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#### **Fund Data**

#### **Investment Policy**

The sub-fund invests worldwide in equities of real estate companies and real estate investment companies including real estate investment trusts (REITs). The fund is actively managed.



#### Fund

Past performance is no indication of current or future performance, and the performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units.

#### Fund Management's Comment

For detailed comments on the fund and its corresponding markets please see the annual report.

#### Cumulative performance (in %) - share class USD FC(USD) 1 m 1 y 3 y 5 y s. Inception YTD 3 y avg 5 y avg 2020 2021 2022 2023 10.3 USD 2.4 126.6 10.2 -3.8 28.3 FUR 5.6 25 1 24 15.2 193.2 15.6 0.8 29 -122 39.3 -22 0 7.3

The information regarding this product is based on USD. For this reason, the performance in Euros of this product may rise or fall on the basis of currency fluctuations.

# Further Characteristics (3 years) / VAR (1 year) - share class USD FC(USD)Volatility19.35%Maximum Drawdown-31.74%VAR (99%/10 days)7.61%Sharpe Ratio-0.29Information Ratio--Correlation Coefficient--Alpha--Beta--Tracking Error--

Portfolio Analysis			
Breakdown by Sector (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)	Principal Holdings (Equities)	(in % of fund volume)
Portfolio Breakdown according to MS0 Retail REITs Industrial REITs Health Care REITs Multi-Family Residential REITs Data Center REITs Diversified Reits Real Estate Operating Compa Self Storage REITs	,	Equinix Inc (Data Center REITs) Simon Property Group Inc (Retail RE Public Storage (Self Storage REITs) AvalonBay Communities Inc (Multi-F ProLogis Inc (Industrial REITs) Welltower Inc (Health Care REITs) Iron Mountain Inc (Other Specialized Digital Realty Trust Inc (Data Center	5.5 EITs) 4.7 4.1 Family Residen 4.1 4.0 4.0 4.0 3.3
Office REITS Diversified Real Estate Activiti Other Sectors Gross weighting, not adjusted for deriv	4.4 4.2 8.5 vative positions.	Ventas Inc (Health Care REITs)  Essex Property Trust Inc (Multi-Fam Total  Gross weighting, not adjusted for de	2.6 ily Residential 2.5 38.0

#### Breakdown by Country (Equities) (in % of fund volume) Asset Allocation **REITs** USA 66.6 Equities 8.1 Japan Cash and other assets Australia 46 Great Britain 4.5 France 2.7 Singapore 2.6 2.2 Germany Canada 21 Hongkong SAR 2.0 Sweden 1.6 0.6 Cavman Islands Other Countries 1.8

Gross weighting, not adjusted for derivative positions.

## Morningstar Style-Box™

Market Capitalization



Investment Style

#### Morningstar Category™

Property - Indirect Global

Ratings	(As at: 31/10/2024)	)
Morningstar Overall Ratin	ng™: ÅÅÅÅ	

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Note: The key terms are explained in the glossary.

(in % of fund volume)

76.1

23.3

0.6

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Breakdown by Currency	(in % of	fund volume)
United States dollar		67.2
Japanese yen		8.1
Euro		6.0
Australian dollar		4.6
Pound sterling		4.6
Singapore dollar	1	2.3
Hong Kong dollar	1	2.2
Canadian dollar	1	2.1
Swedish krona	1	1.6
Swiss franc	1	0.6
Currency structure of investments, excl	forward exchange transactions	

Key Figures regarding	the Fund's	s Assets										
Number of Shares			92	Dividend \	/ield (in %)		3.4 Ø Market Cap			7,395.9 Mio. USD		
Cumulative performance (in %)												
	1 m	1 y	3 y	5 y	s. Inception	YTD	3 y avg	5 y avg	2020	2021	2022	2023
CHF ICH (P)(CHF)(1)												
CHF LDH (P)(CHF)	2.3	16.2	-12.0	-3.3	13.3	7.5	-4.2	-0.7	-8.8	29.1	-27.2	6.8
CHF TFCH (P)(CHF)	2.3	17.1	-10.0		10.6	8.3	-3.4			29.8	-26.6	7.6
FC(EUR)	5.4	24.7	2.4	14.9	38.8	15.6	0.8	2.8	-12.3	39.1	-22.0	7.4
FDH (P)(EUR)	2.5	20.0	-5.5	6.3	37.9	10.8	-1.9	1.2	-7.6	30.3	-26.2	9.8
GBP D RD(GBP)(1)												
GBP DH (P) RD(GBP)	2.7	21.5	-1.9	9.9	47.8	12.0	-0.6	1.9	-8.5	31.0	-25.3	11.3
LC(EUR)(1)												
LD(EUR)	5.3	23.8	0.1	10.8	157.3	14.8	0.0	2.1	-12.9	38.1	-22.6	6.6
USD FC(USD)	2.4	20.6	-5.1	10.3	126.6	10.2	-1.7	2.0	-3.8	28.3	-26.5	11.3
USD FC100(USD)	2.4	21.0	-4.1		20.2	10.5	-1.4			28.7	-26.2	11.6
USD ID(USD)	2.4	20.8	-4.6	11.3	33.9	10.3	-1.5	2.2	-3.6	28.5	-26.3	11.5
USD LC(USD)	2.3	19.7	-7.2	6.2	57.6	9.4	-2.5	1.2	-4.5	27.3	-27.0	10.4
USD LDMH (P)(USD)	2.6	21.2	-0.8	13.3	55.3	11.7	-0.3	2.5	-6.3	30.5	-24.5	11.6
USD TFC(USD)	2.4	20.6	-5.1	10.2	33.8	10.2	-1.7	2.0	-3.8	28.3	-26.5	11.3

<sup>(1)</sup> The presentation of performance occurs after a period of at least one year following launch of the Fund / unit class.

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Fund Data			
Portfolio Manager	John Vojticek	Assets	546.2 Mio. USD
Portfolio Manager since	15/06/2016	Fund Currency	USD
Portfolio Management Company	RREEF America LLC, (Chicago)	Launch Date	15/11/2010
Portfolio Management Location	United States	Fiscal Year End	31/12/2024
Management Company	DWS Investment S.A.	Investor profile	Growth-oriented
Legal Structure	SICAV	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Custodian	State Street Bank International GmbH, Zweign. Luxe		

Share Cl	assi									
Share Class	Cur.	ISIN Code	Swiss Sec. No.	Earnings	Front-end Load <sup>1</sup> up to	Redemption Price	Management Fee p.a.	Running costs / TER p.a.	plus performance- related fee p.a.	Minimum Invest- ment Amount
CHF ICH (P)	CHF	LU2861043714	136685047	Accumulation	0.00%	105.17	0.600%	0.70% (3)		10,000,000
CHF LDH (P)	CHF	LU1212621004	27912984	Distribution	5.00%	76.59	1.500%	1.63% (2)		
CHF TFCH (P)	CHF	LU2262867992	58398569	Accumulation	0.00%	110.58	0.750%	0.88% (2)		
FC	EUR	LU0507268786	11597411	Accumulation	0.00%	138.79	0.750%	0.86% (2)		2,000,000
FDH (P)	EUR	LU1316036224	30526668	Distribution	0.00%	96.61	0.750%	0.89% (2)		2,000,000
GBP D RD	GBP	LU2771454480	133073308	Distribution	0.00%	113.88	0.750%	0.91% (3)		
GBP DH (P) R	GBP	LU1316036497	30526803	Distribution	0.00%	103.86	0.750%	0.88% (2)		
LC	EUR	LU2788382773	134030180	Accumulation	5.00%	116.37	1.500%	1.78% (3)		
LD	EUR	LU0507268513	11597406	Distribution	5.00%	161.78	1.500%	1.61% (2)		
USD FC	USD	LU0507268943	11597452	Accumulation	0.00%	226.56	0.750%	0.85% (2)		2,000,000
USD FC100	USD	LU2254186161	58618048	Accumulation	0.00%	120.16	0.400%	0.51% (2)		100,000,000
USD ID	USD	LU1445759035	33515208	Distribution	0.00%	96.63	0.600%	0.67% (2)		10,000,000
USD LC	USD	LU0507268869	11597449	Accumulation	5.00%	157.61	1.500%	1.61% (2)		
USD LDMH (P)	USD	LU1316036653	30526701	Distribution	5.00%	80.51	1.500%	1.64% (2)		
USD TFC	USD	LU1663931753	39498557	Accumulation	0.00%	133.78	0.750%	0.86% (2)		

(2) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. If the Fund invests portions of its assets in target funds, the costs of the respective target funds will also be taken into account. The Fund incurred the total expenses listed here in its last financial year, which ended on 31/12/2023. They are subject to change from year to year.

(3) The Total Expense Ratio (TER) generally includes all expense items charged to the Fund apart from transaction costs and performance fees. The total expenses listed here represent an estimate since the Fund was launched on (CHF ICH (P):19/08/2024, GBP D RD:15/03/2024, LC:16/04/2024). Actual expenses will be calculated and published once the first financial year has ended. The annual report for each financial year will contain the expense details with their precise calculation.

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

Because of its composition or the techniques used by its managers, the fund is subject to heightened volatility. Consequently, unit prices may fluctuate sharply in either direction within short periods of time.

The rankings and ratings relating to German market.

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## Fund Management's Comment: DWS Invest Global Real Estate Securities

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Data in relation to the fund or the leading unit class.

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#### Performance Review

Global Real Estate securities rose in November but underperformed the broader equities market. Global equity markets restarted their climb higher after October's performance break. Investors sent stocks to new highs on the belief that the business environment and profitability in the U.S. will improve under the return of President Trump in the U.S. after his presidential election victory. Global equities ramped higher following the U.S. election, and after a short breather mid-month continued their climb higher and ended the month at an all-time high. The U.S. continued to stand out from an economic perspective as growth revisions and estimates remained resilient versus the sputtering growth engines in Europe and China.

Global Real Estate securities wallowed following the U.S. election as prospects of higher interests rets weighed on the group. However, they found their footing towards the end of the month and managed to finish solidly in positive territory. Regionally, the U.S. performed the best and Australia also finished in positive territory, but all other regions/countries saw losses with the Asia ex Japan region falling the most. In the U.S., Hotels rose the most, while Data Centers and Regional Malls also performed notably well. In contrast, Healthcare, Specialty, and Net Lease saw small losses. Across Europe, defensive Swiss real estate stocks were the best performing, followed by European Residential finishing marginally in positive territory. All other segments declined, with Europe Diversified Growth performed the best, while Australia Rental and Japan REITs saw slight gains. All other segments declined, with Hong Kong Developers and Singapore REITs falling the most.

#### Performance Attribution

The fund posted a positive return (in USD) during November. From a contribution to return perspective, regionally, the Americas had a positive contribution to overall return, while the Asia Pacific region and Europe contributed negatively. Within the Americas, the largest positive contributions came from Data Centers, Residential, and Regional Malls. All other segments in the region contributed positively with the exception of Americas Specialty, which had a neutral effect, and Canada property stocks, which had a marginal negative contribution. In the Asia Pacific region, Australia Diversified Growth, Japan Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs), and Australia Focused Rentals had almost equally-sized positive contributions. All other segments in the region had negative contributions with the largest coming from Singapore REITS and Japan Developers. Across Europe and the UK, only Swiss property stocks and Continental Europe Residential had positive contributions. The largest negative contributions in the region came from UK property stocks, both large caps and niche, as well as Continental Europe Retail. Cash held by the fund had essentially no effect on the overall return.

#### **Current Positioning**

The fund seeks to be fully invested and continues to target an allocation to cash between 1-2%. In the U.S., we see compelling value in Regional Malls, Healthcare, Net Lease, and Office. In Net Lease, although we lowered our exposure to Net Lease in November, we still favor the sector as acquisition volumes and spreads are expected to continue to improve and they benefit from lower interest rates. Healthcare is seeing occupancy and margin gains in senior housing and skilled nursing still, although we see less recovery in life science leasing. We increased exposure to Regional Malls in November and are seeing robust leasing demand with tenants generally have good fundamentals. Office is stabilizing, and tenant activity is starting to pick up and we believe vacancy has already peaked. Additionally, during November, we also added exposure to Hotels, while reducing exposure to Industrial and Residential.

In Europe, lower growth rates continue to keep us at a relatively neutral position in most sectors in the region while we maintain our overweight in Retail which still benefits from attractive valuations and solid operational trends. We also continue to favour UK property stocks over Continental Europe (CE). In CE, we retain our preference for Retail property stocks while maintaining our underweight in Switzerland. Whilst financing conditions have eased in Europe, we still avoid companies with excessive leverage. In the Asia Pacific region, we increased exposure to the region overall during November. We retain our preference for Hong Kong within the region, primarily through exposure to the Investor and REIT stocks. Additionally, we added net overall exposure to Australia by adding to Australia Focused Rentals, while simultaneously trimming Australia Diversified Growth. We also added exposure to Japan by adding to both REIT and Developers during the month. Finally, we did add a small exposure to Singapore Developers after ending October with no exposure to this group.

#### Outlook

The outlook for commercial real estate has improved in part with the easing of monetary policy and conditions. Both growth and inflation pressures are easing, giving the U.S. Fed more optionality regarding additional rate cuts, with the market pricing in three additional cuts by the end of 2025. Additionally, rates are expected to be cut further in both the UK and Europe. Sector fundamentals are slowly improving, with lower rates providing a tailwind to initial earnings guidance. Private market values have firmed with lower lending costs, and transaction volumes are accelerating. Bank lending is easing, while public REITs retain access to the capital markets, with unsecured debt being a competitive advantage. Companies are increasingly tapping the equity markets to fund accretive development/acquisitions, with the prospect of more IPOs in 2025 after seeing a few REIT IPOs in 2024. We maintain a slight defensive tilt but are more balanced in the near-term given the probability of both declining economic growth and inflation for the fourth quarter of 2024.



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#### Opportunities

In accordance with the investment policy.

- The fund uses derivatives on underlyings so as to participate in their increases in value or to bet on their losses in value. The increased opportunities associated with this are accompanied by increased risk of loss. Furthermore, derivative transactions may be used to hedge the fund's assets. The use of derivative transactions for hedging purposes may reduce the fund's upside opportunities.

  • The fund invests its assets in selected regions or sectors. This increases the risk that the fund may be negatively influenced by the economic and political
- conditions in the respective regions or sectors.
- The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to strong price fluctuations and thus also to the risk of price decreases.
- Due to its composition/the techniques used by the Fund management, the investment fund has elevated volatility, i.e. the share price may be subject to significant fluctuations up or down within short periods of time. The share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share at any time.

Investor profile: Growth-oriented

The Fund is intended for the growth-oriented investor seeking returns higher than those from capital market interest rates, with capital growth generated primarily through opportunities in the equity and currency markets. Security and liquidity are subordinate to potential high returns. This entails higher equity, interest rate and currency risks, as well as default risks, all of which can result in a loss of capital.

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Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box™ illustrates the Fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks contained in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, neutral or growth). For bond funds the vertical axis shows the average credit quality of the bonds in the portfolio and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by the maturity of a bond (short, medium or long).

Please note that the information from Morningstar and Lipper Leaders relates to the previous month.

Morningstar Overall Rating™

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General Risk Warnings

Any investment in units of a collective investment scheme entails or is associated with equity market, bond market, exchange rate, interest rate, credit, volatility and political risks. Each of these risks may appear in connection with other risks. A brief description of some of these risk factors is provided below.

Prospective investors should have previous experience with the financial instruments that are in use in the specified investment policy. Investors should fully understand the risks associated with investments in fund units and only make investment decisions after consulting with their legal, tax, financial or other advisors in regards to (i) the suitability of an investment in units in view of their personal tax and financial position and/or other circumstances; (ii) the information contained in this prospectus; (iii) the investment policy of the collective investment scheme; and (iv) the risks associated with the investment under the planned investment policy presented by the collective investment scheme.

Please note that investments in collective investment schemes entail both opportunities on the upside and risks on the downside. Units of collective investment schemes are securities and as such their value fluctuates with the rise and fall in the value of the underlying assets. The value of the units may accordingly rise above or fall below the purchase price. No guarantee therefore is given that the objectives of the investment policy will be achieved.

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future returns.

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#### Alpha

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

#### Average dividend yield

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

#### Average market capitalization

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

#### Beta factor

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

#### Correlation coefficient

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

#### Coupon

The coupon is the portfolio's average weighted coupon.

#### Duration (in years/in months)

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

#### Information ratio

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

#### Maximum drawdown

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

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

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

#### Sharpe ratio

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

#### Tracking error

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

#### VaR (Value at Risk)

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

#### Weighted Average Life

The weighted average life of the times of the principal repayments of a liability, i.e. a bond. Refers to invested fund assets (without "Cash and other holdings").

#### Viald

The yield is the annual return on a capital investment, measured as the actual interest earned (effective yield) on the capital invested. It is based on the fund's income (e.g., interest, dividends, realized capital gains) and change in the price of the assets held in the fund. The yield of a fund is

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derived from the invested assets (without "Cash and other holdings") and is presented as a "gross" figure, i.e., before the deduction of total expenses/fee.

#### Volatility

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