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Annual Report

Deutsche DWS Variable Series II

DWS Government Money Market VIP



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Management Summary

December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

As the year opened, the Fed was well down the path of tightening policy in response to rising U.S. consumer price inflation that peaked at 9.1% in June of 2022. In this vein, the fed funds target range entering 2023 was 4.25% to 4.50%, as compared to 0% to 0.25% entering 2022. As inflation showed signs of moderating going into 2023, markets became increasingly optimistic that the Fed and other leading central banks were poised to stop raising interest rates. January saw Treasury yields ease off their recent highs on the outlook for easier monetary policy. On February 1, the Fed raised short term rates by a comparatively moderate 25 basis points, to a target range of 4.50% to 4.75%.

March of 2023 saw the failure of a pair of U.S. banks and the collapse of European giant Credit Suisse raise the prospect of a banking crisis. The Fed responded by initiating a new lending facility to support bank liquidity while the market began to price in multiple cuts in fed funds before year end. The outlook for easier monetary policy and the flight to safety brought about by the specter of a banking crisis led longer-term money market rates to drift lower. At its March 23 meeting the Fed raised the fed funds target by another quarter-point to a range of 4.75% to 5.0%. The rate hike was well-received by financial markets as a signal that the Fed believed the financial system remained on generally sound footing.

As 2023 progressed, inflation continued to ease, with June U.S. consumer price inflation registering at 3.0%. With the U.S. economy and employment displaying surprising resilience in the face of its past tightening, the Fed would implement additional 25 basis point increases at its early May and late July meetings, leaving fed funds at 5.25% to 5.50% at the end of August 2023. The Fed held rates steady at its last three meetings of 2023, citing the improving inflation outlook.

Masking the significant volatility seen over the course of the year, short-term U.S. Treasury yields finished the 12-month period higher given the Fed's policy tightening. As of December 31, 2023, yields of one-month, six-month and one-year Treasury bills were 5.60%, 5.26%, and 4.79% respectively, versus 4.12%, 4.76% and 4.73%, respectively, as of December 31, 2022 (source: U.S. Department of the Treasury).

We were able to maintain what we believe to be a competitive yield for the Fund during the annual period ended December 31, 2023. During the period, the Fund held a large percentage of portfolio assets in floating-rate securities to take advantage of rising interest rates and looked for yield opportunities in treasury bills and agency notes. At the same time, the Fund invested in overnight agency repurchase agreements for liquidity. Given the high level of volatility in markets, we preferred to be cautious during a time of market uncertainty, maintaining a higher level of overnight liquidity. In the end, this cost the Fund some yield, but we believe that this represented a prudent approach to preserving principal.

The Fed appears to be at the end of its latest rate hiking cycle, and the market is pricing in several rate cuts in 2024. While the course of Fed policy is uncertain and subject to changes in conditions, we have been evaluating opportunities to extend portfolio duration in order to lock in higher yields. Our investment strategy seeks to achieve a competitive yield for shareholders while we also look to maintain a strong liquidity profile under the current market conditions.

A group of investment professionals is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. These investment professionals have a broad range of experience managing money market funds.

The views expressed reflect those of the portfolio management team only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. The management team's views are subject to change at any time based on market and other conditions and should not be construed as a recommendation. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Fund Performance (as of December 31, 2023)

All performance shown is historical, assumes reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value fluctuate with changing market conditions so that, when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please contact your participating insurance company for the Fund's most recent month-end performance. Performance does not reflect charges and fees ("contract charges") associated with the separate account that invests in the Fund or any variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract for which the Fund is an investment option. These charges and fees will reduce returns. The yield quotation more closely reflects the current earnings of the Fund than the total return quotation.

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7-Day Current Yield

DWS Government Money Market VIP — Class A

5.07%

Yields are historical, will fluctuate and do not guarantee future performance. The 7-day current yield refers to the income paid by the portfolio over a 7-day period expressed as an annual percentage rate of the fund's shares outstanding. Please visit our Web site at liquidity.dws.com/US/index.jsp for the product's most recent month-end performance.

Terms to Know

The **yield curve** is a graphic representation of how yields on bonds of different maturities compare. Normally, yield curves slant upward, as bonds with longer maturities typically offer higher yields than short-term bonds.

Floating-rate securities are investments with interest payments that adjust periodically based upon a predetermined benchmark interest rate.

Repurchase Agreements (Repos) are agreements between a seller and a buyer, usually of government securities, where the seller agrees to repurchase the securities at a given price and usually at a stated time. Repos are widely used money market instruments.

Duration, which is expressed in years, measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond or bond fund to a change in interest rates.

Portfolio Summary

(Unaudited)

Asset Allocation (As a % of Investment Portfolio)	12/31/23	12/31/22
Repurchase Agreements	54%	68%
Government & Agency Obligations	46%	32%
	100%	100%

Weighted Average Maturity	12/31/23	12/31/22
Deutsche DWS Variable Series II —DWS Government Money Market VIP	32 days	8 days
iMoneyNet Money Fund Average™— Gov't & Agency Retail*	31 days	15 days

* The Fund is compared to its respective iMoneyNet Money Fund Average category: Gov't & Agency Retail — Category includes the most broadly based of the government retail funds. These funds may invest in U.S. Treasury securities, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities.

Weighted average maturity, also known as effective maturity, is the weighted average of the maturity date of bonds held by the Fund taking into consideration any available maturity shortening features.

Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change.

For more complete details about the Fund's investment portfolio, see page 6.

Each month, information about the Fund and its portfolio holdings is filed with the SEC on Form N-MFP. The SEC delays the public availability of the information filed on Form N-MFP for 60 days after the end of the reporting period included in the filing. These forms will be available on the SEC's Web site at sec.gov. The Fund's portfolio holdings are also posted on dws.com as of each month-end. Please see the Fund's current prospectus for more information.

Investment Portfolio

as of December 31, 2023

	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)		Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Government & Agency Obligations 46.5%					
U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies 12.0%					
Federal Farm Credit Banks:					
5.25% (a), 12/13/2024	175,000	174,973	5.314% (a), 4/2/2024	5,000,000	4,933,032
SOFR + 0.135%, 5.535% (b), 6/3/2025	500,000	500,000	5.319% (a), 4/16/2024	3,000,000	2,953,656
SOFR + 0.145%, 5.545% (b), 7/25/2025	500,000	500,000	5.32% (a), 3/21/2024	4,000,000	3,968,072
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes, 5.222% (a), 4/5/2024	1,300,000	1,282,333	5.323% (a), 1/18/2024	4,500,000	4,488,844
Federal Home Loan Banks:			5.333% (a), 1/4/2024	1,250,000	1,249,452
5.0% (a), 9/18/2024	1,500,000	1,499,374	5.343% (a), 2/22/2024	5,000,000	4,961,939
5.4% (a), 1/14/2025	1,250,000	1,250,000	5.356% (a), 1/11/2024	2,000,000	2,028,364
SOFR + 0.03%, 5.43% (b), 1/12/2024	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.358% (a), 3/12/2024	6,000,000	5,937,461
SOFR + 0.03%, 5.43% (b), 1/16/2024	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.374% (a), 3/21/2024	1,500,000	1,467,621
SOFR + 0.035%, 5.435% (b), 2/12/2024	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.375% (a), 4/25/2024	2,000,000	1,966,132
SOFR + 0.035%, 5.435% (b), 2/13/2024	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.39% (a), 1/30/2024	3,000,000	2,987,610
SOFR + 0.04%, 5.44% (b), 2/20/2024	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.409% (a), 2/27/2024	4,000,000	3,966,212
SOFR + 0.04%, 5.44% (b), 2/26/2024	4,000,000	4,000,000	5.409% (a), 3/5/2024	3,000,000	2,971,547
SOFR + 0.045%, 5.445% (b), 2/2/2024	500,000	500,000	5.424% (a), 2/6/2024	2,000,000	1,989,300
SOFR + 0.45%, 5.445% (b), 2/5/2024	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.424% (a), 2/29/2024	4,000,000	3,964,928
SOFR + 0.045%, 5.445% (b), 2/28/2024	3,000,000	3,000,000	5.424% (a), 4/18/2024	2,000,000	1,967,899
SOFR + 0.45%, 5.445% (b), 3/15/2024	2,000,000	2,000,000	U.S. Treasury Floating Rate Notes:		
SOFR + 0.045%, 5.445% (b), 4/4/2024	4,000,000	4,000,000	3-month U.S. Treasury Bill Money Market Yield minus 0.075%, 5.256% (b), 4/30/2024	3,000,000	2,999,613
SOFR + 0.05%, 5.45% (b), 3/20/2024	3,150,000	3,150,000	3-month U.S. Treasury Bill Money Market Yield minus 0.015%, 5.316% (b), 1/31/2024	3,000,000	3,000,167
5.45% (a), 6/18/2024	500,000	499,770	3-month U.S. Treasury Bill Money Market Yield + 0.037%, 5.368% (b), 7/31/2024	10,000,000	10,002,449
SOFR + 0.125%, 5.525% (b), 2/24/2025	2,000,000	2,000,000	3-month U.S. Treasury Bill Money Market Yield + 0.125%, 5.456% (b), 7/31/2025	4,000,000	3,997,458
Federal National Mortgage Association, 5.52%, 7/16/2024	1,000,000	1,000,000	3-month U.S. Treasury Bill Money Market Yield + 0.17%, 5.501% (b), 10/31/2025	4,000,000	3,997,756
		34,356,450			98,730,326
U.S. Treasury Obligations 34.5%					
U.S. Treasury Bills:					
5.08% (a), 7/11/2024	3,500,000	3,406,480	Total Government & Agency Obligations (Cost \$133,086,776)		133,086,776
5.105% (a), 8/8/2024	2,000,000	1,938,455			
5.119% (a), 10/31/2024	1,000,000	957,594	Repurchase Agreements 54.6%		
5.161% (a), 6/13/2024	3,000,000	2,930,437	BNP Paribas, 5.34%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$27,716,435 on 1/2/2024 (c)	27,700,000	27,700,000
5.162% (a), 10/31/2024	2,000,000	1,914,905	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., 5.33%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$24,114,273 on 1/2/2024 (d)	24,100,000	24,100,000
5.163% (a), 10/31/2024	2,000,000	1,912,889			
5.227% (a), 6/6/2024	4,000,000	3,910,074			
5.305% (a), 1/11/2024	6,000,000	5,959,980			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)		% of Net Assets	Value (\$)
JPMorgan Securities, Inc.:			Total Investment Portfolio		
5.33%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$11,406,751 on 1/2/2024 (e)	11,400,000	11,400,000	(Cost \$289,086,776)	101.1	289,086,776
			Other Assets and Liabilities, Net	(1.1)	(3,222,072)
5.34%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$23,914,181 on 1/2/2024 (f)	23,900,000	23,900,000	Net Assets	100.0	285,864,704
Royal Bank of Canada:					
5.33%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$7,904,679 on 1/2/2024 (g)	7,900,000	7,900,000			
5.33%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$12,407,344 on 1/2/2024 (h)	12,400,000	12,400,000			
5.34%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$23,213,765 on 1/2/2024 (i)	23,200,000	23,200,000			
Wells Fargo Bank, 5.35%, dated 12/29/2023, to be repurchased at \$25,415,099 on 1/2/2024 (j)	25,400,000	25,400,000			
Total Repurchase Agreements (Cost \$156,000,000)		156,000,000			

(a) Annualized yield at time of purchase; not a coupon rate.

(b) Floating rate security. These securities are shown at their current rate as of December 31, 2023.

(c) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
33,067,274	U.S. Treasury STRIPS	Zero Coupon	11/15/2029–5/15/2046	26,286,050
2,052,600	U.S. Treasury Notes	2.625	5/31/2027	1,967,951
Total Collateral Value				28,254,001

(d) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
26,608,800	U.S. Treasury Notes	0.375–5.0	8/31/2025–9/30/2027	24,582,018

(e) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
12,648,600	U.S. Treasury Notes	0.75–1.25	8/31/2026–11/30/2026	11,628,068

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(f) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
0.29	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	6.0	11/1/2036	0.30
13,289,063	Federal National Mortgage Association	3.0–5.18	9/1/2029–6/1/2052	13,796,273
11,135,606	Government National Mortgage Association	2.5–6.5	3/15/2025–11/15/2057	10,581,728
Total Collateral Value				24,378,001

(g) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
8,068,600	U.S. Treasury Bills	Zero Coupon	1/11/2024	8,058,030

(h) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
100	U.S. Treasury Bills	Zero Coupon	3/21/2024	99
14,447,500	U.S. Treasury Bonds	1.375–4.0	11/15/2040–11/15/2047	11,936,291
200	U.S. Treasury Notes	2.25–3.0	12/31/2024–7/15/2025	198
166,700	U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds	0.625–2.0	1/15/2026–2/15/2047	173,390
1,366,700	U.S. Treasury STRIPS	Zero Coupon	8/15/2043–8/15/2050	545,550
Total Collateral Value				12,655,528

(i) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
13,985	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	2.5–7.0	6/1/2048–1/1/2054	12,829
8,521,008	Federal National Mortgage Association	2.0–7.5	6/1/2041–12/1/2053	7,277,735
4,542,378	Government National Mortgage Association	2.0–6.5	2/20/2042–11/20/2053	4,308,872
18,293,300	U.S. Treasury Bonds	1.125–4.0	8/15/2040–11/15/2042	11,823,661
100	U.S. Treasury Notes	0.375	1/31/2026	93
72,900	U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds	0.625–2.375	1/15/2025–2/15/2043	77,004
514,900	U.S. Treasury STRIPS	Zero Coupon	8/15/2046–8/15/2050	177,847
Total Collateral Value				23,678,041

(j) Collateralized by:

Principal Amount (\$)	Security	Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Collateral Value (\$)
24,976,262	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	6.0–7.0	10/1/2053–12/1/2053	25,908,000

SOFR: Secured Overnight Financing Rate

STRIPS: Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal Securities

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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. Securities held by the Fund are reflected as Level 2 because the securities are valued at amortized cost (which approximates fair value) and, accordingly, the inputs used to determine value are not quoted prices in an active market.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2023 in valuing the Fund's investments. For information on the Fund's policy regarding the valuation of investments, please refer to the Security Valuation section of Note A in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments in Securities (a)	\$ —	\$ 133,086,776	\$ —	\$ 133,086,776
Repurchase Agreements	—	156,000,000	—	156,000,000
Total	\$ —	\$ 289,086,776	\$ —	\$ 289,086,776

(a) See Investment Portfolio for additional detailed categorizations.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as of December 31, 2023

Assets	
Investments in securities, valued at amortized cost	\$ 133,086,776
Repurchase agreements, valued at amortized cost	156,000,000
Cash	16,715
Receivable for Fund shares sold	82,526
Interest receivable	553,032
Other assets	4,642
Total assets	289,743,691

Liabilities	
Payable for investments purchased	2,987,610
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	150,231
Distributions payable	577,504
Accrued management fee	57,204
Accrued Trustees' fees	3,163
Other accrued expenses and payables	103,275
Total liabilities	3,878,987
Net assets, at value	\$ 285,864,704

Net Assets Consist of

Distributable earnings (loss)	8,791
Paid-in capital	285,855,913
Net assets, at value	\$ 285,864,704

Net Asset Value

Class A

Net Asset Value , offering and redemption price per share ($\$285,864,704 \div 285,920,893$ outstanding shares of beneficial interest, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	\$ 1.00
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Statement of Operations

for the year ended December 31, 2023

Investment Income	
Income:	
Interest	\$ 10,517,929
Expenses:	
Management fee	485,273
Administration fee	200,304
Services to shareholders	2,896
Custodian fee	7,460
Professional fees	53,068
Reports to shareholders	38,273
Trustees' fees and expenses	8,907
Other	10,244
Total expenses	806,425
Net investment income	9,711,504
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	2,426
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 9,713,930

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	Years Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 9,711,504	\$ 2,385,589
Net realized gain (loss)	2,426	(119)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	9,713,930	2,385,470
Distributions to shareholders:		
Class A	(9,711,503)	(2,385,590)
Fund share transactions:		
Class A		
Proceeds from shares sold	193,367,672	174,719,180
Reinvestment of distributions	9,448,141	2,068,026
Payments for shares redeemed	(103,500,306)	(186,972,657)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from Class A share transactions	99,315,507	(10,185,451)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	99,317,934	(10,185,571)
Net assets at beginning of period	186,546,770	196,732,341
Net assets at end of period	\$ 285,864,704	\$ 186,546,770
Other Information		
Class A		
Shares outstanding at beginning of period	186,606,016	196,801,073
Shares sold	193,367,042	174,709,574
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	9,448,141	2,068,026
Shares redeemed	(103,500,306)	(186,972,657)
Net increase (decrease) in Class A shares	99,314,877	(10,195,057)
Shares outstanding at end of period	285,920,893	186,606,016

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Financial Highlights

DWS Government Money Market VIP — Class A

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Selected Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
<i>Income (loss) from investment operations:</i>					
Net investment income	.047	.013	.000*	.002	.018
Net realized gain (loss)	.000*	(.000)*	(.000)*	.000*	.000*
Total from investment operations	.047	.013	.000*	.002	.018
<i>Less distributions from:</i>					
Net investment income	(.047)	(.013)	(.000)*	(.002)	(.018)
Net asset value, end of period	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Total Return (%)	4.75	1.29 ^a	.01 ^a	.24 ^a	1.77 ^a
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	286	187	197	153	122
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%) ^b	.39	.40	.42	.42	.47
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%) ^b	.39	.32	.06	.23	.47
Ratio of net investment income (%)	4.70	1.25	.01	.20	1.74

^a Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

^b Expense ratio does not reflect charges and fees associated with the separate account that invests in the Fund or any variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract for which the Fund is an investment option.

* Amount is less than \$.0005.

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Notes to Financial Statements

A. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

DWS Government Money Market VIP (the “Fund”) is a diversified series of Deutsche DWS Variable Series II (the “Trust”), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust.

The Fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) which require the use of management estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund qualifies as an investment company under Topic 946 of Accounting Standards Codification of U.S. GAAP. The policies described below are followed consistently by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Security Valuation. 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 Fund values all securities utilizing the amortized cost method permitted in accordance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain conditions therein. Under this method, which does not take into account unrealized capital gains or losses on securities, an instrument is initially valued at its cost and thereafter assumes a constant accretion/ amortization rate to maturity of any discount or premium. Securities held by the Fund are reflected as Level 2 because the securities are valued at amortized cost (which approximates fair value) and, accordingly, the inputs used to determine value are not quoted prices in an active market.

Disclosure about the classification of fair value measurements is included in a table following the Fund’s Investment Portfolio.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements, under the terms of a Master Repurchase Agreement, with certain banks and broker/dealers whereby the Fund, through its custodian or a sub-custodian bank, receives delivery of the underlying securities, the amount of which at the time of purchase and each subsequent business day is required to be maintained at such a level that the market value is equal to at least the principal amount of the repurchase price plus accrued interest. The custodian bank or another designated sub-custodian bank holds the collateral in a separate account until the agreement matures. If the value of the securities falls below the principal amount of the repurchase agreement plus accrued interest, the financial institution deposits additional collateral by the following business day. If the financial institution either fails to deposit the required additional collateral or fails to repurchase the securities as agreed, the Fund has the right to sell the securities and recover any resulting loss from the financial institution. If the financial institution enters into bankruptcy, the Fund’s claim on the collateral may be subject to legal proceedings.

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund held repurchase agreements with a gross value of \$156,000,000. The value of the related collateral exceeded the value of the repurchase agreements at period end. The detail of the related collateral is included in the footnotes following the Fund’s Investment Portfolio.

Federal Income Taxes. The Fund is treated as a separate taxpayer as provided for in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). It is the Fund’s policy to comply with the requirements of the Code, which are applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute all of its taxable income to the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies which hold its shares.

The Fund has reviewed the tax positions for the open tax years as of December 31, 2023 and has determined that no provision for income tax and/or uncertain tax positions is required in the Fund’s financial statements. The Fund’s federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain open subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

Distribution of Income and Gains. Net investment income of the Fund is declared as a daily dividend and is distributed to shareholders monthly. The Fund may take into account capital gains and losses in its daily dividend declarations. The Fund may also make additional distributions for tax purposes if necessary.

Permanent book and tax basis differences relating to shareholder distributions will result in reclassifications to paid-in capital. Temporary book and tax basis differences will reverse in a subsequent period. There were no significant book-to-tax differences for the Fund.

At December 31, 2023, the Fund's components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a net tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 8,791
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At December 31, 2023, the Fund had an aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes of \$289,086,776.

In addition, the tax character of distributions paid to shareholders by the Fund is summarized as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Distributions from ordinary income	\$ 9,711,503	\$ 2,385,590

Expenses. Expenses of the Trust arising in connection with a specific fund are allocated to that fund. Other Trust expenses which cannot be directly attributed to a fund are apportioned among the funds in the Trust based upon the relative net assets or other appropriate measures.

Contingencies. In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet been made. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Other. Investment transactions are accounted for on trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis. All premiums and discounts are amortized/accreted for both tax and financial reporting purposes.

B. Related Parties

Management Agreement. Under the Investment Management Agreement with DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA" or the "Advisor"), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA ("DWS Group"), the Advisor directs the investments of the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions. The Advisor determines the securities, instruments and other contracts relating to investments to be purchased, sold or entered into by the Fund.

Under the Investment Management Agreement with the Advisor, the Fund pays a monthly management fee based on the average daily net assets of the Fund, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly, at the following annual rates:

First \$500 million of the Fund's average daily net assets	.235%
Next \$500 million of such net assets	.220%
Next \$1.0 billion of such net assets	.205%
Over \$2.0 billion of such net assets	.190%

Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2023, the fee pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement was equivalent to an annual rate (exclusive of any applicable waivers/reimbursements) of 0.235% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

For the period from January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the total annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses such as extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage and interest expense) of Class A at 0.51%.

Administration Fee. Pursuant to an Administrative Services Agreement, DIMA provides most administrative services to the Fund. For all services provided under the Administrative Services Agreement, the Fund pays the Advisor an annual fee ("Administration Fee") of 0.097% of the Fund's average daily net assets, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Administration Fee was \$200,304, of which \$23,612 is unpaid.

Service Provider Fees. DWS Service Company ("DSC"), an affiliate of the Advisor, is the transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent for the Fund. Pursuant to a sub-transfer agency agreement between DSC and SS&C GIDS, Inc. ("SS&C"), DSC has delegated certain transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent functions to SS&C. DSC compensates SS&C out of the

shareholder servicing fee it receives from the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the amounts charged to the Fund by DSC aggregated \$2,496, of which \$397 is unpaid.

Other Service Fees. Under an agreement with the Fund, DIMA is compensated for providing regulatory filing services to the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the amount charged to the Fund by DIMA included in the Statement of Operations under “Reports to shareholders” aggregated \$1,045, of which \$531 is unpaid.

Trustees’ Fees and Expenses. The Fund paid retainer fees to each Trustee not affiliated with the Advisor, plus specified amounts to the Board Chairperson and to each committee Chairperson.

C. Ownership of the Fund

At December 31, 2023, two participating insurance companies were owners of record of 10% or more of the total outstanding Class A shares of the Fund, each owning 45% and 34%, respectively.

D. Line of Credit

The Fund and other affiliated funds (the “Participants”) share in a \$375 million revolving credit facility provided by a syndication of banks. The Fund may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests that otherwise might require the untimely disposition of securities. The Participants are charged an annual commitment fee, which is allocated based on net assets, among each of the Participants. Interest is calculated at a daily fluctuating rate per annum equal to the sum of 0.10% plus the higher of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and the Overnight Bank Funding Rate, plus 1.25%. The Fund may borrow up to a maximum of 33 percent of its net assets under the agreement. The Fund had no outstanding loans at December 31, 2023.

E. Money Market Fund Investments and Yield

Rising interest rates could cause the value of the Fund’s investments — and therefore its share price as well — to decline. A rising interest rate environment may cause investors to move out of fixed-income securities and related markets on a large scale, which could adversely affect the price and liquidity of such securities and could also result in increased redemptions from the Fund. Increased redemptions from the Fund may force the Fund to sell investments at a time when it is not advantageous to do so, which could result in losses. Recently, the U.S. Federal Reserve has raised interest rates in response to increased inflation. As a result, fixed-income and related markets may experience heightened levels of interest rate volatility and liquidity risk. A sharp rise in interest rates could cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline and impair the Fund’s ability to maintain a stable \$1.00 share price. Conversely, any decline in interest rates is likely to cause the Fund’s yield to decline, and during periods of unusually low or negative interest rates, the Fund’s yield may approach or fall below zero. A low or negative interest rate environment may prevent the Fund from providing a positive yield or paying fund expenses out of current income and, at times, could impair the Fund’s ability to maintain a stable \$1.00 share price. Over time, the total return of a money market fund may not keep pace with inflation, which could result in a net loss of purchasing power for long-term investors. Interest rates can change in response to the supply and demand for credit, government and/or central bank monetary policy and action, inflation rates, and other factors. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks or governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates. Changing interest rates may have unpredictable effects on markets, may result in heightened market volatility and potential illiquidity and may detract from Fund performance to the extent the Fund is exposed to such interest rates and/or volatility. Money market funds try to minimize interest rate risk by purchasing short-term securities. If there is an insufficient supply of U.S. government securities to meet investor demand, it could result in lower yields on such securities and increase interest rate risk for the Fund.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees of Deutsche DWS Variable Series II and Shareholders of DWS Government Money Market VIP:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of DWS Government Money Market VIP (the "Fund") (one of the funds constituting Deutsche DWS Variable Series II) (the "Trust"), including the investment portfolio, as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the funds constituting Deutsche DWS Variable Series II) at December 31, 2023, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and others; when replies were not received from brokers and others, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the DWS family of funds since at least 1979, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

Boston, Massachusetts
February 13, 2024

Other Information

(Unaudited)

Regulatory Update — Tailored Shareholder Report

Effective January 24, 2023, the SEC amended the rules for mutual fund and exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) annual and semi-annual shareholder reports. The amended rules apply to mutual funds and ETFs that are registered on Form N-1A (i.e., open-end funds) and implement a new streamlined disclosure framework requiring “concise and visually engaging” shareholder reports highlighting key information, including a simplified expense presentation, performance information, portfolio holdings and certain fund statistics. The amended rules seek to simplify shareholder reporting by consolidating investor friendly data in one report and moving other data to Form N-CSR, creating a layered disclosure framework. Certain information from the Fund’s current shareholder reports, including the Fund’s investment portfolio, financial statements and financial highlights, will move to Form N-CSR. This information must be available online, delivered free of charge upon request and filed on a semiannual basis on Form N-CSR. Notably, the amended rules will require mutual funds and ETFs to prepare separate individual shareholder reports for each fund share class. The amendments also include a revised definition of “appropriate broad-based securities market index” that will affect performance presentations in the new streamlined reports and mutual fund and ETF prospectuses. The amended rules and related form amendments have a compliance date of July 24, 2024. At this time, management is evaluating the impact of the amended rules and form amendments on the content of the Fund’s current shareholder reports.

Information About Your Fund's Expenses

(Unaudited)

As an investor of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: ongoing expenses and transaction costs. Ongoing expenses include management fees and other Fund expenses. Examples of transaction costs include contract charges, which are not shown in this section. The following tables are intended to help you understand your ongoing expenses (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to help you compare these expenses with the ongoing expenses of investing in other mutual funds. The example in the table is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the six-month period and held for the entire period (July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023).

The tables illustrate your Fund's expenses in two ways:

- **Actual Fund Return.** This helps you estimate the actual dollar amount of ongoing expenses (but not transaction costs) paid on a \$1,000 investment in the Fund using the Fund's actual return during the period. To estimate the expenses you paid over the period, simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the "Expenses Paid per \$1,000" line under the share class you hold.
- **Hypothetical 5% Fund Return.** This helps you to compare your Fund's ongoing expenses (but not transaction costs) with those of other mutual funds using the Fund's actual expense ratio and a hypothetical rate of return of 5% per year before expenses. Examples using a 5% hypothetical fund return may be found in the shareholder reports of other mutual funds. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period.

Please note that the expenses shown in these tables are meant to highlight your ongoing expenses only and do not reflect any transaction costs. The "Expenses Paid per \$1,000" line of the tables is useful in comparing ongoing expenses only and will not help you determine the relative total expense of owning different funds. If these transaction costs had been included, your costs would have been higher.

Expenses and Value of a \$1,000 Investment for the six months ended December 31, 2023

Actual Fund Return	Class A
Beginning Account Value 7/1/23	\$1,000.00
Ending Account Value 12/31/23	\$1,025.34
Expenses Paid per \$1,000*	\$ 1.89

Hypothetical 5% Fund Return	Class A
Beginning Account Value 7/1/23	\$1,000.00
Ending Account Value 12/31/23	\$1,023.34
Expenses Paid per \$1,000*	\$ 1.89

* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 (the number of days in the most recent six-month period), then divided by 365.

Annualized Expense Ratio	Class A
Deutsche DWS Variable Series II — DWS Government Money Market VIP	.37%

For more information, please refer to the Fund's prospectus.

These tables do not reflect charges and fees ("contract charges") associated with the separate account that invests in the Fund or any variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract for which the Fund is an investment option.

For an analysis of the fees associated with an investment in the Fund or similar funds, please refer to the current and hypothetical expense calculators for Variable Insurance Products which can be found at dws.com/calculators.

Tax Information

(Unaudited)

Please consult a tax advisor if you have questions about federal or state income tax laws, or on how to prepare your tax returns. If you have specific questions about your account, please contact your insurance provider.

Proxy Voting

The Trust's policies and procedures for voting proxies for portfolio securities and information about how the Trust voted proxies related to its portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 are available on our Web site — dws.com/en-us/resources/proxy-voting — or on the SEC's Web site — sec.gov. To obtain a written copy of the Trust's policies and procedures without charge, upon request, call us toll free at (800) 728-3337.

Advisory Agreement Board Considerations and Fee Evaluation

The Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the “Board” or “Trustees”) approved the renewal of DWS Government Money Market VIP’s (the “Fund”) investment management agreement (the “Agreement”) with DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (“DIMA”) in September 2023.

In terms of the process that the Board followed prior to approving the Agreement, shareholders should know that:

- During the entire process, all of the Fund’s Trustees were independent of DIMA and its affiliates (the “Independent Trustees”).
- The Board met frequently during the past year to discuss fund matters and dedicated a substantial amount of time to contract review matters. Over the course of several months, the Board reviewed extensive materials received from DIMA, independent third parties and independent counsel. These materials included an analysis of the Fund’s performance, fees and expenses, profitability, economies of scale, and fall-out benefits from a fee consultant retained by the Fund’s Independent Trustees (the “Fee Consultant”).
- The Board also received extensive information throughout the year regarding performance of the Fund.
- The Independent Trustees regularly met privately with counsel to discuss contract review and other matters. In addition, the Independent Trustees were advised by the Fee Consultant as part of their review of the Fund’s contractual arrangements and considered a comprehensive report prepared by the Fee Consultant in connection with their deliberations.
- In connection with reviewing the Agreement, the Board also reviewed the terms of the Fund’s distribution agreement, administrative services agreement, transfer agency agreement and other material service agreements.

In connection with the contract review process, the Board considered the factors discussed below, among others. The Board also considered that DIMA and its predecessors have managed the Fund since its inception, and the Board believes that a long-term relationship with a capable, conscientious advisor is in the best interests of the Fund. The Board considered, generally, that shareholders chose to invest or remain invested in the Fund knowing that DIMA managed the Fund. DIMA is part of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA (“DWS Group”). DWS Group is a global asset management business that offers a wide range of investing expertise and resources, including research capabilities in many countries throughout the world. DWS Group is majority-owned by Deutsche Bank AG, with approximately 20% of its shares publicly traded.

As part of the contract review process, the Board carefully considered the fees and expenses of each DWS fund overseen by the Board in light of the fund’s performance. In many cases, this led to the negotiation and implementation of expense caps.

While shareholders may focus primarily on fund performance and fees, the Fund’s Board considers these and many other factors, including the quality and integrity of DIMA’s personnel and administrative support services provided by DIMA, such as back-office operations, fund valuations, and compliance policies and procedures.

Nature, Quality and Extent of Services. The Board considered the terms of the Agreement, including the scope of advisory services provided under the Agreement. The Board noted that, under the Agreement, DIMA provides portfolio management services to the Fund and that, pursuant to a separate administrative services agreement, DIMA provides administrative services to the Fund. The Board considered the experience and skills of senior management and investment personnel and the resources made available to such personnel. The Board also considered the risks to DIMA in sponsoring or managing the Fund, including financial, operational and reputational risks, the potential economic impact to DIMA from such risks and DIMA’s approach to addressing such risks. The Board reviewed the Fund’s performance over short-term and long-term periods and compared those returns to various agreed-upon performance measures, including a peer universe compiled using information supplied by iMoneyNet, an independent fund data service. The Board also noted that it has put into place a process of identifying “Funds in Review” (e.g., funds performing poorly relative to a peer universe), and receives additional reporting from DIMA regarding such funds and, where appropriate, DIMA’s plans to address underperformance. The Board believes this process is an effective manner of identifying and addressing underperforming funds. Based on the information provided, the Board noted that, for the one- and three-year periods ended December 31, 2022, the Fund’s gross performance (Class A shares) was in the 3rd quartile of the applicable iMoneyNet universe (the 1st quartile being the best performers and the 4th quartile being the worst performers).

Fees and Expenses. The Board considered the Fund's investment management fee schedule, operating expenses and total expense ratios, and comparative information provided by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") and the Fee Consultant regarding investment management fee rates paid to other investment advisors by similar funds (1st quartile being the most favorable and 4th quartile being the least favorable). With respect to management fees paid to other investment advisors by similar funds, the Board noted that the contractual fee rates paid by the Fund, which include a 0.097% fee paid to DIMA under the Fund's administrative services agreement, were lower than the median (2nd quartile) of the applicable Broadridge peer group (based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2022). Based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2022, the Board noted that the Fund's Class A shares total operating expenses were higher than the median (4th quartile) of the applicable Broadridge expense universe (less any applicable 12b-1 fees). The Board noted the expense limitation agreed to by DIMA. The Board also noted the voluntary fee waivers implemented by DIMA from time to time in recent years to ensure the Fund maintained a positive yield, and that the effect of these waivers on Fund expenses is not reflected in the comparisons of Fund expenses to the Broadridge expense universe noted above. The Board considered the Fund's management fee rate as compared to fees charged by DIMA to comparable DWS U.S. registered funds ("DWS Funds") and considered differences between the Fund and the comparable DWS Funds. The information requested by the Board as part of its review of fees and expenses also included information about institutional accounts (including any sub-advised funds and accounts) and funds offered primarily to European investors ("DWS Europe Funds") managed by DWS Group. The Board noted that DIMA indicated that DWS Group does not manage any institutional accounts or DWS Europe Funds comparable to the Fund. On the basis of the information provided, the Board concluded that management fees were reasonable and appropriate in light of the nature, quality and extent of services provided by DIMA.

Profitability. The Board reviewed detailed information regarding revenues received by DIMA under the Agreement. The Board considered the estimated costs to DIMA, and pre-tax profits realized by DIMA, from advising the DWS Funds, as well as estimates of the pre-tax profits attributable to managing the Fund in particular. The Board also received information regarding the estimated enterprise-wide profitability of DIMA and its affiliates with respect to all fund services in totality and by fund. The Board and the Fee Consultant reviewed DIMA's methodology in allocating its costs to the management of the Fund. Based on the information provided, the Board concluded that the pre-tax profits realized by DIMA in connection with the management of the Fund were not unreasonable. The Board also reviewed certain publicly available information regarding the profitability of certain similar investment management firms. The Board noted that, while information regarding the profitability of such firms is limited (and in some cases is not necessarily prepared on a comparable basis), DIMA and its affiliates' overall profitability with respect to the DWS Funds (after taking into account distribution and other services provided to the funds by DIMA and its affiliates) was lower than the overall profitability levels of most comparable firms for which such data was available.

Economies of Scale. The Board considered whether there are economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund and whether the Fund benefits from any economies of scale. The Board noted that the Fund's investment management fee schedule includes fee breakpoints. The Board concluded that the Fund's fee schedule represents an appropriate sharing between the Fund and DIMA of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the Fund at current asset levels.

Other Benefits to DIMA and Its Affiliates. The Board also considered the character and amount of other incidental or "fall-out" benefits received by DIMA and its affiliates, including any fees received by DIMA for administrative services provided to the Fund and any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for transfer agency services provided to the Fund. The Board also considered benefits to DIMA related to brokerage and soft-dollar allocations, including allocating brokerage to pay for research generated by parties other than the executing broker dealers, which pertain primarily to funds investing in equity securities. In addition, the Board considered the incidental public relations benefits to DIMA related to DWS Funds advertising and cross-selling opportunities among DIMA products and services. The Board considered these benefits in reaching its conclusion that the Fund's management fees were reasonable.

Compliance. The Board considered the significant attention and resources dedicated by DIMA to its compliance processes in recent years. The Board noted in particular (i) the experience, seniority and time commitment of the individuals serving as DIMA's and the Fund's chief compliance officers; (ii) the substantial commitment of resources by DIMA and its affiliates to compliance matters, including the retention of compliance personnel; and (iii) ongoing efforts to enhance the compliance program.

Based on all of the information considered and the conclusions reached, the Board determined that the continuation of the Agreement is in the best interests of the Fund. In making this determination, the Board did not give particular weight to any single factor identified above. The Board considered these factors over

the course of numerous meetings, certain of which were in executive session with only the Independent Trustees and counsel present. It is possible that individual Independent Trustees may have weighed these factors differently in reaching their individual decisions to approve the continuation of the Agreement.

Board Members and Officers

The following table presents certain information regarding the Board Members and Officers of the Trust/Corporation. Each Board Member's year of birth is set forth in parentheses after his or her name. Unless otherwise noted, (i) each Board Member has engaged in the principal occupation(s) noted in the table for at least the most recent five years, although not necessarily in the same capacity; and (ii) the address of each Independent Board Member is c/o Keith R. Fox, DWS Funds Board Chair, c/o Thomas R. Hiller, Ropes & Gray LLP, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199-3600. Except as otherwise noted below, the term of office for each Board Member is until the election and qualification of a successor, or until such Board Member sooner dies, resigns, is removed or as otherwise provided in the governing documents of the Trust/Corporation. Because the Fund does not hold an annual meeting of shareholders, each Board Member will hold office for an indeterminate period.

The Board Members may also serve in similar capacities with other funds in the fund complex. The number of funds in the DWS fund complex shown in the table below includes all registered open- and closed-end funds (including all of their portfolios) advised by the Advisor and any registered funds that have an investment advisor that is an affiliated person of the Advisor.

Independent Board Members/Independent Advisory Board Members

Name, Year of Birth, Position with the Trust/Corporation and Length of Time Served ¹	Business Experience and Directorships During the Past Five Years	Number of Funds in DWS Fund Complex Overseen	Other Directorships Held by Board Member
Keith R. Fox, CFA (1954) Chairperson since 2017, and Board Member since 1996	Managing General Partner, Exeter Capital Partners (a series of private investment funds) (since 1986); Former Chairman, National Association of Small Business Investment Companies; Former Directorships: ICI Mutual Insurance Company; BoxTop Media Inc. (advertising); Sun Capital Advisers Trust (mutual funds); Progressive International Corporation (kitchen goods designer and distributor)	68	—
John W. Ballantine (1946) Board Member since 1999	Retired; formerly: Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Management Officer, First Chicago NBD Corporation/The First National Bank of Chicago (1996–1998); Executive Vice President and Head of International Banking (1995–1996); Not-for-Profit Directorships: Window to the World Communications (public media); Life Director of Harris Theater for Music and Dance (Chicago); Life Director of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago; Former Directorships: Director and Chairman of the Board, Healthways Inc. ² (population well-being and wellness services) (2003–2014); Stockwell Capital Investments PLC (private equity); Enron Corporation; FNB Corporation; Tokheim Corporation; First Oak Brook Bancshares, Inc.; Oak Brook Bank; Portland General Electric ² (utility company) (2003–2021); and Prisma Energy International; Former Not-for-Profit Directorships: Public Radio International; Palm Beach Civic Assn.	68	—
Mary Schmid Daugherty, NACD.DC, PHD, CFA (1958) Board Member or Advisory Board Member since 2023 ³	Senior Fellow in Applied Finance, Department of Finance, Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas (1987–present); Directorships: The Meritex Company (2017–present); Driessen Water, Inc. (2016–present); and The Hardenbergh Foundation (2021–present); Former Directorships: Mairs & Power Funds Trust (mutual funds) (2010–2022); and Crescent Electric Supply Company (2010–2019)	21 ⁴	—
Dawn-Marie Driscoll (1946) Board Member since 1987	Emeritus Advisory Board and former Executive Fellow, Hoffman Center for Business Ethics, Bentley University; formerly: Partner, Palmer & Dodge (law firm) (1988–1990); Vice President of Corporate Affairs and General Counsel, Filene's (retail) (1978–1988); Directorships: Trustee and former Chairman of the Board, Southwest Florida Community Foundation (charitable organization); Former Directorships: ICI Mutual Insurance Company (2007–2015); Sun Capital Advisers Trust (mutual funds) (2007–2012); Investment Company Institute (audit, executive, nominating committees) and Independent Directors Council (governance, executive committees)	68	—

Name, Year of Birth, Position with the Trust/ Corporation and Length of Time Served¹	Business Experience and Directorships During the Past Five Years	Number of Funds in DWS Fund Complex Overseen	Other Directorships Held by Board Member
Richard J. Herring (1946) Board Member since 1990	Jacob Safra Professor of International Banking and Professor of Finance, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (1972–present); formerly: Director, The Wharton Financial Institutions Center (1994–2020); Vice Dean and Director, Wharton Undergraduate Division (1995–2000) and Director, The Lauder Institute of International Management Studies (2000–2006); Member FDIC Systemic Risk Advisory Committee (2011–present), member Systemic Risk Council (2012–present) and member of the Advisory Board of the Yale Program on Financial Stability (2013–present); Former Directorships: Co-Chair of the Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee (2003–2015), Executive Director of The Financial Economists Roundtable (2008–2015), Director of The Thai Capital Fund (2007–2013), Director of The Aberdeen Singapore Fund (2007–2018), Director, The Aberdeen Japan Fund (2007–2021) and Nonexecutive Director of Barclays Bank DE (2010–2018)	68	—
Chad D. Perry (1972) Board Member or Advisory Board Member since 2021 ³	Executive Vice President and General Counsel, RLJ Lodging Trust ² (since 2023); formerly Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. ² (2011–2023); Executive Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, LPL Financial Holdings Inc. ² (2006–2011); Senior Corporate Counsel, EMC Corporation (2005–2006); Associate, Ropes & Gray LLP (1997–2005)	21 ⁴	Director, Great Elm Capital Corp. (business development company) (since 2022)
Rebecca W. Rimel (1951) Board Member since 1995	Directorships: Washington College (since July 2023); Formerly: Executive Vice President, The Glenmede Trust Company (investment trust and wealth management) (1983–2004); Board Member, Investor Education (charitable organization) (2004–2005); Former Directorships: Trustee, Executive Committee, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (2001–2007); Director, Viasys Health Care ² (January 2007–June 2007); Trustee, Thomas Jefferson Foundation (charitable organization) (1994–2012); President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (1994–2020) and Senior Advisor (2020–2021), The Pew Charitable Trusts (charitable organization); Director, BioTelemetry Inc. ² (acquired by Royal Philips in 2021) (healthcare) (2009–2021); Director, Becton Dickinson and Company ² (medical technology company) (2012–2022)	68	Director, The Bridgespan Group (nonprofit organization) (since October 2020)
Catherine Schrand (1964) Board Member since 2021	Celia Z. Moh Professor of Accounting (2016–present) and Professor of Accounting (1994–present); Directorships: Advisory Board Member, the Jacobs Levy Center, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (since 2023); Former positions: Vice Dean, Wharton Doctoral Programs, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (2016–2019)	68	—
William N. Searcy, Jr. (1946) Board Member since 1993	Private investor since October 2003; formerly: Pension & Savings Trust Officer, Sprint Corporation ² (telecommunications) (November 1989–September 2003); Former Directorships: Trustee, Sun Capital Advisers Trust (mutual funds) (1998–2012)	68	—

Officers⁵

Name, Year of Birth, Position with the Trust/Corporation and Length of Time Served⁶	Business Experience and Directorships During the Past Five Years
Hepsen Uzman ⁷ (1974) President and Chief Executive Officer, 2017–present	Head of Americas CEO Office, DWS (2023–present), Head of Fund Administration, Head of Product Americas and Head of U.S. Mutual Funds, DWS (2017–present); Vice President, DWS Service Company (2018–present); President, DB Investment Managers, Inc. (2018–present); President and Chief Executive Officer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2017–present); Vice President, DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (2023–present); formerly: Vice President for the Deutsche funds (2016–2017); Assistant Secretary for the DWS funds (2013–2019); Secretary, DWS USA Corporation (2018–2023); Assistant Secretary, DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (2018–2023); Assistant Secretary, DWS Trust Company (2018–2023); Assistant Secretary, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2013–2020); Assistant Secretary, DWS Distributors, Inc. (2018–2023); Directorships: Director of DWS Service Company (2018–present); Director of DB Investment Managers, Inc. (2018–present); Director of Episcopal Charities of New York (2018–present); Interested Director of The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2020–present); Director of ICI Mutual Insurance Company (2020–present); Director of DWS USA Corporation (2023–present); Director of DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (2023–present); and Manager of DBX Advisors LLC. (2023–present)
John Millette ⁸ (1962) Vice President and Secretary, 1999–present	Legal (Associate General Counsel), DWS; Chief Legal Officer, DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (2015–present); Director and Vice President, DWS Trust Company (2016–present); Secretary, DBX ETF Trust (2020–present); Vice President, DBX Advisors LLC (2021–present); Secretary, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2011–present); formerly: Secretary, Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. (2015–2017); and Assistant Secretary, DBX ETF Trust (2019–2020)

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Ciara Crawford ⁹ (1984) Assistant Secretary, 2019–present	Fund Administration (Specialist), DWS (2015–present); Assistant Secretary, DWS Service Company (2018–present); Assistant Secretary of U.S. Mutual Funds, DWS (2019–present); Assistant Secretary, DWS USA Corporation (2023–present); Assistant Secretary, DBX Advisors, LLC (2023–present); Assistant Secretary, DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (2023–present); Assistant Clerk, DWS Trust Company (2023–present); formerly, Legal Assistant at Accelerated Tax Solutions
Diane Kenneally ⁸ (1966) Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, 2018–present	Fund Administration Treasurer’s Office (Co-Head since 2018), DWS; Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller, DBX ETF Trust (2019–present); Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2018–present); formerly: Assistant Treasurer for the DWS funds (2007–2018)
Yvonne Wong ⁸ (1960) Assistant Treasurer, since December 1, 2023	Fund Administration (Senior Analyst), DWS; Assistant Treasurer, DBX ETF Trust (since November 14, 2023)
Sheila Cadogan ⁸ (1966) Assistant Treasurer, 2017–present	Fund Administration Treasurer’s Office (Co-Head since 2018), DWS; Director and Vice President, DWS Trust Company (2018–present); Assistant Treasurer, DBX ETF Trust (2019–present); Assistant Treasurer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2018–present)
Scott D. Hogan ⁸ (1970) Chief Compliance Officer, 2016–present	Anti-Financial Crime & Compliance US (Senior Team Lead), DWS; Chief Compliance Officer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2016–present)
Caroline Pearson ⁸ (1962) Chief Legal Officer, 2010–present	Legal (Senior Team Lead), DWS; Assistant Secretary, DBX ETF Trust (2020–present); Chief Legal Officer, DBX Advisors LLC (2020–present); Chief Legal Officer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2012–present); formerly: Secretary, Deutsche AM Distributors, Inc. (2002–2017); Secretary, Deutsche AM Service Company (2010–2017); and Chief Legal Officer, DBX Strategic Advisors LLC (2020–2021)
Christian Rijs ⁷ (1980) Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer, 2021–present	Senior Team Lead Anti-Financial Crime and Compliance, DWS; AML Officer, DWS Trust Company (2021–present); AML Officer, DBX ETF Trust (2021–present); AML Officer, The European Equity Fund, Inc., The New Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central and Eastern Europe Fund, Inc. (2021–present); formerly: DWS UK & Ireland Head of Anti-Financial Crime and MLRO

¹ The length of time served represents the year in which the Board Member joined the board of one or more DWS funds currently overseen by the Board.

² A publicly held company with securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

³ Mr. Perry and Ms. Daugherty are each an Advisory Board Member of Deutsche DWS Asset Allocation Trust, Deutsche DWS Equity 500 Index Portfolio, Deutsche DWS Global/International Fund, Inc., Deutsche DWS Income Trust, Deutsche DWS Institutional Funds, Deutsche DWS International Fund, Inc., Deutsche DWS Investment Trust, Deutsche DWS Investments VIT Funds, Deutsche DWS Money Market Trust, Deutsche DWS Municipal Trust, Deutsche DWS Portfolio Trust, Deutsche DWS Securities Trust, Deutsche DWS Tax Free Trust, Deutsche DWS Variable Series I and Government Cash Management Portfolio. Mr. Perry and Ms. Daugherty are each a Board Member of each other Trust.

⁴ Mr. Perry and Ms. Daugherty each oversees 21 funds in the DWS Fund Complex as a Board Member of various Trusts. Mr. Perry and Ms. Daugherty are each an Advisory Board Member of various Trusts/Corporations comprised of 47 funds in the DWS Fund Complex.

⁵ As a result of their respective positions held with the Advisor or its affiliates, these individuals are considered “interested persons” of the Advisor within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Interested persons receive no compensation from the Fund.

⁶ The length of time served represents the year in which the officer was first elected in such capacity for one or more DWS funds.

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⁸ Address: 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110.

⁹ Address: 5201 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Certain officers hold similar positions for other investment companies for which DIMA or an affiliate serves as the Advisor.

The Fund’s Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) includes additional information about the Board Members. The SAI is available, without charge, upon request. If you would like to request a copy of the SAI, you may do so by calling the following toll-free number: (800) 728-3337.

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