## Investment Portfolio

## DWS CROCI ${ }^{\circledR}$ Equity Dividend Fund

Common Stocks 99.5\% $\quad$ Shares

Communication Services 2.4\%
Media 2.4\%
Comcast Corp. "A" $482,968 \quad \mathbf{2 0 , 6 9 5 , 1 7 9}$
Consumer Discretionary 3.1\%
Textiles, Apparel \& Luxury Goods 3.1\% Tapestry, Inc.

562,146
26,718,799

## Consumer Staples 29.2\%

| Beverages 7.4\% |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coca-Cola Co. | 360,917 | 21,662,239 |
| Molson Coors Beverage Co. "B" | 346,246 | 21,612,675 |
| PepsiCo, Inc. | 128,351 | 21,221,554 |
|  |  | 64,496,468 |
| Consumer Staples Distribution \& Retail 2.6\% |  |  |
| Kroger Co. | 460,911 | 22,865,795 |
| Food Products 14.3\% |  |  |
| Campbell Soup Co. | 482,203 | 20,561,136 |
| Conagra Brands, Inc. | 722,568 | 20,289,709 |
| General Mills, Inc. | 333,789 | 21,422,578 |
| Kellanova | 396,612 | 21,873,152 |
| Kraft Heinz Co. | 575,360 | 20,298,701 |
| The J.M. Smucker Co. | 163,461 | 19,643,108 |
|  |  | 124,088,384 |
| Tobacco 4.9\% |  |  |
| Altria Group, Inc. | 531,276 | 21,734,501 |
| Philip Morris International, Inc. | 233,372 | 20,994,145 |
|  |  | 42,728,646 |

## Energy 17.9\%

Oil, Gas \& Consumable Fuels 17.9\%
Coterra Energy, Inc.
Devon Energy Corp.
Kinder Morgan, Inc.

| 844,333 | $21,766,904$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 506,761 | $22,327,890$ |
| $1,253,699$ | $21,801,826$ |
| 135,218 | $22,882,942$ |
| 156,782 | $22,343,003$ |
| 94,927 | $22,325,881$ |
| 157,350 | $22,258,731$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 5 5 , 7 0 7 , 1 7 7}$ |

## Financials 7.8\%

Banks 5.2\%
Bank of America Corp

| 639,652 | $22,080,787$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 123,572 | $22,991,807$ |
|  | $\mathbf{4 5 , 0 7 2 , 5 9 4}$ |

Consumer Finance 2.6\%
Synchrony Financial
558,021

## Health Care 16.9\%

| Biotechnology 7.0\% |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AbbVie, Inc. | 129,703 | 22,834,213 |
| Amgen, Inc. | 68,875 | 18,860,041 |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. | 265,116 | 19,114,864 |
|  |  | $\mathbf{6 0 , 8 0 9 , 1 1 8}$ |
| Health Care Equipment \& Supplies 2.4\% |  |  |
| Medtronic PLC | 249,550 | 20,802,488 |
| Pharmaceuticals 7.5\% |  |  |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. | 423,426 | 21,488,869 |
| Johnson \& Johnson | 133,815 | 21,595,065 |
| Merck \& Co., Inc. | 179,032 | 22,763,919 |
|  |  | 65,847,853 |

Industrials 7.8\%

| Aerospace \& Defense 2.4\% |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Lockheed Martin Corp. | 49,434 | $\mathbf{2 1 , 1 6 9 , 6 1 6}$ |
|  |  |  |
| Machinery $5.4 \%$ | 89,097 | $23,932,345$ |
| Cummins, Inc. | 207,990 | $23,064,011$ |
| PACCAR, Inc. | $\mathbf{4 6 , 9 9 6 , 3 5 6}$ |  |

## Information Technology 9.4\%

| Communications Equipment 2.3\% | 410,528 | $\mathbf{1 9 , 8 5 7 , 2 3 9}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. |  |  |
|  | 228,612 | $20,849,414$ |
| IT Services $4.8 \%$ | 114,657 | $21,214,985$ |
| Amdocs Ltd. | $\mathbf{4 2 , 0 6 4 , 3 9 9}$ |  |
| International Business Machines Corp. | $1,337,569$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 3 7 1 , 1 7 6}$ |

## Materials 2.6\%

Chemicals 2.6\%
LyondellBasell Industries NV "A" 224,543 22,517,172

Utilities 2.4\%

| Multi-Utilities $2.4 \%$ <br> Sempra | $\mathbf{3 0 2 , 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 , 3 2 1 , 2 7 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost $\$ 798,084,099)$ | $\mathbf{8 6 7 , 1 7 5 , 9 9 7}$ |  |
| Cash Equivalents $\mathbf{0 . 4 \%}$ | $3,401,325$ | $\mathbf{3 , 4 0 1 , 3 2 5}$ |


|  | \% of <br> Net Assets | Value (\$) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total Investment Portfolio (Cost $\$ 801,485,424)$ | 99.9 | $\mathbf{8 7 0 , 5 7 7 , 3 2 2}$ |
| Other Assets and Liabilities, Net | 0.1 | $\mathbf{8 3 7 , 2 7 9}$ |
| Net Assets | 100.0 | $\mathbf{8 7 1 , 4 1 4 , 6 0 1}$ |

For information on the Fund's policies regarding the valuation of investments and other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual financial statements.

A summary of the Fund's transactions with affiliated investments during the period ended February 29, 2024 are as follows:

|  |  |  | Net Realized | Net Change in Unrealized |  |  | Number of Shares |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value (\$) at | Purchases | Sales | Gain/ | Appreciation |  | Capital Gain | at | Value (\$) at |
| 11/30/2023 | Cost (\$) | Proceeds (\$) | (Loss) (\$) | (Depreciation) (\$) | Income (\$) | Distributions (\$) | 2/29/2024 | 2/29/2024 |

Cash Equivalents 0.4\%
DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund, 5.35\% (a)

(a) Affiliated fund managed by DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

## Fair Value Measurements

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of February 29, 2024 in valuing the Fund's investments.

| Assets | Level 1 |  | Level 2 |  | Level 3 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common Stocks (a) | \$ | 867,175,997 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 867,175,997 |
| Short-Term Investments |  | 3,401,325 |  | - |  | - |  | 3,401,325 |
| Total | \$ | 870,577,322 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 870,577,322 |

(a) See Investment Portfolio for additional detailed categorizations.

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