and the respective applicable guarantee date may be requested from the Management Company and the paying agents; they are also published in the annual and semiannual reports. Changes to the guarantee (e.g., a change to the adjustment frequency or a decision to refrain from defining a new guarantee in the future) shall additionally be communicated by the Management Company in appropriate media and the Sales Prospectus shall be adjusted accordingly.

### Risk management

For the sub-fund's assets, the absolute value-at-risk (VaR) approach is used as the method for market risk limitation.

The leverage effect is not expected to exceed twice the value of the sub-fund's assets. However, the expected leverage indicated is not to be considered as an additional risk limit for the sub-fund.

### Investment in units of target funds

In addition to the information provided in the general section of the Sales Prospectus, the following applies to this sub-fund:

For investment in affiliated target funds, the portion of 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 fund, if necessary up to the full amount (difference method).

### Stock exchanges and markets

The Management Company may have the units of the sub-funds admitted for listing on a stock exchange or traded in organized 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 preparation of this Sales Prospectus, the units of the following sub-funds are being traded or are listed on the following stock exchanges and markets:

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

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

The market price underlying stock exchange trading or trading in other markets is not determined exclusively by the value of the assets held in the sub-fund. Supply and demand are also contributing factors. The market price may therefore deviate from the calculated net asset value per unit. Such organized market also meets the criteria of article 50 of the UCITS Directive.

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 Euro Ultra Short Fixed Income Fund  
**Legal entity identifier:** 549300MKL56PER7UJQ26  
**ISIN:** LU0080237943

**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"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<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 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 __% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input checked="" 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 the political-civil freedom of a country through the avoidance of (1) issuers exposed to excessive climate and transition risks, (2) companies with the worst DWS Norm Assessment (i.e. as regards compliance with international standards of corporate governance, human rights and labour rights, customer and environmental safety and business ethics), (3) countries flagged as "not free" by Freedom House, (4) companies whose involvement in controversial sectors exceeds a predefined revenue threshold, and/or (5) companies involved in controversial weapons.

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 an in-house DWS 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 approaches 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 a company’s exposure to norm-related issues towards international standards.
- **Freedom House Status** is used as indicator for the political-civil freedom of a country.
- **Exposure to controversial sectors** is used as indicator for a company’s involvement in controversial sectors.
- **DWS exclusions for controversial weapons** is used as indicator for a company’s involvement in controversial weapons.
- **DWS-Methodology for determining sustainable investments pursuant to Article 2(17) SFDR (DWS Sustainability Investment Assessment)** is used as indicator to measure the proportion of sustainable investments.

*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, the sub-fund 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:

- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons) (no. 14).

The aforementioned principal adverse impacts are considered at product level by applying the DWS ESG assessment methodology or exclusions to the assets of the sub-fund that meet the promoted environmental and social characteristics 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 also 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 on sustainability factors 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 follows a bond strategy as the principal investment strategy. At least 70% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in bonds, convertible bonds, fixed or floating rate bonds that are denominated in euro or hedged against the euro, investment funds (including money market funds), deposits with credit institutions and money market instruments. At least 25% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in assets with a residual maturity that exceeds 24 months. Up to 5% of the sub-fund's assets may be invested in asset-backed securities. Please refer to the special section of the sales prospectus for more information on the principal investment strategy. The sub-fund's assets are primarily invested in assets that fulfill the defined standards for the promoted environmental or social characteristics, as set out in the following sections. The strategy of the sub-fund in relation to the promoted environmental and social characteristics is an integral part of the DWS ESG assessment methodology and is continuously monitored through the investment guidelines of the sub-fund.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

### **DWS ESG assessment methodology**

The sub-fund aims to achieve the promoted environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential assets via an in-house DWS ESG assessment methodology, regardless of their economic prospects for success and by applying exclusion criteria based on this assessment. The DWS ESG assessment methodology is based on the DWS ESG database, which uses data from several ESG data providers, public sources and/or internal assessments to arrive at derived overall scores. Internal assessments take into account factors such as an issuer's future expected ESG developments, plausibility of data with regard to past or future events, the willingness to engage in dialogue on ESG matters and ESG-related decisions of a company.

The DWS ESG database derives coded scores within different assessment approaches as further detailed below. Individual assessment approaches are based on a letter scale from "A" to "F". Each issuer receives one of six possible scores, with "A" representing the highest score and "F" representing the lowest score on the scale. Within other assessment approaches, the DWS ESG database provides separate assessments, including, for example, related to revenues earned from controversial sectors or the degree of involvement in controversial weapons. If an issuer's score in one assessment approach is deemed insufficient, the sub-fund is prohibited from investing in that issuer or that asset, even if this issuer or this asset would in general be eligible according to the other assessment approaches.

The DWS ESG database uses, among others, the following assessment approaches to evaluate whether issuers/assets comply with the promoted environmental and social characteristics and whether companies in which investments are made apply good governance practices:

#### **• DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment**

The DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment evaluates issuers in the context of climate change and environmental changes, for example with 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 these risks, receive better scores. Issuers with an excessive climate and transition 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 companies, for example, within the framework of the principles of the UN Global Compact, the standards of the International Labour Organization, and behaviour within generally accepted international standards and principles. The DWS Norm Assessment examines, for example, human rights violations, violations of workers' rights, child or forced labour, adverse environmental impacts and business ethics. The assessment considers violations of the aforementioned international standards. These are assessed using data from ESG data providers and/or other available information, such as the expected future developments of these violations as well as the willingness of the company to begin a dialogue on related business decisions. Companies with the worst DWS Norm Assessment score (i.e., a letter score of "F") are excluded as an investment.

#### **• Freedom House status**

Freedom House is an international non-governmental organization that classifies countries by their degree of political freedom and civil liberties. Based on the Freedom House status, countries that are labelled as "not free" by Freedom House are excluded.

#### **• DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment**

In a departure from the above, bonds that conform to the DWS' Use-of-proceeds bond assessment are eligible for investment even if the issuer of the bond does not fully comply with the ESG

assessment methodology.

The financing of use-of-proceeds bonds is examined in a two-stage procedure.

In the first stage, DWS checks whether a bond meets the requirements for a use-of-proceeds bond. A fundamental element of this is checking 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 the proceeds, the selection of the projects financed with these proceeds, the management of the use of the proceeds and the annual reports to the investors about the use of the proceeds.

If a bond complies with these principles, the second stage assesses the ESG quality of the issuer of this bond with respect to defined minimum standards in relation to ecological, social and corporate governance practices. This assessment is based on the ESG assessment methodology described above and excludes

- Corporate issuers with poor ESG quality in comparison to their peer group (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- Sovereign issuers with high or excessive controversies regarding sovereign governance (i.e., a letter score of “E” or “F”),
- Issuers with the highest severity of norm issues (i.e., a letter score of “F”), or
- Issuers with an 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 the corporate governance practices also by means of an investment in target funds, the latter must meet the DWS standards on Climate and Transition Risk and Norm Assessment as outlined above.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund, which is why they are not taken into account in the calculation of the minimum proportion of assets that fulfill these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may be acquired for the sub-fund if, and only if, the issuers of the underlyings fulfill the ESG assessment methodology.

The ESG assessment methodology is not used for liquid assets.

#### • **DWS exclusions for controversial weapons**

Companies are excluded if they are identified as manufacturers or manufacturers of key components of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons, depleted uranium weapons or uranium munitions. In addition, the shareholdings within a group structure can also be taken into consideration for the exclusions.

#### • **DWS Use of Proceeds Bond Assessment**

Deviating from the assessment approaches described above, an investment in bonds of excluded issuers is nevertheless permitted if the particular requirements for use-of-proceeds bonds are met. In this case, the bond is first checked for compliance with the ICMA Principles for green bonds, social bonds or sustainability bonds. In addition, a defined minimum of ESG criteria is checked in relation to the issuer of the bond, and issuers and their bonds that do not meet these criteria are excluded.

Issuers are excluded based on the following criteria:

- Sovereign issuers labelled as “not free” by Freedom House;
- Companies with the worst DWS Norm Assessment score (i.e., a letter score of “F”);
- Companies with involvement in controversial weapons; or
- Companies with identified coal expansion plans.

#### • **DWS Target Fund Assessment**

The DWS ESG database assesses target funds in accordance with the DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment, DWS Norm Assessment, the Freedom House status and with respect to investments in companies that are considered to be manufacturers or manufacturers of key components of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons (the shareholdings within a group structure are taken into consideration accordingly). The assessment methods for target funds are based on examining the entire target fund portfolio, taking into account the investments within the target fund portfolio. Depending on the respective assessment approach, exclusion criteria (such as tolerance thresholds) that result in exclusion of the target fund are defined. Accordingly, assets may be invested within the portfolios of the target funds that are not compliant with the DWS standards for issuers.

#### • **Non-ESG assessed asset classes**

Not every asset of the sub-fund is assessed by the DWS ESG assessment methodology. This applies in particular to the following asset classes:

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund and are therefore not taken into account for the calculation of the minimum proportion of assets that comply with these characteristics. However, derivatives on individual issuers may only be acquired for the sub-fund if the issuers of the underlyings comply with the DWS ESG assessment methodology.

Deposits with credit institutions are not evaluated via the DWS ESG assessment methodology.

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 assessment of 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.



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).

Up to 49% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in all permissible assets for which either the DWS ESG assessment methodology is not applied or for which ESG data coverage is incomplete (#2 Other). Within this share, all investments can be invested in assets for which there is no complete data coverage with respect to the above described ESG assessment approaches and exclusions. Incomplete data will not be tolerated in the assessment of good governance practices (by means of the DWS Norm Assessment).

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 **#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 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 promoted 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.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy<sup>1</sup> related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy?

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

No

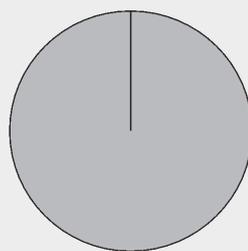
The sub-fund does not take into account the taxonomy-conformity of investments in the fossil gas and/or nuclear energy sectors. Nevertheless, it may occur that as part of the investment strategy the sub-fund also invests in issuers that are also active in these areas. Further information on such investments, where relevant, will be disclosed in the annual report.

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.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

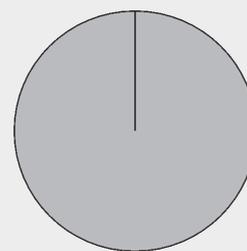
**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial 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\*



<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned (no fossil gas and nuclear)	0.00%
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non Taxonomy-aligned	100.00%

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned (no fossil gas and nuclear)	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxonomy-aligned	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Taxonomy-aligned	100.00%

This graph represents 100% of the total 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 or 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 promote a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The sub-fund does not promote a minimum share of socially sustainable investments



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, this sub-fund may invest up to 49% of the sub-fund’s net assets into investments for which either the DWS ESG assessment methodology is not applied or for which ESG data coverage is incomplete (#2 Other). Within this share, all investments can be invested in assets for which there is no complete data coverage with respect to the above described ESG assessment approaches and exclusions. Incomplete data will not be tolerated in the assessment of good governance practices (by means of the DWS Norm Assessment).

These other investments can include all asset classes as foreseen in the specific investment policy, including deposits with credit institutions and derivatives.

Other investments can be used by the portfolio management for performance, diversification, liquidity and hedging purposes.

Minimum environmental or social safeguards are not or only partially considered for this sub-fund within the other 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/LU0080237943/> as well as on your local country website [www.dws.com/fundinformation](http://www.dws.com/fundinformation).

## C. Management Regulations

The contractual rights and obligations of the Management Company, the custodian and the investors with regard to the fund shall be determined in accordance with the following Management Regulations.

### Article 1 The fund

1. DWS Portfolio (the “fund”) is a legally dependent investment fund (“fonds commun de placement”) consisting of securities and other assets (“fund assets”) that is managed for the joint account of the holders of units (“unitholders”) in compliance with the principle of risk diversification. The investors are owners of the fund’s assets in proportion to the number of units they hold. The assets constituting the fund’s assets are generally held in safe custody by the custodian.

2. The mutual contractual rights and obligations of the investors, the Management Company and the custodian are governed by these Management Regulations, the current version of which, together with any amendments thereto, is filed with the Trade and Companies Register in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the notice of deposit is published in the Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations (RESA) of the Trade and Companies Register. By purchasing a unit, the investor accepts the Management Regulations and all approved changes to them.

3. The fund is a umbrella fund within the meaning of article 181 of the Law of 2010. The investor may be offered one or more sub-funds at the discretion of the Management Company. The aggregate of the sub-funds produces the umbrella fund. Each investor participates in the fund via the sub-fund.

4. With respect to the legal relationship between investors, each sub-fund is treated as a separate entity. In relation to third parties, the assets of a sub-fund are only liable for the liabilities and payment obligations relating to that sub-fund. The investment restrictions set out in the Management Regulations apply to each sub-fund separately, but the investment limits set out in the article 4 B. k), sentence 2, shall apply to the fund as a whole. Additional sub-funds may be established and/or one or more existing sub-funds may be liquidated or merged at any time. In this case, the sales documentation will be amended accordingly.

### Article 2 The Management Company

1. The Management Company of the fund is DWS Investment S.A., a public limited company under Luxembourg law, with its registered office in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It was founded on April 15, 1987. The Management Company is represented by its Management Board. The Management Board may entrust one or more of its members and/or employees of the Management Company with day-to-day management.

2. The Management Company manages the fund in its own name, but only in the interest and for the joint account of the investors. The management authority extends in particular to the purchase, sale, subscription, exchange and acceptance of securities and other assets as well as to the exercise of all rights directly or indirectly connected with the fund assets.

3. The Management Company may appoint a fund manager under its own responsibility and control and at its own expense.

4. The Management Company may appoint investment advisors and an advisory investment committee under its own responsibility and at its own expense.

### Article 3 The custodian

1. The custodian is State Street Bank International GmbH, a limited liability company established under German law with its registered office in Munich, acting through State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch. State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is authorized by the CSSF to act as a custodian in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The custodian was appointed by the Management Company.

2. The rights and obligations of the custodian are governed by the Law of 2010, these Management Regulations and the custodial agreement.

3. Both the custodian and the Management Company may terminate the appointment of the custodian at any time by giving three months’ written notice. Such termination will be effective when the Management Company, with the authorization of the responsible supervisory authority, appoints another bank as custodian and that bank assumes the responsibilities and functions as custodian; until then the previous custodian shall continue to fulfill its responsibilities and functions as custodian to the fullest extent in order to protect the interests of the investors.

### Article 4 General investment policy guidelines

The investment objectives and investment policy of each sub-fund are described in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The following general investment principles and restrictions apply to the fund insofar as no deviations or additions to the fund are contained in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

#### A. Investments

a) The sub-fund can invest in securities and money market instruments that are listed on or traded in a regulated market.

b) The sub-fund can invest in securities and money market instruments that are traded in another market in a member state of the European Union that operates regularly and is recognized, regulated and open to the public.

c) The sub-fund can invest in securities and money market instruments that are admitted for trading on a stock exchange in a country that is not a member state of the European Union or traded in another regulated market in that state that operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public.

d) The sub-fund can invest in newly issued securities and money market instruments, provided that

- the terms of issue include the obligation to apply for admission for trading on a stock exchange or in 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.

e) Each sub-fund can invest in units of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as defined in the UCITS Directive and/or of other undertakings for collective investment (UCIs) as defined by article 1 (2), first and second indents, in the UCITS Directive, with a registered office in a member state of the European Union or in a non-member state, provided that

- such other collective investment undertakings were 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 unitholders of the other collective investment undertakings is equivalent to that provided for unitholders of an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities, and in particular that the rules on asset segregation, borrowing, lending, and short sales of securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the UCITS Directive;
- the business activity of the other collective investment undertakings is reported in annual and semiannual reports to enable an assessment to be made of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;
- no more than 10% of the assets of the undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities or of the other collective investment undertaking whose acquisition is being contemplated can, according to its terms of contract or its Articles of Incorporation, be invested in units of other undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities or other collective investment undertakings.

- f) The sub-fund can invest in deposits with credit institutions that are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and mature within twelve months or less, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a member state of the European Union or, if the credit institution has its registered office in a country that is not a member state of the European Union, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to those laid down in Community law.
- g) Each sub-fund can invest in derivative financial instruments ("derivatives"), including equivalent cash-settled instruments, that are traded in one of the markets referred to in (a), (b) and (c) and/or in derivative financial instruments that are not traded on a stock exchange ("OTC derivatives"), provided that
- the underlyings are instruments covered by this paragraph, or are financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies that fall within the scope of the 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 fund's initiative.
- h) The sub-fund can invest in money market instruments not traded in a regulated market that are usually traded in the money market, are liquid and have a value that can be accurately determined at any time, provided that the issuer or issuer of such instruments is itself subject to regulations for the protection of savings and investors, and provided that these instruments are
- issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or the central bank of a member state of the European Union, the European Central Bank, the European Union or the European Investment Bank, a country 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 a company whose securities are traded in the regulated markets specified in (a), (b) or (c) above; or
  - issued or guaranteed by an institution that is subject to supervision according to the criteria stipulated in Community law, or by an institution that is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down in Community law; or
- issued by other issuers belonging to a category 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 accounts in accordance with the Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC, or is an entity that, within a group of companies that includes one or several 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 respective 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 or its local authorities, by a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a G20 country or Singapore, or by public international institutions of which one or more member states of the European Union are members, provided that the 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 sub-fund's assets.**
- j) The sub-fund may not invest in precious metals or precious metal certificates; should the investment policy of a sub-fund make specific reference to this provision, this restriction shall not apply to 1:1 certificates whose underlying is one single commodity or precious metal and that meet the requirements for securities according to article 2 of Directive 2007/16/EC and 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 of 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 default risk exposure to a counterparty in OTC derivative transactions entered into in the context of efficient portfolio management may not exceed 10% of the fund's net assets if the counterparty is a credit institution as defined in A. (f) above. In other cases, the limit is a maximum of 5% of the fund's net assets.
- d) The total value of the securities and money market instruments of issuers in which the sub-fund respectively invests more than 5% of its net assets may not exceed 40% of the sub-fund's net assets.
- This limitation does not apply to deposits or OTC derivative transactions made with financial institutions 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 at any one institution in a combination of
- securities or money market instruments issued by this institution; and/or
  - deposits made with this institution; and/or
  - OTC derivatives acquired from this institution.
- e) The upper limit of 10% specified in B. (a) rises to 35% and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply if the securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by
- a member state of the European Union or its local authorities; or
  - a country 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 upper limit specified in B. (a) rises from 10% to 25% and the limit set in B. (d) does not apply (i) as of July 8, 2022, for covered bonds as defined by article 3, no. 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
- bonds issued prior to 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 prior to July 8, 2022, are invested in accordance 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 sub-fund's net assets.

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

The respective sub-fund can 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 accounting as defined in EU 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 investment limits specified in this article.

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

i) Unless otherwise provided for a particular sub-fund in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, the sub-fund may invest no more than 10% of its net sub-fund assets in units of other undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities and/or collective investment undertakings as defined in A. (e).

However, by way of derogation and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Chapter 9 of the Law of 2010, a sub-fund may, as a feeder, invest at least 85% of its assets in units of another UCITS (or its sub-funds) recognized in accordance with the UCITS Directive and which is itself neither a feeder nor holds units of another feeder. If the sub-fund acts as a feeder fund, this will be reflected in the Sales Prospectus and in the Key Information Document.

For investments in units of another undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities and/or other collective investment undertaking, the asset values of the undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities and/or other collective investment undertaking in question are not taken into account in relation to the upper limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

j) If admission to one of the markets specified in 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 toward the investment limit stated there.

k) The Management Company may not acquire, for any investment funds managed by it which fall within the scope of Part I of the Law of 2010 or the UCITS Directive, shares that carry voting rights enabling it to exercise significant influence over the management of the issuer.

The sub-fund may acquire a maximum of

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

The investment limits specified in the second, third and fourth indents may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue, 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 country that is not a member state of the European Union;
- securities and money market instruments issued by public international organizations 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 country that is not a member state of the European Union that invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuers having their registered offices in that country, where under the legislation of that country such a holding represents the only way in which the fund can invest in the securities of issuers of that country. This derogation, however, shall apply only if in its investment policy the company from the country 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), (l) and (k). Where these limits are exceeded, article 49 of the Law of 2010 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 units at the request of investors in the country where the subsidiaries are located, and do so exclusively on behalf of that investment company or those investment companies.

m) Notwithstanding the investment limits specified in B. (k) and (l), the maximum limits specified in B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) for investments in equities and/or debt securities of any one issuer are 20% when the objective of the investment policy is to replicate a specific index or a leveraged index. This requires 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 limit specified here is 35% where that proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions in particular in regulated markets where certain securities or money market instruments are highly dominant. An investment up to that limit shall be permitted for only one single issuer.

n) The fund's overall exposure relating to derivatives must not exceed the total net value of its portfolio. The risk is calculated taking into account the market value of the underlying assets, the default risk exposure of the counterparty, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions.

The sub-fund can, as part of its investment strategy and within the limits of B. (g), invest in derivatives, provided that the overall risk of the underlyings does not exceed the investment limits of B. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

If the sub-fund invests in index-based derivatives, these investments are not taken into consideration as regards 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 respective sub-fund may hold up to 20% of its net assets in ancillary liquid assets. These ancillary liquid assets are limited to demand deposits for covering current or extraordinary payments or for the period required for reinvestment in eligible assets, or for an essential period in the event of unfavorable market conditions. In the case of exceptionally unfavorable market conditions, more than 20% may be held temporarily in ancillary liquid assets if circumstances so require and where this appears justified with regard to the interests of the investors.

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 as defined by article 1 (34) and article 41 of the Law of 2010, article 2 of the Grand-Ducal

Regulation of February 8, 2008, and the CESR guidelines. SPACs are companies that procure capital by means of an IPO and are established for the sole purpose of acquiring an existing company and merging with this.

#### C. Exceptions to investment limits

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

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

A sub-fund (the "Investing Sub-Fund") may invest in one or several other sub-funds. Any acquisition by the Investing Sub-Fund of units of another sub-fund (the "Target Sub-Fund") is subject to the following conditions (and to all the other required conditions that have been specified in this Sales Prospectus):

- a) the Target Sub-Fund may not invest in the Investing Sub-Fund;
- b) the Target Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of its net assets in UCITS (including other sub-funds) or other UCIs;
- c) the voting rights associated with the units of the Target Sub-Fund are suspended for as long as the units involved are held by the Investing Sub-Fund;
- d) the value of the units of the Target Sub-Fund held by the Investing Sub-Fund is not considered in the verification of the statutory minimum capital requirement of EUR 1,250,000.00.

#### E. Loans

Loans may not be taken out by either the Management Company or the custodian for the account of the respective sub-fund. However, the fund may acquire foreign currencies by means of a "back-to-back" loan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the fund may borrow up to 10% of the respective sub-fund's assets, provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis.

For the account of the fund, neither the Management Company nor the custodian may grant loans or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties.

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

#### F. Short sales

Neither management companies nor custodians that operate on behalf of investment funds may engage in short sales of securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments referred to in A. (e), (g) and (h).

#### G. Encumbrance

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

### Article 5 Unit classes

The investor may be offered one or more unit classes at the discretion of the Management Company.

1. All unit classes of the sub-fund shall be invested together in accordance with the investment objectives of the respective sub-fund, but they may differ from each other, in particular with regard to their fee structure, the minimum investment requirements for initial and subsequent subscriptions, the currency, the distribution policy, the conditions to be met by investors or other specific characteristics.

2. The Management Company reserves the right to offer only one unit class or only certain unit classes for sale to investors in certain jurisdictions so as to comply with the applicable laws, customs or business practices there. Furthermore, the Management Company reserves the right to adopt principles that apply to certain investor categories or transactions in respect of the acquisition of certain unit classes.

3. The existing unit classes are enumerated individually in the special section of the Sales Prospectus, as well as in the annual and semi-annual reports. The configuration characteristics of the unit classes (e.g., type of investor, distribution policy, initial sales charge, currency of the units, all-in fee, minimum investment or a combination of these features) are described in detail in the general section of the Sales Prospectus and in the annual and semiannual reports.

### Article 6 Calculation of the net asset value per unit

1. The currency of the fund is the euro. The value of a unit shall be expressed in the currency specified for the fund ("sub-fund currency"), unless a currency other than the sub-fund currency is indicated in the Sales Prospectus for any of the unit classes ("unit class currency"). It is calculated for the respective sub-fund on each bank business day in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Frankfurt/Main ("valuation date"), unless otherwise specified in the Sales Prospectus.

The calculation is made by dividing the net sub-fund assets by the number of units of fund in circulation on the valuation date. If unit classes are offered in the sub-fund, the net asset value per unit will be calculated individually for each unit class issued of the sub-fund. The net assets of the sub-fund are calculated according to the following principles:

- a) Securities and money market instruments listed on a stock exchange are valued at the most recent available price paid.
- b) Securities and money market instruments not listed on a stock exchange but traded on another regulated securities 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 to be a market price.
- c) In the event that such prices are not in line with market conditions, or for securities and money market instruments other than those covered in (a) and (b) above for which there are no fixed prices, these securities and money market instruments, as well as all other assets, will be measured at the current market value as determined in good faith by the Management Company, following generally accepted valuation principles verifiable by auditors.
- d) 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 Management Company and the custodian 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 currency other than that of the sub-fund are translated into the currency of the sub-fund at the last mid-market exchange rate.
- g) The prices of the derivatives employed by the sub-fund will be set in the usual manner, which shall be verifiable by the auditor and subject to systematic examination. The criteria that have been specified for pricing the derivatives shall remain in effect for the term of each individual derivative.
- h) Credit default swaps are valued according to standard market practice at the present value of future cash flows, whereby the cash flows are adjusted to take into account the risk of default. Interest rate swaps are valued at their market value, which is determined based on the yield curve for each swap. Other swaps are valued at an appropriate market value, determined in good faith in accordance with recognized valuation methods that have been specified by the Management Company and approved by the fund's auditor.

- i) The target fund units contained in the sub-fund are valued at the most recent available redemption price that has been determined.
2. An income adjustment account is maintained for the sub-fund.
3. Within its corporate governance, the Management Company has defined appropriate guidelines and procedures to ensure the integrity of the valuation process and to calculate the appropriate value of the assets under management.

The valuation of assets is regulated by the management body of the Management Company, which has established valuation committees that assume responsibility for the valuation. This includes defining, approving and regularly reviewing the valuation methods, overseeing and monitoring the valuation process and fielding questions relating to valuation. In a specific case where a valuation committee is unable to reach a decision, the question can be forwarded to the Management Board of the Management Company for final decision. The functions participating in the valuation process are hierarchically and functionally independent of the portfolio management function.

The results of the valuation are continuously monitored and checked for consistency by the responsible internal teams and the participating service providers during the pricing process and when the net asset value is being calculated.

### Article 7 Suspension of the calculation of the net asset value per unit

The Management Company has the right to suspend the calculation of the net asset value per unit if and while circumstances exist that make this suspension necessary and if the suspension is justified when taking into consideration the interests of the unitholders, in particular:

- while a stock exchange or other regulated market on which a substantial portion of the securities or money market instruments of the fund are traded is closed (excluding normal weekends and holidays) or when trading on that stock exchange or the corresponding regulated market has been suspended or restricted;
- in an emergency, if the Management Company is unable to access its fund investments or cannot freely transfer the equivalent value of its purchases or sales of investments or calculate the net asset value per unit in an orderly manner.

Investors who have applied for redemption of units will be informed promptly of the suspension and will then be notified immediately once the calculation of the net asset value per unit is resumed. Investors will be paid the redemption price valid at that time after the resumption.

Any suspension of the calculation of the net asset value per unit will be published **on the Management Company's website** and in accordance with the regulations of the country of distribution.

### Article 8 Issue and redemption of fund units

1. All fund units have the same rights. If the Management Company decides to issue unit classes, all units within a unit class shall have the same rights. The fund units are securitized in global certificates. Investors are not entitled to receive delivery of definitive securities.

2. The issue and redemption of units are performed by the Management Company and all paying agents.

3. The Management Company may redeem units unilaterally against payment of the redemption price, insofar as this appears necessary in the interests of all investors or to protect the Management Company or the fund.

4. Units are issued on each valuation date at the issue price. The issue price is the unit value plus, where applicable, an initial sales charge of up to 1% in favor of the Management Company. The amount of the initial sales charge for each sub-fund is specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. The exact amount is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The Management Company may pass on the initial sales charge to intermediaries as remuneration for sales services. The issue price may be increased by fees or other charges incurred in the respective countries of distribution. Fractional units can be issued. If fractional units are issued, the Sales Prospectus will specify the exact number of places after the decimal point to which the fractions are rounded. Fractional units entitle the holder to participate in any distributions on a pro-rata basis.

5. Investors are entitled at any time to request the redemption of their units. The redemption price is the unit value less a redemption fee of up to 2.5% in favor of the Management Company. The amount of the redemption fee for each sub-fund is specified in the respective special section of the Sales Prospectus. The exact amount is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The redemption price may also be decreased by fees or other charges incurred in the respective countries of distribution.

### Article 9 Restrictions on the issue of units

1. The Management Company may at any time and at its discretion reject a subscription application or temporarily limit, suspend or permanently discontinue the issue of units, or may redeem units at the redemption price if such action should appear necessary in consideration of the interests of the investors or the public, or to protect the fund or the investors.

In this case, the Management Company or the paying agent will promptly refund payments on subscription applications that have not yet been executed.

2. The suspension of the issue of units will be published **on the Management Company's website** and in accordance with the regulations of the country of distribution.

### Article 10 Restrictions on the redemption of units

1. The Management Company is entitled to suspend the redemption of units if exceptional circumstances so require and the suspension is justified in the interest of the unitholders.

2. The Management Company has the right to carry out substantial redemptions only once the corresponding assets of the sub-fund have been sold as detailed in the general section of the Sales Prospectus.

3. The Management Company or the paying agent 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 Management Company or the paying agent.

4. The suspension of the redemption of units will be published **on the Management Company's website** and in accordance with the regulations of the country of distribution.

### Article 11 Fiscal year and audit of financial statements

The fiscal year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

The fund's annual financial statements shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Management Company.

### Article 12 Costs and services received

The respective sub-fund pays to the Management Company an all-in fee of up to 0.25% p.a. on the net assets of the fund based on the net asset value calculated on the valuation date. The amount of the all-in fee is specified in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The all-in fee is usually withdrawn from the sub-fund at the end of the month. This all-in fee shall in particular serve as compensation for investment management, fund management, the distribution of the fund (if applicable) and the services of the custodian.

In addition to the all-in fee, the following expenses may be charged to the sub-fund:

- all of the taxes charged to the assets of the fund and to the fund itself (especially the tax d'abonnement), as well as any taxes that may arise in connection with administrative and custodial costs;
- any costs that may arise in connection with the acquisition and disposal of assets;
- extraordinary costs (e.g., court costs) incurred to protect the interests of the investors of the fund; the decision to cover these costs is made individually by the Management Company and must be reported separately in the annual report;
- costs for providing information to the investors of the sub-fund by means of a durable medium, with the exception of the cost of information in the event 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.

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 custodian, 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.

The respective sub-fund pays 30% of the gross revenues generated from securities lending and borrowing 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 initiating, preparing and executing securities lending and borrowing.

For simple reverse repurchase agreement transactions, i.e., those which are not used to reinvest cash collateral received under securities lending and borrowing or a repurchase agreement transaction, the respective 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 agreement transactions, no other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions. In case other (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions 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 agreement transactions 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) is paid to DWS Investment GmbH for initiating, preparing and executing (reverse) repurchase agreement transactions.

### Investment in units of target funds

Investments in target funds can lead to double charging, as fees are charged both at the level of the fund and at the level of a target fund. In connection with the acquisition of target fund units, the following types of fees are borne directly or indirectly by the investors in the fund:

- the management fee / all-in fee of the target fund;
- the performance-based fee of the target fund;
- the initial sales charges and redemption fees of the target fund;
- reimbursements of expenses by the target fund;
- other costs.

The annual and semiannual reports will contain a disclosure of the initial sales charges and redemption fees that have been charged to the fund during the reporting period for the acquisition and redemption of units of target funds. In addition, the annual and semiannual reports shall disclose the fees charged to the fund by another company as a management fee / all-in fee for the target fund units held in the fund.

If the assets of the fund are invested in units of a target fund managed directly or indirectly by the same Management Company or another company with which the Management Company is jointly managed or controlled or connected through a significant direct or indirect investment, the Management Company or the other company shall not charge the fund any initial sales charges or redemption fees for the purchase or redemption of units of this other fund.

The share of the management or all-in fee attributable to the units of affiliated investment funds (double charging or difference method) can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

Certain costs and fees may arise in connection with total return swaps, especially with respect to entering into these transactions and/or any increase or decrease in their nominal values. The amount of such fees may be fixed or variable. Further information on costs and fees that the fund must bear, as well as the identities of the recipients and all relationships (if any) existing between them and the Management Company, the fund manager or the custodian, are 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 fund's assets.

### Article 13 Distribution policy

1. The Management Company shall decide whether to make a distribution or reinvestment. In the case of a distribution, the Management Company shall also decide each year whether a distribution will be made and in what amount. Both regular net income and realized capital gains may be distributed. In addition, unrealized capital gains, as well as retained capital gains from previous years and other assets, may also be distributed, provided the net assets of the fund do not fall below the minimum amount specified in article 23 of the Law of 2010. Distributions are paid out based on the number of units in issue on the distribution date. Distributions may be paid entirely or partly in the form of bonus units. Any remaining fractions of units may be paid out in cash or credited. Distributions not claimed within the deadlines stipulated in article 18 shall lapse in favor of the fund.

2. The Management Company may elect to pay out interim distributions for the fund in accordance with the law.

### Article 14 Amendments to the Management Regulations

1. The Management Company may, with the consent of the custodian, amend the Management Regulations in whole or in part at any time.

2. Amendments to the Management Regulations shall be filed in the Trade and Companies Register and shall enter into force immediately after filing, unless otherwise specified. A notice of filing will be published in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA).

### Article 15 Publications

1. Issue and redemption prices may be requested from the Management Company and all paying agents. In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published in appropriate media (e.g., the Internet, electronic information systems, newspapers, etc.) in every country of distribution.

2. The Management Company produces an audited annual report and a semiannual report for the fund according to the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

3. The Sales Prospectus, the Key Information Document, the Management Regulations, and the annual and semiannual reports are available free of charge to investors at the registered office of the Management Company and at all paying agents.

### **Article 16 Liquidation of the fund or of a sub-fund**

1. The fund has no fixed maturity. Sub-funds may also be established for a limited period of time. Information on the maturity of the respective sub-fund can be found in the special section of the Sales Prospectus.

2. Notwithstanding the provision in section 1, the fund or an individual sub-fund may be liquidated by the Management Company at any time, unless otherwise provided for in the special section of the Sales Prospectus. The Management Company may decide to liquidate the fund or an individual sub-fund if this appears necessary or appropriate, taking into account the interests of the investors, to protect the interests of the Management Company or in the interest of investment policy.

3. The liquidation of the fund is mandatory in the cases provided for by law.

4. As required by law and the regulations of the country of distribution, a liquidation of the fund shall be announced by the Management Company in the Trade and Companies Register (RESA) and in at least two daily newspapers of sufficiently broad circulation, including at least one Luxembourg newspaper.

The liquidation of a sub-fund shall be published in the manner provided for in the Sales Prospectus.

5. Upon liquidation of the fund or sub-fund, the issue of units is discontinued. Unless otherwise determined by the Management Company, the redemption of units is also discontinued at this time. If the Management Company decides to continue to allow redemptions, it will be ensured that all investors are treated equally.

6. On the instructions of the Management Company or, where appropriate, the liquidators appointed by the Management Company or by the custodian in agreement with the Supervisory Authority, the custodian will distribute the proceeds of liquidation, less any liquidation costs and fees, among the investors of the respective sub-fund in accordance with their rights. The net proceeds of liquidation not collected by investors upon completion of the liquidation proceedings

will at that time be deposited by the custodian with the Caisse de Consignation in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the account of investors entitled to them, where such amounts will be forfeited if not claimed there by the statutory deadline.

7. The investors, their heirs or successors may not apply for the liquidation or division of the fund or a sub-fund.

### **Article 17 Merger of the fund and sub-funds**

1. According to the definitions in the Law of 2010, the fund or each of its sub-funds may, by resolution of the Management Company, be merged with another sub-fund of the fund, with another Luxembourg or non-Luxembourg UCITS or with a sub-fund of a Luxembourg or non-Luxembourg UCITS either as the transferring or as the receiving sub-fund.

2. Unless otherwise provided for in individual cases, the execution of the merger shall be carried out as if the transferring sub-fund were dissolved without being liquidated and all assets were simultaneously taken over by the receiving (sub-)fund in accordance with statutory provisions. Investors in the transferring sub-fund receive units of the receiving (sub-)fund, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset values per unit of the (sub-)funds involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

3. Investors of the sub-fund will be notified of the merger on the Management Company's website at [ww.dws.com/fundinformation](http://ww.dws.com/fundinformation) as well as in accordance with the regulations of the country of distribution. Investors of the sub-fund may within a period of at least 30 days request the redemption or exchange of units free of charge as outlined in greater detail in the relevant publication.

4. For each merger of a transferring fund by dissolution, the decision on the effective date of the merger must be filed with the Trade and Companies Register and must be published via a corresponding notice of deposit in the RESA.

5. The Management Company may additionally decide to merge unit classes within the sub-funds. The result of such a merger is that the investors in the transferring unit class receive units of the receiving unit class, the number of which is based on the ratio of the net asset values per unit of the unit classes involved at the time of the merger, with a provision for settlement of fractions if necessary.

6. The execution of the merger will be monitored by the auditors of the fund.

### **Article 18 Limitation of claims and submission period**

1. Claims of investors against the Management Company or the custodian shall cease to be enforceable in court once a period of five years has elapsed since the claim arose; this shall not affect the provision in article 16 (6).

2. The submission period for coupons is five years.

### **Article 19 Applicable law, jurisdiction and language of contract**

1. The Management Regulations of the fund are subject to Luxembourg law. The same applies to the legal relationships between the investors and the Management Company. The Management Regulations are filed with the District Court in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Any legal disputes between investors, the Management Company and the custodian are subject to the jurisdiction of the competent court in the judicial district of Luxembourg in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Management Company and the custodian may elect to submit themselves and the fund to the jurisdiction and laws of any of the countries of distribution in respect of the claims of investors who reside in the relevant country, and with regard to matters concerning the fund.

2. The German wording of these Management Regulations shall prevail. The Management Company may, with regard to fund units sold to investors in such countries, declare translations into the languages of those countries where the units may be offered for sale to the public to be binding on itself and on the fund.

# Management and Administration

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