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# Semiannual Report to Shareholders

**DWS Global Macro Fund** 



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This report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. To obtain a summary prospectus, if available, or prospectus for any of our funds, refer to the Account Management Resources information provided in the back of this booklet. We advise you to consider the Fund's objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. The summary prospectus and prospectus contain this and other important information about the Fund. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.

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Stocks may decline in value. Investing in foreign securities presents certain risks, such as currency fluctuations, political and economic changes, and market risks. Emerging markets tend to be more volatile and less liquid than the markets of more mature economies, and generally have less diverse and less mature economic structures and less stable political systems than those of developed countries. The Fund's use of forward currency contracts may not be successful in hedging currency exchange rates changes and could eliminate some or all of the benefit of an increase in the value of a foreign currency versus the US dollar. Although allocation among different asset categories generally limits risk, fund management may favor an asset category that underperforms other assets or markets as a whole. Investing in derivatives entails special risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and/or increase volatility. Investments in lower-quality ("junk bonds") and non-rated securities present greater risk of loss than investments in higher-quality securities. The Fund may lend securities to approved institutions. Please read the prospectus for details.

War, terrorism, sanctions, economic uncertainty, trade disputes, public health crises, natural disasters, climate change and related geopolitical events have led, and, in the future, may lead, to significant disruptions in U.S. and world economies and markets, which may lead to increased market volatility and may have significant adverse effects on the Fund and its investments.

## Letter to Shareholders

#### Dear Shareholder:

This past year can be described as one where there were major structural disruptions and challenges impacting financial markets: record high inflation; end of ultra-loose monetary policy; impact of slower growth in China; ongoing political attacks on global trade; demographic change profoundly affecting more and more countries; and finally, the Ukraine conflict, the future course of which continues to be highly unpredictable.

It is therefore apparent that there will be no lack of challenges for investors in 2023. With looming recession concerns in the U.S. and Europe, we believe the prospects for equity returns will be challenging in 2023. Further, aggressive tightening by the Federal Reserve and international monetary authorities has increased pressure on banks and their ability to lend, and also negatively impacted the performance of fixed income securities. Inflation continues to remain above monetary authority targets, however there is early evidence that rate hikes by the Federal Reserve are beginning to take effect and cool the pace of rising prices.

Consequently, we believe that it is important for investors to diversify their investments given the level of volatility in markets. Balanced portfolios can help mitigate the negative impact of unexpected economic, geopolitical, and market events. While investment objectives are unique to each investor, we do believe there may be benefits to owning corporate and government bonds given their potential for yield as well as holding equities for their ability to counter the negative effects of persistent inflation.

In our view, these factors of market volatility, unpredictable economic events, and complex geo-political forces strongly underscore the value add of active portfolio management. The partnership between our portfolio managers and our CIO Office — which synthesizes the views of more than 900 DWS economists, analysts and investment professionals around the world — makes an important difference in making strategic and tactical decisions for the DWS Funds. Thank you for your trust. For ongoing updates to our market and economic outlook, please visit the "Insights" section of dws.com.

Best regards,



Hepsen Uzcan

President, DWS Funds

Assumptions, estimates and opinions contained in this document constitute our judgment as of the date of the document and are subject to change without notice. Any projections are based on a number of assumptions as to market conditions and there can be no guarantee that any projected results will be achieved. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

## Performance Summary April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Class A	6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year		
Average Annual Total Returns as of 4/30/23						
Unadjusted for Sales Charge	8.56%	3.88%	3.72%	4.43%		
Adjusted for the Maximum Sales Charge (max 5.75% load)	2.32%	-2.09%	2.50%	3.82%		
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †	2.09%	2.81%	1.44%	0.90%		
Average Annual Total Returns as of 3/31/23 (most recent calendar quarter end)						
Unadjusted for Sales Charge		0.58%	4.00%	4.86%		
Adjusted for the Maximum Sales Charge (max 5.75% load)		-5.21%	2.78%	4.24%		
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †		2.50%	1.41%	0.87%		

6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
8.17%	3.18%	2.94%	3.65%
7.17%	3.18%	2.94%	3.65%
2.09%	2.81%	1.44%	0.90%
t recent cale	ndar quar	ter end)	
	-0.21%	3.21%	4.07%
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Class R	6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 4/30/23					
No Sales Charges	8.40%	3.60%	3.45%	4.17%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index $^{\dagger}$	2.09%	2.81%	1.44%	0.90%	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 3/31/23 (most recent calendar quarter end)					
No Sales Charges		0.29%	3.75%	4.60%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index <sup>†</sup>		2.50%	1.41%	0.87%	

Class R6	6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	Life of Class*		
Average Annual Total Returns as of 4/30/23					
No Sales Charges	8.70%	4.14%	3.28%		
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †	2.09%	2.81%	1.20%		
Average Annual Total Returns as of 3/31/23 (most recent calendar quarter end)					
No Sales Charges		0.87%	3.15%		
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †		2.50%	1.14%		

Class S	6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 4/30/23					
No Sales Charges	8.70%	4.18%	3.96%	4.65%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †	2.09%	2.81%	1.44%	0.90%	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 3/31/23 (most recent calendar quarter end)					
No Sales Charges		0.79%	4.25%	5.08%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index <sup>†</sup>		2.50%	1.41%	0.87%	

Institutional Class	6-Month <sup>‡</sup>	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 4/30/23					
No Sales Charges	8.71%	4.13%	3.97%	4.68%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index †	2.09%	2.81%	1.44%	0.90%	
Average Annual Total Returns as of 3/31/23 (most recent calendar quarter end)					
No Sales Charges		0.85%	4.28%	5.12%	
ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index $^{\dagger}$		2.50%	1.41%	0.87%	

Performance in the Average Annual Total Returns table above and the Growth of an Assumed \$10,000 Investment line graph that follows is historical and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal fluctuate, so your shares may be worth more or less when redeemed. Current performance may differ from performance data shown. Please visit dws.com for the Fund's most recent month-end performance. Fund performance includes reinvestment of all distributions. Unadjusted returns do not reflect sales charges and would have been lower if they had.

The gross expense ratios of the Fund, as stated in the fee table of the prospectus dated March 1, 2023 are 1.29%, 2.06%, 1.68%, 0.98%, 1.06% and 0.93% for Class A, Class C, Class R, Class R6, Class S and Institutional Class shares, respectively, and may differ from the expense ratios disclosed in the Financial Highlights tables in this report.

Index returns do not reflect any fees or expenses and it is not possible to invest directly into an index.

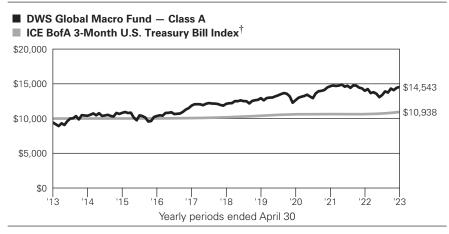
Performance figures do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

Prior to May 8, 2017, the Fund had a different management team and operated with a different investment strategy. Prior to July 12, 2013, the Fund had a sub-advisor and a different management team and operated with a different investment strategy. Performance would have been different if the Fund's current investment strategy had been in effect. Please see the prospectus for details.

Generally accepted accounting principles require adjustments to be made to the net assets of the Fund at period end for financial reporting purposes only, and as such, the total return based on the unadjusted net asset value per share may differ from the total return reported in the financial highlights.

#### Growth of an Assumed \$10,000 Investment

(Adjusted for Maximum Sales Charge)



## The Fund's growth of an assumed \$10,000 investment is adjusted for the maximum sales charge of 5.75%. This results in a net initial investment of \$9,425.

The growth of \$10,000 is cumulative.

Performance of other share classes will vary based on the sales charges and the fee structure of those classes.

- \* Class R6 shares commenced operations on July 1, 2019.
- <sup>†</sup> ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index tracks the performance of the U.S. dollar denominated U.S. Treasury Bills publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market with a remaining term to final maturity of less than three months.
- <sup>‡</sup> Total returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

	Class A	Class C	Class R	Class R6	Class S	Institutional Class
Net Asset Value						
4/30/23	\$10.02	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.65	\$ 9.82	\$ 9.78	\$ 9.80
10/31/22	\$ 9.63	\$ 9.02	\$ 9.28	\$ 9.44	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.42
Distribution Information as of 4/3	0/23					
Income Dividends, Six Months	\$.31	\$.25	\$.28	\$.31	\$.31	\$.31
Capital Gain Distributions	\$.1071	\$.1071	\$.1071	\$.1071	\$.1071	\$.1071

## Portfolio Management Team

### Henning Potstada, Regional Head of Investment Strategy Multi Asset and Solutions

Portfolio Manager of the Fund. Began managing the Fund in 2017.

- Joined DWS in 2006.
- Portfolio Manager for Multi Asset: Frankfurt.
- MBA, University of Bayreuth, Germany.

#### Christoph-Arend Schmidt, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager and Team Lead Multi Asset and Solutions

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### Stefan Flasdick, Portfolio Manager Multi Asset and Solutions

Portfolio Manager of the Fund. Began managing the Fund in 2017.

 Joined DWS in 2004 with 11 years of industry experience. Prior to his current role, he served as a portfolio manager in Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. Previously, he served in Futures & Options Sales for Germany & Austria at JP Morgan in London and Frankfurt. He began his career as a Trainee in Treasury and F&O Sales at BfG Bank/Credit Lyonnais.

#### Fabian Degen, CFA, Portfolio Manager Multi Asset and Solutions

Portfolio Manager of the Fund through April 25, 2023. Began managing the Fund in 2021.

- Joined DWS in 2007.
- Portfolio Manager and Analyst: New York.
- Bachelor of International Business Administration in Investments and Finance from the International University of Applied Sciences Bad Honnef, Bonn (with semester at the University of Maine (USA)).

Effective April 25, 2023, the portfolio management team is as follows:

#### Henning Potstada, Regional Head of Investment Strategy Multi Asset and Solutions

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## **Portfolio Summary**

## (Unaudited)

Asset Allocation (As a % of Net Assets)	4/30/23	10/31/22
Common Stocks	46%	42%
U.S. Treasury Obligations	17%	21%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15%	21%
Futures Contracts Fixed Income	9%	(9%)
Corporate Bonds	6%	6%
Gold Exchange-Traded Funds	5%	4%
Sovereign Bonds	4%	4%
Fixed Income Exchanged-Traded Funds	3%	_
Equity Exchange-Traded Funds	1%	
Futures Contracts Equity	(7%)	(6%)

### Sector Diversification (As a % of Common Stocks and

Corporate Bonds)	4/30/23	10/31/22
Health Care	25%	24%
Financials	19%	16%
Communication Services	16%	18%
Information Technology	13%	17%
Industrials	10%	7%
Utilities	8%	5%
Consumer Staples	4%	6%
Materials	3%	3%
Real Estate	2%	2%
Consumer Discretionary	0%	2%
	100%	100%

### Geographical Diversification (As a % of Investment

Portfolio excluding Exchange-Traded Funds, Securities Lending

Collateral and Cash Equivalents)	4/30/23	10/31/22
United States	49%	53%
Germany	19%	19%
France	10%	10%
Japan	5%	4%
Switzerland	4%	3%
Netherlands	4%	3%
Australia	2%	2%
Ireland	2%	_
United Kingdom	1%	2%
Other	4%	4%
	100%	100%

### Five Largest Equity Holdings at April 30, 2023

(1	0.8% of Net Assets)	Country	Percent
1	<b>E.ON SE</b> Distributor of electricity to commercial and residential customers	Germany	2.5%
2	<b>AXA SA</b> Offers insurance products and retail banking products and services	France	2.3%
3	<b>Microsoft Corp.</b> Develops, manufactures, licenses, sells and supports software products	United States	2.3%
4	Alphabet, Inc. Holding company with subsidiaries that provide Web-based search, maps, hardware products and various software applications	United States	1.9%
5	<b>Bayer AG</b> Produces and markets healthcare and agricultural products	Germany	1.8%

a	t April 30, 2023 (14.9% of Net Assets)	Country	Percent
1	U.S. Treasury Note 2.50%, 4/30/2024	United States	4.9%
2	U.S. Treasury Note 0.375%, 7/15/2024	United States	3.0%
3	U.S. Treasury Note 0.125%, 5/15/2023	United States	2.4%
4	U.S. Treasury Note 0.125%, 8/31/2023	United States	2.4%
5	U.S.Treasury Note 0.875%, 9/30/2026	United States	2.2%

Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change.

For more complete details about the Fund's investment portfolio, see page 13. A quarterly Fact Sheet is available on dws.com or upon request. Please see the Account Management Resources section on page 54 for contact information.

## **Investment Portfolio**

## as of April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks 46.0%		
Canada 0.2%		
Nutrien Ltd. (Cost \$435,461)	5,500	381,700
France 7.6%		
Alstom SA	47,684	1,198,843
AXA SA	144,475	4,709,105
BNP Paribas SA	44,714	2,892,421
Bureau Veritas SA	19,969	574,685
EssilorLuxottica SA	4,022	794,230
Euroapi SA*	828	9,957
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	270	259,444
Orange SA	140,443	1,829,640
Sanofi	24,076	2,616,808
Veolia Environnement SA	24,674	784,522
(Cost \$13,316,739)		15,669,655
Germany 10.7%		
Allianz SE (Registered)	5,450	1,367,870
Bayer AG (Registered)	57,504	3,787,966
Deutsche Telekom AG (Registered)	129,779	3,131,101
E.ON SE	391,439	5,175,789
Evonik Industries AG	55,905	1,219,394
Infineon Technologies AG	48,152	1,754,401
ING Groep NV	163,488	2,022,355
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG	E OE 4	1 000 104
(Registered) ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE	5,054	1,898,194
Vonovia SE	8,353 79,070	75,023 1,705,856
	19,070	
(Cost \$18,277,144)		22,137,949
Ireland 1.2%		
Medtronic PLC (a) (Cost \$2,713,211)	27,248	2,478,206
Italy 0.6%		
Enel SpA (Cost \$1,360,216)	166,384	1,136,314
Japan 3.4%		
Daikin Industries Ltd.	6,700	1,219,023
FANUC Corp.	25,000	847,700
Keyence Corp.	2,400	1,081,644
Secom Co., Ltd.	7,500	480,285

	Shares	Value (\$)
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	68,100	2,262,571
Yaskawa Electric Corp.	26,800	1,092,374
(Cost \$7,109,876)		6,983,597
Korea 0.8%		
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Cost \$1,532,390)	33,277	1,638,330
Netherlands 2.0%		
ASML Holding NV	2,826	1,791,358
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	50,158	1,725,350
Koninklijke Philips NV	26,765 _	563,632
(Cost \$3,311,846)		4,080,340
Switzerland 3.2%		
Novartis AG (Registered)	17,030	1,739,606
Roche Holding AG (Genusschein)	6,471	2,024,931
Siemens Energy AG*	119,043 _	2,918,341
(Cost \$5,530,031)		6,682,878
Taiwan 0.2%		
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Cost \$142,734)	21,000	343,906
	21,000	343,900
United Kingdom 0.9% Smith & Nephew PLC	41,767	688,382
Vodafone Group PLC	1,013,923	1,219,614
(Cost \$2,450,855)	-	1,907,996
United States 15.2%		1,007,000
Activision Blizzard, Inc.	23,294	1,810,177
Alphabet, Inc. "A" *	35,500	3,810,570
Amgen, Inc.	5,062	1,213,564
AT&T, Inc.	108,992	1,925,889
CVS Health Corp.	2,704	198,230
Intel Corp.	29,949	930,216
Johnson & Johnson	6,759	1,106,448
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	12,237	1,691,643
Linde PLC Merck & Co., Inc.	4,013	1,482,603
Microsoft Corp.	9,460 15,209	1,092,346 4,673,117
NextEra Energy, Inc.	18,429	1,412,214
PayPal Holdings, Inc.*	33,277	2,529,052
Pfizer, Inc.	53,638	2,085,982
Pinterest, Inc. "A" *	27,033	621,759
Quanta Services, Inc.	3,373	572,196
TE Connectivity Ltd.	8,492	1,039,166

		Shares	Value (\$)
Texas Instruments, Inc.		5,450	911,240
Union Pacific Corp.		3,350	655,595
Warner Bros Discovery, Inc.*		118,974	1,619,229
(Cost \$27,662,992)			31,381,236
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$83,843,495)			94,822,107
	_	Principal	
	Amo	ount (\$) (b)	Value (\$)
Bonds 27.4%			
Australia 1.7%			
Australia Government Bond, Series A, REG S, 0.25%, 11/21/2024 (Cost \$4,119,073)	AUD	5,645,000	3,571,756
Germany 3.4%			
KFW Government Guarantee, REG S, 0.125%, 5/16/2023		3,485,000	3,478,315
Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau, 0.25%, 10/19/2023		3,485,000	3,407,856
(Cost \$6,960,606)			6,886,171
Netherlands 0.7%			
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II BV, 4.5%, 3/1/2025	EUR	800,000	868,298
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III BV, 6.0%, 4/15/2024		600,000	598,673
(Cost \$1,357,397)			1,466,971
Norway 0.6%			
Norway Government Bond, Series 475, REG S, 144A, 2.0%, 5/24/2023 (Cost \$1,489,861)	NOK	13,708,000	1,285,127
Turkey 0.4%			
Republic of Turkey:			
3.25%, 6/14/2025	EUR	200,000	209,081
7.375%, 2/5/2025		500,000	492,008
(Cost \$709,266)			701,089
United States 20.6%		2 000 000	2 0 47 702
AbbVie, Inc., 2.95%, 11/21/2026 Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., 4.0%, 4/13/2028		3,000,000 170,000	2,847,793 168,440
Coty, Inc.:		170,000	100,440
REG S, 4.75%, 4/15/2026	EUR	1,151,000	1,227,068
144A, 6.5%, 4/15/2026		1,136,000	1,133,007
DISH DBS Corp., 7.75%, 7/1/2026		40,000	23,108
Howmet Aerospace, Inc., 5.125%, 10/1/2024 Netflix, Inc.:		1,320,000	1,314,611
4.625%, 5/15/2029	EUR	185,000	208,248

	Principal Amount (\$) (b)	Value (\$)
6.375%, 5/15/2029	100,000	108,050
U.S. Treasury Notes:		
0.125%, 5/15/2023	5,000,000	4,991,393
0.125%, 8/31/2023 (c)	5,000,000	4,918,945
0.375%, 7/15/2024	6,500,000	6,180,078
0.875%, 9/30/2026	5,000,000	4,557,226
2.375%, 5/15/2029	4,000,000	3,752,812
2.5%, 4/30/2024	10,267,200	10,033,782
VeriSign, Inc., 5.25%, 4/1/2025	300,000	301,274
Verizon Communications, Inc., 2.625%, 8/15/2026	800,000	756,858
(Cost \$43,788,555)		42,522,693

Total Bonds (Cost \$58,424,758)

56,433,807

Value (\$)

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Shares

5,603	731,248
23,877	3,049,722
3,009	346,837
5,684	750,423
15,760	1,566,969
34,836	2,049,750
250,000	9,872,500
	18,367,449
24,808,736	24,808,736
% of Net Assets	Value (\$)
94.3	194,432,099
5.7	11,811,280
100.0	206,243,379
-	23,877 3,009 5,684 15,760 34,836 250,000 24,808,736 <u>% of Net Assets</u> 94.3 5.7

A summary of the Fund's transactions with affiliated investments during the period ended April 30, 2023 are as follows:

				Net				
				Change				
				in				
				Unreal-				
			Net	ized				
			Real-	Appreci-		Capital		
	Pur-		ized	ation		Gain		
Value (\$)	chases	Sales	Gain/	(Depreci-		Distri-	Number of	Value (\$)
at	Cost	Proceeds	(Loss)	ation)	Income	butions	Shares at	at
10/31/2022	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	4/30/2023	4/30/2023

DWS Government & Agency Securities Portfolio "DWS Government Cash Institutional Shares",

4.74% (d) (e)

2,515,670 — 2,515,670 (f) — — 19,272 —

#### Cash Equivalents 12.0%

DWS Central	Cash Manage	ment Governm	ient Fund,	4.81% (d)
36 717 792	23 381 670	35 290 726	_	- 536 734

39,233,462	23,381,670	37,806,396	_	- 556.006	_	24,808,736	24,808,736
36,717,792	23,381,670	35,290,726	—	— 536,734	—	24,808,736	24,808,736

\* Non-income producing security.

- (a) Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
- (b) Principal amount stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.
- (c) At April 30, 2023, this security has been pledged, in whole or in part, to cover initial margin requirements for open futures contracts.
- (d) Affiliated fund managed by DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.
- (e) Represents cash collateral held in connection with securities lending. Income earned by the Fund is net of borrower rebates.
- (f) Represents the net increase (purchase cost) or decrease (sales proceeds) in the amount invested in cash collateral for the period ended April 30, 2023.

144A: Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

MSCI: Morgan Stanley Capital International

REG S: Securities sold under Regulation S may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

S&P: Standard & Poor's

SPDR: Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipt

At April 30, 2023, open futures contracts purchased were as follows:

Futures	Currency	Expiration Date		Notional Amount (\$)	Notional Value (\$)	Unrealized Appreciation (\$)
10 Year U.S. Treasury Note	USD	6/21/2023	13	1,440,799	1,497,641	56,842
2 Year U.S. Treasury Notes	USD	6/30/2023	12	2,450,186	2,473,969	23,783

Futures	Currency	Expiration Date		Notional Amount (\$)	Notional Value (\$)	Unrealized Appreciation (\$)
5 Year U.S. Treasury Note	USD	6/30/2023	136	14,568,091	14,924,938	356,847
TOPIX Index	JPY	6/8/2023	40	5,908,027	6,042,057	134,030
Total unrealize	571,502					

At April 30, 2023, open futures contracts sold were as follows:

Futures	Currency	Expiration Date	Contracts	Notional Amount (\$)	Notional Value (\$)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) (\$)
CAC 40 Index	EUR	5/19/2023	24	1,976,633	1,973,900	2,733
DAX Index	EUR	6/16/2023	33	13,858,602	14,565,086	(706,484)
S&P 500 E-Mini Index	USD	6/16/2023	19	3,696,261	3,979,075	(282,814)
Total net unre	alized dep	reciation				(986,565)

At April 30, 2023, the Fund had the following open forward foreign currency contracts:

Contra	acts to Deliver	In Ex	change For	Settlement Date	Unrealized Appreciation (\$)	Counterparty
EUR	47,837,745	USD	52,931,508	5/31/2023	119,095	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.
USD	535,750	AUD	810,107	5/31/2023	1,005	Citigroup, Inc.
USD	1,036,050	GBP	830,242	5/31/2023	8,107	Citigroup, Inc.
Total u	Inrealized app	reciat	ion		128,207	

Contra	cts to Deliver	In E	xchange For	Settlement Date	Unrealized Depreciation (\$)	Counterparty
USD	3,774,287	CHF	3,343,692	5/31/2023	(19,417)	Citigroup, Inc.
USD	7,652,232	JPY	1,015,236,035	5/31/2023	(165,975)	Citigroup, Inc.
USD	4,603,156	NOK	48,862,550	5/31/2023	(10,652)	Citigroup, Inc.
Total unrealized depreciation					(196,044)	

#### Currency Abbreviation(s)

AUD Australian Dollar CHF Swiss Franc EUR Euro GBP British Pound JPY Japanese Yen NOK Norwegian Krone USD United States Dollar

For information on the Fund's policy and additional disclosures regarding futures contracts and forward foreign currency contracts, please refer to the Derivatives section of Note B in the accompanying Notes to 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.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of April 30, 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
Common Stocks					
Canada	9	381,700	\$ _	\$—	\$ 381,700
France			15,669,655	_	15,669,655
Germany		_	22,137,949	_	22,137,949
Ireland		2,478,206	_	_	2,478,206
Italy			1,136,314	_	1,136,314
Japan			6,983,597	_	6,983,597
Korea		_	1,638,330	_	1,638,330
Netherlands			4,080,340	_	4,080,340
Switzerland			6,682,878	_	6,682,878
Taiwan			343,906	_	343,906
United Kingdom			1,907,996	_	1,907,996
United States		31,381,236	—	—	31,381,236
Bonds (a)		_	56,433,807	_	56,433,807
Exchange-Traded Funds		12,653,498	5,713,951	_	18,367,449
Short-Term Investments		24,808,736	_		24,808,736
Derivatives (b)					
Futures Contracts		574,235	_	_	574,235
Forward Foreign Currency					
Contracts		_	128,207	_	128,207
Total	\$	572,277,611	\$ 122,856,930	\$—	\$ 195,134,541
Liabilities		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Derivatives (b)					
Futures Contracts	\$	(989,298)	\$ 	\$—	\$ (989,298)
Forward Foreign Currency					
Contracts		—	(196,044)	_	(196,044)
Total	\$	(989,298)	\$ (196,044)	\$—	\$ (1,185,342)

(a) See Investment Portfolio for additional detailed categorizations.

(b) Derivatives include unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on open futures contracts and forward foreign currency contracts.

## **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

as of April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Assets	
Investments in non-affiliated securities, at value (cost \$159,389,007)	\$ 169,623,363
Investment in DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund (cost \$24,808,736)	24,808,736
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$7,295,897)	7,110,661
Receivable for investments sold	4,325,557
Receivable for Fund shares sold	45,707
Dividends receivable	189,137
Interest receivable	465,944
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency contracts	128,207
Foreign taxes recoverable	335,945
Other assets	47,415
Total assets	207,080,672
Liabilities	
Cash overdraft	1
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	391,623
Payable for variation margin on futures contracts	4,956
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency contracts	196,044
Accrued management fee	82,762
Accrued Directors' fees	3,103
Other accrued expenses and payables	158,804
Total liabilities	837,293
Net assets, at value	\$ 206,243,379
Net Assets Consist of	
Distributable earnings (loss)	2,532,261
Paid-in capital	203,711,118
Net assets, at value	\$ 206,243,379

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of April 30, 2023 (Unaudited) (continued)

Net Asset Value	
Class A Net Asset Value and redemption price per share (\$36,348,073 ÷ 3,628,038 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 10.02
Maximum offering price per share (100 ÷ 94.25 of \$10.02)	\$ 10.63
Class C Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price (subject to contingent deferred sales charge) per share (\$1,429,065 ÷ 152,382 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9.38
Class R Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share (\$105,607 ÷ 10,941 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9.65
Class R6 Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share (\$23,177 ÷ 2,359 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9.82
Class S Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share (\$86,843,499 ÷ 8,880,118 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9.78
Institutional Class Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share (\$81,493,958 ÷ 8,311,990 shares of capital stock outstanding, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9.80

## **Statement of Operations**

for the six months ended April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

#### Investment Income

Income: Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$69,749)	\$	970,558
Interest		698,789
Income distributions — DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund		536,734
Securities lending income, net of borrower rebates		19,272
Total income		2,225,353
Expenses: Management fee		601,147
Administration fee		97,185
Services to shareholders		154,367
Distribution and service fees		51,773
Custodian fee		10,144
Professional fees		58,469
Reports to shareholders		21,356
Registration fees		38,469
Directors' fees and expenses		5,431
Other		21,722
Total expenses before expense reductions		1,060,063
Expense reductions		(154,281)
Total expenses after expense reductions		905,782
Net investment income		1,319,571
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)		
Net realized gain (loss) from: Investments		(1,965,882)
Futures		771,486
Forward foreign currency contracts		(4,123,504)
Foreign currency		88,136
		(5,229,764)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments	2	23,408,341
Futures		(1,970,584)
Forward foreign currency contracts		(688,785)
Foreign currency		(32,263)
	2	20,716,709
Net gain (loss)	1	5,486,945

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

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations

\$ 16,806,516

## **Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	Six Months Ended April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended October 31, 2022
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 1,319,571	\$ 2,751,339
Net realized gain (loss)	(5,229,764)	9,605,784
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	20,716,709	(32,687,866)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	16,806,516	(20,330,743)
Distributions to shareholders: Class A	(1,507,247)	(656,461)
Class T	—	(194)
Class C	(65,744)	(22,477)
Class R	(5,339)	(2,474)
Class R6	(959)	(784)
Class S	(3,678,913)	(1,703,817)
Institutional Class	(3,347,856)	(1,646,405)
Total distributions	(8,606,058)	(4,032,612)
Fund share transactions:		
Proceeds from shares sold	9,352,544	27,651,815
Reinvestment of distributions	8,276,785	3,888,485
Payments for shares redeemed	(19,341,098)	(40,299,133)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from Fund share transactions	(1,711,769)	(8,758,833)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	6,488,689	(33,122,188)
Net assets at beginning of period	199,754,690	232,876,878
Net assets at end of period	\$206,243,379	\$199,754,690

## **Financial Highlights**

## DWS Global Macro Fund — Class A

	Six Months		V		- h - w 24	
	Ended 4/30/23 (Unaudited)	2022	Years Er 2021	nded Oct 2020	2019 2019	2018
Selected Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.63	\$10.76	\$9.54	\$10.16	\$10.15	\$9.92
Income (loss) from investment operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.05	.11	.11	.12	.17	.15
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.76	(1.07)	1.20	(.42)	.44	.08
Total from investment operations	.81	(.96)	1.31	(.30)	.61	.23
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(.31)	(.17)	(.09)	(.32)	(.42)	_
Net realized gains	(.11)				(.18)	
Total distributions	(.42)	(.17)	(.09)	(.32)	(.60)	_
Net asset value, end of period	\$10.02	\$9.63	\$10.76	\$9.54	\$10.16	\$10.15
Total Return (%) <sup>b,c</sup>	8.56*	(8.97)	13.74	(3.03)	6.65	2.32
Ratios to Average Net Assets	and Supplemer	ntal Data				
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	36	35	43	38	10	10
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%)	1.28**	1.27	1.28	1.32	2.08	2.58
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%)	1.10**	1.04	.97	1.16	1.30	1.02

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the effect of any sales charges.

<sup>c</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

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\* Not annualized

Ratio of net investment

Portfolio turnover rate (%)

\*\* Annualized

income (%)

## DWS Global Macro Fund — Class C

	Six Months Ended 4/30/23	Y	ears End	ed Octo	ober 31	,
	(Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Selected Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.02	\$10.07	\$8.94	\$9.48	\$9.48	\$9.34
Income (loss) from investment operations:	.02	00	00	0.4	00	07
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.02	.03	.03	.04	.09	.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.70	(.99)	1.11	(.39)	.41	.07
Total from investment operations	.72	(.96)	1.14	(.35)	.50	.14
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(.25)	(.09)	(.01)	(.19)	(.32)	
Net realized gains	(.11)	_	_		(.18)	
Total distributions	(.36)	(.09)	(.01)	(.19)	(.50)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.38	\$9.02	\$10.07	\$8.94	\$9.48	\$9.48
Total Return (%) <sup>b,c</sup>	8.17*	(9.57)	12.79	(3.75)	5.85	1.50
Ratios to Average Net Assets a	nd Supplemental	Data				
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	1	2	3	7	2	2
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%)	2.10**	2.04	2.02	2.03	2.82	3.32
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%)	1.85**	1.78	1.72	1.92	2.05	1.77
Ratio of net investment income (%)	.34**	.31	.31	.45	1.02	.74
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	16*	40	43	136	41	80

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the effect of any sales charges.

<sup>c</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

\* Not annualized

\*\* Annualized

## DWS Global Macro Fund — Class R

	Six Months Ended 4/30/23	Y	ears End	ed Octo	ober 31,	
	(Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Selected Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.28	\$10.37	\$9.20	\$9.77	\$9.77	\$9.57
Income (loss) from investment operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.04	.07	.08	.09	.14	.11
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.72	(1.02)	1.15	(.39)	.42	.09
Total from investment operations	.76	(.95)	1.23	(.30)	.56	.20
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(.28)	(.14)	(.06)	(.27)	(.38)	_
Net realized gains	(.11)				(.18)	
Total distributions	(.39)	(.14)	(.06)	(.27)	(.56)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.65	\$9.28	\$10.37	\$9.20	\$9.77	\$9.77
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	8.40*	(9.21)	13.37	(3.20)	6.35	2.09
Ratios to Average Net Assets a	nd Supplemental	Data				
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	.1	.1	.2	.2	.3	.4
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%)	1.74**	1.66	1.70	1.68	2.45	2.80
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%)	1.34**	1.28	1.22	1.43	1.53	1.27
Ratio of net investment income (%)	.82**	.75	.82	.96	1.51	1.13
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	16*	40	43	136	41	80

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>b</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

\* Not annualized

\*\* Annualized

### DWS Global Macro Fund — Class R6

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Six Months Years Ended Ended 4/30/23 October 31, (Unaudited) 2022 2021 2020		Ended 4/30/23 October 31,		Period Ended 10/31/19ª
\$9.44	\$10.54	\$9.36	\$9.98	\$9.70
07	1.4	10	1.4	.05
.07	(1.05)	1.16	(.40)	.05
.80	(.91)	1.29	(.26)	.28
(.31)	(.19)	(.11)	(.36)	_
(.11)	_		_	—
(.42)	(.19)	(.11)	_	_
\$9.82	\$9.44	\$10.54	\$9.36	\$9.98
8.70*	(8.67)	13.84	(2.70)	2.89*
Supplemental Da	ta			
23	21	50	44	10
.98**	.96	.94	.99	1.82**
.85**	.78	.72	.91	.98**
1.36**	1.38	1.29	1.46	1.55**
	Six Months Ended 4/30/23 (Unaudited) \$9.44 .07 .73 .80 (.31) (.11) (.42) \$9.82 8.70* Supplemental Da 23 .98** .85**	Six Months Ended 4/30/23 (Unaudited)   Yes Octobright 2022     \$9.44   \$10.54     \$9.44   \$10.54     .07   .14     .07   .14     .73   (1.05)     .80   (.91)     (.31)   (.19)     (.42)   (.19)     \$9.82   \$9.44     8.70*   (8.67)     Supplemental Data   23     .98**   .96     .85**   .78	Six Months Ended 4/30/23 (Unaudited)   Years Ende October 31 2022   2021     \$9.44   \$10.54   \$9.36     .07   .14   .13     .07   .14   .13     .73   (1.05)   1.16     .80   (.91)   1.29     (.31)   (.19)   (.11)     .42)   (.19)   (.11)     \$9.82   \$9.44   \$10.54     8.70*   (8.67)   13.84     Supplemental Data   23   21   50     .98**   .96   .94   .85**   .78   .72	Six Months Ended 4/30/23 (Unaudited)   Years Ended October 31, 2022   2021   2020     \$9.44   \$10.54   \$9.36   \$9.98     .07   .14   .13   .14     .07   .14   .13   .14     .73   (1.05)   1.16   (.40)     .80   (.91)   1.29   (.26)     (.31)   (.19)   (.11)   (.36)     (.11)   —   —   —     (.42)   (.19)   (.11)   .36)     8.70*   (8.67)   13.84   (2.70)     Supplemental Data   23   21   50   44     .98**   .96   .94   .99   .91

<sup>a</sup> For the period from July 1, 2019 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2019.

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<sup>b</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>c</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

<sup>d</sup> Represents the Fund's portfolio turnover rate for the year ended October 31, 2019.

\* Not annualized

Portfolio turnover rate (%)

\*\* Annualized

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

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## DWS Global Macro Fund — Class S

	Six Months Ended 4/30/23	Y	ears End	ed Octo	ober 31,	
	(Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Selected Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.40	\$10.49	\$9.32	\$9.95	\$9.93	\$9.69
Income (loss) from investment operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.07	.13	.12	.14	.20	.17
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.73	(1.04)	1.16	(.40)	.43	.07
Total from investment operations	.80	(.91)	1.28	(.26)	.63	.24
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(.31)	(.18)	(.11)	(.37)	(.43)	
Net realized gains	(.11)			_	(.18)	
Total distributions	(.42)	(.18)	(.11)	(.37)	(.61)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.78	\$9.40	\$10.49	\$9.32	\$9.95	\$9.93
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	8.70*	(8.70)	13.75	(2.72)	7.04	2.48
Ratios to Average Net Assets an	d Supplemental	Data				
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	87	84	102	96	5	5
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%)	1.06**	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.86	2.32
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%)	.85**	.81	.82	.92	.94	.82

Portfolio turnover rate (%) 16\* 40

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>b</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

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\* Not annualized

Ratio of net investment

\*\* Annualized

income (%)

## DWS Global Macro Fund — Institutional Class

	Six Months Ended 4/30/23	Y	ober 31,	,		
	(Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Selected Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.42	\$10.53	\$9.34	\$9.97	\$9.96	\$9.72
Income (loss) from investment operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.07	.13	.14	.14	.20	.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.73	(1.05)	1.16	(.40)	.43	.06
Total from investment operations	.80	(.92)	1.30	(.26)	.63	.24
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(.31)	(.19)	(.11)	(.37)	(.44)	
Net realized gains	(.11)				(.18)	
Total distributions	(.42)	(.19)	(.11)	(.37)	(.62)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.80	\$9.42	\$10.53	\$9.34	\$9.97	\$9.96
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	8.71*	(8.78)	13.97	(2.76)	6.98	2.47
Ratios to Average Net Assets a	nd Supplemental	Data				
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	81	79	84	39	16	8

(\$ millions)	81	79	84	39	16	8
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (%)	.93**	.91	.92	1.00	1.67	2.17
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (%)	.85**	.79	.72	.91	.97	.77
Ratio of net investment income (%)	1.37**	1.33	1.32	1.46	2.10	1.84
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	16*	40	43	136	41	80

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>b</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

\* Not annualized

\*\* Annualized

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

## (Unaudited)

## A. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

DWS Global Macro Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified series of Deutsche DWS International Fund, Inc. (the "Corporation"), 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 Maryland corporation.

The Fund offers multiple classes of shares which provide investors with different purchase options. Class A shares are subject to an initial sales charge. Class C shares are not subject to an initial sales charge but are subject to higher ongoing expenses than Class A shares and a contingent deferred sales charge payable upon certain redemptions within one year of purchase. Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares in the same fund after 8 years, provided that the Fund or the financial intermediary through which the shareholder purchased the Class C shares has records verifying that the Class C shares have been held for at least 8 years. Class R shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are generally available only to certain retirement plans. Class R6 shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are generally available only to certain gualifying plans and programs. Class S shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are available through certain intermediary relationships with financial services firms, or can be purchased by establishing an account directly with the Fund's transfer agent. Institutional Class shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are generally available only to qualified institutions.

Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses and expense reductions, if any, are borne pro rata on the basis of relative net assets by the holders of all classes of shares, except that each class bears certain expenses unique to that class such as distribution and service fees, services to shareholders and certain other class-specific expenses. Differences in class-level expenses may result in payment of different per share dividends by class. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting subject to class-specific arrangements.

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.** Investments are stated at value determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange on each day the exchange is open for trading.

The Fund's Board has designated DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (the "Advisor") as the valuation designee for the Fund pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act. The Advisor's Pricing Committee (the "Pricing Committee") typically values securities using readily available market quotations or prices supplied by independent pricing services (which are considered fair values under Rule 2a-5). The Advisor has adopted fair valuation procedures that provide methodologies for fair valuing securities.

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.

Equity securities and exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are valued at the most recent sale price or official closing price reported on the exchange (U.S. or foreign) or over-the-counter market on which they trade. Equity securities or ETFs for which no sales are reported are valued at the calculated mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations on the relevant market or, if a mean cannot be determined, at the most recent bid quotation. Equity securities and ETFs are generally categorized as Level 1. For certain international equity securities and ETFs, in order to adjust for events which may occur between the close of the foreign exchanges and the close of the New York Stock Exchange, a fair valuation model may be used. This fair valuation model takes into account comparisons to the valuation of American Depository Receipts (ADRs), exchange-traded funds, futures contracts and certain indices and these securities are categorized as Level 2.

Debt securities are valued at prices supplied by independent pricing services approved by the Pricing Committee. Such services may use various pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, prepayment speeds and other data, as well as broker quotes. If the pricing services are unable to provide valuations, debt securities are valued at the average of the most recent reliable bid quotations or evaluated prices, as applicable, obtained from broker-dealers. These securities are generally categorized as Level 2. Investments in open-end investment companies are valued at their net asset value each business day and are categorized as Level 1.

Futures contracts are generally valued at the settlement prices established each day on the exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1.

Forward currency contracts are valued at the prevailing forward exchange rate of the underlying currencies and are categorized as Level 2.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the above valuation procedures are deemed not to reflect fair value are valued in a manner that is intended to reflect their fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Pricing Committee and are generally categorized as Level 3. In accordance with the Fund's valuation procedures, factors considered in determining value may include, but are not limited to, the type of the security; the size of the holding; the initial cost of the security; the existence of any contractual restrictions on the security's disposition; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies; guotations or evaluated prices from broker-dealers and/or pricing services; information obtained from the issuer, analysts, and/or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities); an analysis of the company's or issuer's financial statements; an evaluation of the forces that influence the issuer and the market(s) in which the security is purchased and sold; and with respect to debt securities, the maturity, coupon, creditworthiness, currency denomination and the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded. The value determined under these procedures may differ from published values for the same securities.

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

**Foreign Currency Translations.** The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates at period end. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of the transactions.

Net realized and unrealized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net gains and losses between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, the acquisition and disposition of foreign currencies, and the difference between the amount of net investment income accrued and the U.S. dollar amount actually received. The portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed but is included with net realized and unrealized gain/appreciation and loss/depreciation on investments.

Securities Lending. Prior to March 27, 2023, Deutsche Bank AG served as securities lending agent for the Fund. Effective March 27, 2023, National Financial Services LLC (Fidelity Agency Lending), as securities lending agent. lends securities of the Fund to certain financial institutions under the terms of its securities lending agreement. During the term of the loans, the Fund continues to receive interest and dividends generated by the securities and to participate in any changes in their market value. The Fund requires the borrowers of the securities to maintain collateral with the Fund consisting of either cash or liquid, unencumbered assets having a value at least equal to the value of the securities loaned. When the collateral falls below specified amounts, the securities lending agent will use its best efforts to obtain additional collateral on the next business day to meet required amounts under the securities lending agreement. As of period end, any securities on loan were collateralized by cash. During the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Fund invested the cash collateral into a joint trading account in affiliated money market funds, including DWS Government & Agency Securities Portfolio, managed by DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. receives a management/administration fee (0.07%) annualized effective rate as of April 30, 2023) on the cash collateral invested in DWS Government & Agency Securities Portfolio. The Fund receives compensation for lending its securities either in the form of fees or by earning interest on invested cash collateral net of borrower rebates and fees paid to a securities lending agent. Either the Fund or the borrower may terminate the loan at any time, and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within a standard time period. There may be risks of delay and costs in recovery of securities or even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. If the Fund is not able to recover securities lent, the Fund may sell the collateral and purchase a replacement investment in the market, incurring the risk that the value of the replacement security is greater than the value of the collateral. The Fund is also subject to all investment risks associated with the reinvestment of any cash collateral received, including, but not limited to, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk associated with such investments.

As of April 30, 2023, the Fund had no securities on loan.

**Taxes.** The Fund's policy is to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which are applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute all of its taxable income to its shareholders.

Additionally, the Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by the governments of countries in which it invests and are generally based on

income and/or capital gains earned or repatriated. Estimated tax liabilities on certain foreign securities are recorded on an accrual basis and are reflected as components of interest income or net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments. Tax liabilities realized as a result of security sales are reflected as a component of net realized gain/loss on investments.

At April 30, 2023, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$186,551,361. The net unrealized appreciation for all investments based on tax cost was \$7,880,738. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$16,603,640 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$8,722,902.

The Fund has reviewed the tax positions for the open tax years as of October 31, 2022 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.** Distributions from net investment income of the Fund, if any, are declared and distributed to shareholders quarterly. Net realized gains from investment transactions, in excess of available capital loss carryforwards, would be taxable to the Fund if not distributed, and, therefore, will be distributed to shareholders at least annually. The Fund may also make additional distributions for tax purposes if necessary.

The timing and characterization of certain income and capital gain distributions are determined annually in accordance with federal tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences primarily relate to certain securities sold at a loss, investments in limited partnerships or trusts, investments in derivatives and premium amortization on debt securities. The Fund may utilize a portion of the proceeds from capital shares redeemed as a distribution from net investment income and realized capital gains. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. Accordingly, the Fund may periodically make reclassifications among certain of its capital accounts without impacting the net asset value of the Fund.

The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

**Expenses.** Expenses of the Corporation arising in connection with a specific fund are allocated to that fund. Other Corporation expenses which cannot be directly attributed to a fund are apportioned among the funds in

the Corporation 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 a trade date plus one basis for daily net asset value calculations. However, for financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date net of foreign withholding taxes. Certain dividends from foreign securities may be recorded subsequent to the ex-dividend date as soon as the Fund is informed of such dividends. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis. Proceeds from litigation payments, if any, are included in net realized gain (loss) from investments. All premiums and discounts are amortized/accreted for both tax and financial reporting purposes.

## **B. Derivative Instruments**

**Futures Contracts.** A futures contract is an agreement between a buyer or seller and an established futures exchange or its clearinghouse in which the buyer or seller agrees to take or make a delivery of a specific amount of a financial instrument at a specified price on a specific date (settlement date). For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Fund entered into futures as a substitute for direct investment in a particular asset class, for duration management, and for hedging purposes.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit with a financial intermediary cash or securities ("initial margin") in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the face value indicated in the futures contract. Subsequent payments ("variation margin") are made or received by the Fund dependent upon the daily fluctuations in the value and are recorded for financial reporting purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the Fund. Gains or losses are realized when the contract expires or is closed. Since all futures contracts are exchange-traded, counterparty risk is minimized as the exchange's clearinghouse acts as the counterparty, and guarantees the futures against default.

Certain risks may arise upon entering into futures contracts, including the risk that an illiquid market will limit the Fund's ability to close out a futures contract prior to the settlement date and the risk that the futures contract is not well correlated with the security, index or currency to which it relates. Risk of loss may exceed amounts recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

A summary of the open futures contracts as of April 30, 2023, is included in a table following the Fund's Investment Portfolio. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the investment in futures contracts purchased had a total notional value generally indicative of a range from approximately \$4,663,000 to \$24,939,000, and the investment in futures contracts sold had a total notional value generally indicative of a range from approximately \$20,518,000 to \$34,400,000.

**Forward Foreign Currency Contracts.** A forward foreign currency exchange contract ("forward currency contract") is a commitment to purchase or sell a foreign currency at the settlement date at a negotiated rate. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Fund entered into forward currency contracts in order to hedge its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on its foreign currency denominated portfolio holdings, to facilitate transactions in foreign currency denominated securities and for non-hedging purposes to seek to enhance potential gains.

Forward currency contracts are valued at the prevailing forward exchange rate of the underlying currencies and unrealized gain (loss) is recorded daily. On the settlement date of the forward currency contract, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value of the contract at the time it was closed. Certain risks may arise upon entering into forward currency contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts. The maximum counterparty credit risk to the Fund is measured by the unrealized gain on appreciated contracts. Additionally, when utilizing forward currency contracts to hedge, the Fund gives up the opportunity to profit from favorable exchange rate movements during the term of the contract.

A summary of the open forward currency contracts as of April 30, 2023, is included in the table following the Fund's Investment Portfolio. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the investment in forward currency contracts short vs. U.S. dollars had a total contract value generally indicative of a range from \$0 to approximately \$54,781,000, and the investment in forward currency contracts long vs. U.S. dollars had a total contract value generally sindicative of a range from \$0 to approximately \$54,781,000, and the investment in forward currency contracts long vs. U.S. dollars had a total contract value generally indicative of a range from \$0 to approximately \$18,178,000.

The following tables summarize the value of the Fund's derivative instruments held as of April 30, 2023 and the related location in the

accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities, presented by primary underlying risk exposure:

Assets Derivative	Forward Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Equity Contracts (a)	\$ —	\$ 136,763	\$ 136,763
Interest Rate Contracts (a)		437,472	437,472
Foreign Exchange Contracts (b)	128,207		128,207
	\$ 128,207	\$ 574,235	\$ 702,442

Each of the above derivatives is located in the following Statement of Assets and Liabilities accounts:

- (a) Includes cumulative appreciation of futures contracts as disclosed in the Investment Portfolio. Unsettled variation margin is disclosed separately within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- (b) Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency contracts

Liability Derivative	Forward Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Equity Contracts (a)	\$ —	\$ (989,298)	\$ (989,298)
Foreign Exchange Contracts (b)	(196,044)	_	(196,044)
	\$ (196,044)	\$ (989,298)	\$ (1,185,342)

Each of the above derivatives is located in the following Statement of Assets and Liabilities accounts:

- (a) Includes cumulative depreciation of futures contracts as disclosed in the Investment Portfolio. Unsettled variation margin is disclosed separately within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- (b) Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency contracts

Additionally, the amount of unrealized and realized gains and losses on derivative instruments recognized in Fund earnings during the six months ended April 30, 2023 and the related location in the accompanying Statement of Operations is summarized in the following tables by primary underlying risk exposure:

Realized Gain (Loss)	Forward Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Equity Contracts (a)	\$ —	\$ (399,553)	\$ (399,553)
Interest Rate Contracts (a)		1,171,039	1,171,039
Foreign Exchange Contracts (a)	(4,123,504)	_	(4,123,504)
	\$(4,123,504)	\$ 771,486	\$(3,352,018)

Each of the above derivatives is located in the following Statement of Operations accounts:

(a) Net realized gain (loss) from forward foreign currency contracts and futures, respectively

Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Forward Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Equity Contracts (a)	\$ —	\$ (1,448,987)	\$ (1,448,987)
Interest Rate Contracts (a)		(521,597)	(521,597)
Foreign Exchange Contracts (a)	(688,785)	_	(688,785)
	\$(688,785)	\$ (1,970,584)	\$ (2,659,369)

Each of the above derivatives is located in the following Statement of Operations accounts:

(a) Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward foreign currency contracts and futures, respectively

As of April 30, 2023, the Fund has transactions subject to enforceable master netting agreements which govern the terms of certain transactions, and reduce the counterparty risk associated with such transactions. Master netting agreements allow a Fund to close out and net total exposure to a counterparty in the event of a deterioration in the credit quality or contractual default with respect to all of the transactions with a counterparty. As defined by the master netting agreement, the Fund may have collateral agreements with certain counterparties to mitigate risk. For financial reporting purposes the Statement of Assets and Liabilities generally shows derivatives assets and liabilities on a gross basis, which reflects the full risks and exposures prior to netting. A reconciliation of the gross amounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the net amounts by a counterparty, including any collateral exposure, is included in the following tables:

Counterparty	Gross Amount of Assets Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments and Derivatives Available for Offset	Collateral Received	Net Amount of Derivative Assets
Brown Brothers Harriman &	¢ 110.005	¢	¢	¢ 110.005
Co.	\$ 119,095	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 119,095
Citigroup, Inc.	9,112	(9,112)	_	
	\$ 128,207	\$ (9,112)	\$ —	\$ 119,095
Counterparty	Gross Amount of Liabilities Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments and Derivatives Available for Offset	Collateral Pledged	Net Amount of Derivative Liabilities
Citigroup, Inc.	\$ 196,044	\$ (9,112)	\$ —	\$ 186,932

## C. Purchases and Sales of Securities

During the six months ended April 30, 2023, purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term investments, were as follows:

	Purchases	Sales
Non-U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$26,488,038	\$25,319,931
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ —	\$ 9,000,000

# D. 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 or delegates such responsibility to the Fund's subadvisor.

DWS International GmbH, a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of DWS Group, serves as subadvisor to the Fund. Pursuant to a subadvisory agreement between DIMA and DWS International GmbH, DIMA, not the Fund, compensates DWS International GmbH for the services it provides to 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 \$2.5 billion of the Fund's average daily net assets	.600%
Next \$2.5 billion of such net assets	.595%
Next \$2.5 billion of such net assets	.565%
Next \$2.5 billion of such net assets	.555%
Next \$2.5 billion of such net assets	.545%
Over \$12.5 billion of such net assets	.535%

Accordingly, for the six months ended April 30, 2023, the fee pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement was equivalent to an annualized rate (exclusive of any applicable waivers/reimbursements) of 0.60% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

For the period from November 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023, the Advisor had contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the total annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses)

such as extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage and interest expense) of each class as follows:

Class A	1.06%
Class C	1.81%
Class R	1.31%
Class R6	.81%
Class S	.81%
Institutional Class	.81%

Effective March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 (through September 30, 2023 for Institutional Class shares), the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the total annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses such as extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage and interest expense) of certain classes as follows:

Class A	1.18%
Class C	1.93%
Class R	1.43%
Class R6	.93%
Class S	.93%
Institutional Class	.93%

For the six months ended April 30, 2023, fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed for each class are as follows:

	\$ 154,281
Institutional Class	30,050
Class S	88,950
Class R6	14
Class R	260
Class C	2,116
Class A	\$ 32,891

**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 six months ended April 30, 2023, the Administration Fee was \$97,185, of which \$16,500 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") (name changed from DST Systems, Inc. effective January 1, 2023), 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 six months ended April 30, 2023, the amounts charged to the Fund by DSC were as follows:

Services to Shareholders	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at April 30, 2023
Class A	\$ 11,921	\$ 3,978
Class C	511	205
Class R	80	24
Class R6	12	5
Class S	51,469	17,182
Institutional Class	420	79
	\$ 64,413	\$ 21,473

In addition, for the six months ended April 30, 2023, the amounts charged to the Fund for recordkeeping and other administrative services provided by unaffiliated third parties, included in the Statement of Operations under "Services to shareholders," were as follows:

Sub-Recordkeeping	Total Aggregated
Class A	\$ 19,244
Class C	1,442
Class R	164
Class S	29,463
Institutional Class	22,322
	\$ 72.635

**Distribution and Service Fees.** Under the Fund's Class C and R 12b-1 Plans, DWS Distributors, Inc. ("DDI"), an affiliate of the Advisor, receives a fee ("Distribution Fee") of 0.75% of the average daily net assets of Class C shares and 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class R shares. In accordance with the Fund's Underwriting and Distribution Services Agreement, DDI enters into related selling group agreements with various firms at various rates for sales of Class C and R shares. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Distribution Fee was as follows:

Distribution Fee	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at April 30, 2023
Class C	\$ 6,165	\$ 887
Class R	164	21
	\$ 6.329	\$ 908

In addition, DDI provides information and administrative services for a fee ("Service Fee") to Class A, C and R shareholders at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets for each such class. DDI in turn has various agreements with financial services firms that provide these services and pays these fees based upon the assets of shareholder accounts the firms service. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Service Fee was as follows:

Service Fee	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at April 30, 2023	Annualized Rate
Class A	\$ 43,240	\$ 15,569	.24%
Class C	2,040	653	.25%
Class R	164	164	.25%
	\$ 45,444	\$ 16,386	

**Underwriting Agreement and Contingent Deferred Sales Charge**. DDI is the principal underwriter for the Fund. Underwriting commissions paid in connection with the distribution of Class A shares for the six months ended April 30, 2023 aggregated \$128.

In addition, DDI receives any contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") from Class C share redemptions occurring within one year of purchase. There is no such charge upon redemption of any share appreciation or reinvested dividends. The CDSC is 1% of the value of the shares redeemed for Class C. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, there was no CDSC for Class C Shares. A deferred sales charge of up to 1% is assessed on certain redemptions of Class A shares. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, DDI received \$23 for Class A shares.

**Other Service Fees.** Under an agreement with the Fund, DIMA is compensated for providing regulatory filing services to the Fund. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the amount charged to the Fund by DIMA included in the Statement of Operations under "Reports to shareholders" aggregated \$910, of which \$610 is unpaid.

**Directors' Fees and Expenses.** The Fund paid retainer fees to each Director not affiliated with the Advisor, plus specified amounts to the Board Chairperson and to each committee Chairperson.

Affiliated Cash Management Vehicles. The Fund may invest uninvested cash balances in DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund and DWS ESG Liquidity Fund, affiliated money market funds which are managed by the Advisor. Each affiliated money market fund is managed in accordance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act, which governs the quality, maturity, diversity and liquidity of instruments in which a money market fund may invest. DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund seeks to maintain a stable net asset value, and DWS ESG Liquidity Fund maintains a floating net asset value. The Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of the expenses of each affiliated money market fund in which it invests. DWS Central Cash Management Government Fund does not pay the Advisor an investment management fee. To the extent that DWS ESG Liquidity Fund pays an investment management fee to the Advisor, the Advisor will waive an amount of the investment management fee payable to the Advisor by the Fund equal to the amount of the investment management fee payable on the Fund's assets invested in DWS ESG Liquidity Fund.

**Securities Lending Agent Fees.** Prior to March 27, 2023, Deutsche Bank AG served as securities lending agent for the Fund. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Fund incurred securities lending agent fees to Deutsche Bank AG in the amount of \$1,427.

# E. 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 April 30, 2023.

# F. Concentration of Ownership

From time to time, the Fund may have a concentration of several shareholders, including affiliated DWS Funds, holding a significant percentage of shares outstanding. Investment activities of these shareholders could have a material impact on the Fund. As of April 30, 2023, DWS Alternative Asset Allocation VIP held 16% of the total shares outstanding of the Fund.

## G. Fund Share Transactions

The following table summarizes share and dollar activity in the Fund:

		Six Months Ended April 30, 2023			Year Ended October 31, 2022		
	Shares		Dollars	Shares		Dollars	
Shares sold							
Class A	72,430	\$	712,904	156,357	\$	1,614,007	
Class C	2,076		19,182	16,627		160,226	
Class R	1,283		12,197	2,100		20,860	
Class S	32,964		317,259	71,361		726,593	
Institutional Class	853,137		8,291,002	2,454,959		25,130,129	
		\$	9,352,544		\$	27,651,815	
Shares issued to sharehold	ers in reinvestment o	of d	istributions				
Class A	140,806	\$	1,356,172	58,443	\$	590,452	
Class T	_		_	20*		194*	
Class C	7,295		65,744	2,375		22,477	
Class R	576		5,339	252		2,474	
Class R6	101		959	78		784	
Class S	372,760		3,504,048	164,966		1,626,885	
Institutional Class	354,963		3,344,523	166,647		1,645,219	
		\$	8,276,785		\$	3,888,485	
Shares redeemed							
Class A	(260,257)	\$	(2,563,316)	(524,463)	\$	(5,378,334)	
Class T	_			(1,163)*		(10,723)*	
Class C	(70,834)		(653,457)	(117,670)		(1,136,397)	
Class R	(5,431)		(51,281)	(9,826)		(98,201)	
Class R6	_		_	(2,589)		(25,122)	
Class S	(433,943)		(4,172,098)	(1,087,530)		(10,943,919)	
Institutional Class	(1,235,586)		(11,900,946)	(2,276,149)		(22,706,437)	
		\$	(19,341,098)		\$	(40,299,133)	

	Six Months Ended April 30, 2023			Year October		
	Shares		Dollars	Shares		Dollars
Net increase (decrease)						
Class A	(47,021)	\$	(494,240)	(309,663)	\$	(3,173,875)
Class T			_	(1,143)*		(10,529)*
Class C	(61,463)		(568,531)	(98,668)		(953,694)
Class R	(3,572)		(33,745)	(7,474)		(74,867)
Class R6	101		959	(2,511)		(24,338)
Class S	(28,219)		(350,791)	(851,203)		(8,590,441)
Institutional Class	(27,486)		(265,421)	345,457		4,068,911
		\$	(1,711,769)		\$	(8,758,833)

\* For the period from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 (Class T liquidation date).

# **Information About Your Fund's Expenses**

As an investor of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: ongoing expenses and transaction costs. Ongoing expenses include management fees, distribution and service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. Examples of transaction costs include sales charges (loads) and account maintenance fees, 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. In the most recent six-month period, the Fund limited these expenses; had it not done so, expenses would have been higher. 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 (November 1, 2022 to April 30, 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. Subject to certain exceptions, an account maintenance fee of \$20.00 assessed once per calendar year for Classes A, C and S shares may apply for accounts with balances less than \$10,000. This fee is not included in these tables. If it was, the estimate of expenses paid for Classes A, C and S shares during the period would be higher, and account value during the period would be lower, by this amount.

#### Expenses and Value of a \$1,000 Investment

for the six months ended April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Actual Fund Return	Cl	ass A	С	lass C	C	lass R	CI	ass R6	С	lass S		tutional Class
Beginning Account Value 11/1/22	\$1,0	00.00	\$1,	,000.00	\$1,	000.00	\$1,	000.00	\$1	,000.00	\$1,	000.00
Ending Account Value 4/30/23	\$1,0	085.60	\$1,	,081.70	\$1,	084.00	\$1,	087.00	\$1	,087.00	\$1,	087.10
Expenses Paid per \$1,000*	\$	5.69	\$	9.55	\$	6.92	\$	4.40	\$	4.40	\$	4.40
Hypothetical 5% Fund Return	Cl	ass A	C	lass C	C	lass R	CI	ass R6	С	lass S		tutional Class
Beginning Account Value 11/1/22	\$1,0	00.00	\$1,	,000.00	\$1,	000.00	\$1,	000.00	\$1	,000.00	\$1,	000.00
Ending Account Value 4/30/23	\$1,0	019.34	\$1,	015.62	\$1,	018.15	\$1,	020.58	\$1	,020.58	\$1,	020.58
Expenses Paid per \$1,000*	\$	5.51	\$	9.25	\$	6.71	\$	4.26	\$	4.26	\$	4.26

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio for each share class, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181 (the number of days in the most recent six-month period), then divided by 365.

Annualized Expense Ratios	Class A	Class C	Class R	Class R6	Class S	Institutional Class
DWS Global Macro Fund	1.10%	1.85%	1.34%	.85%	.85%	.85%

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

For an analysis of the fees associated with an investment in the Fund or similar funds, please refer to tools.finra.org/fund\_analyzer/.

# Liquidity Risk Management

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 (the "Liquidity Rule") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), your Fund has adopted a liquidity risk management program (the "Program"), and the Board has designated DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA") as Program administrator. The Program is designed to assess and manage your Fund's liquidity risk (the risk that the Fund would be unable to meet requests to redeem shares of the Fund without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund). DIMA has designated a committee (the "Committee") composed of personnel from multiple departments within DIMA and its affiliates that is responsible for the implementation and ongoing administration of the Program, which includes assessing the Fund's liquidity risk under both normal and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions. Under the Program, every investment held by the Fund is classified on a daily basis into one of four liquidity categories based on estimations of the investment's ability to be sold during designated timeframes in current market conditions without significantly changing the investment's market value.

In February 2023, as required by the Program and the Liquidity Rule, DIMA provided the Board with an annual written report (the "Report") addressing the operation of the Program and assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of its implementation during the period from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 (the "Reporting Period"). During the Reporting Period, your Fund was predominately invested in highly liquid investments (investments that the Fund anticipates can be converted to cash within three business days or less in current market conditions without significantly changing their market value). As a result, your Fund is not required to adopt, and has not adopted, a "Highly Liquid Investment Minimum" as defined in the Liquidity Rule. During the Reporting Period, the Fund did not approach the 15% limit imposed by the Liquidity Rule on holdings in illiquid investments (investments that cannot be sold or disposed of in seven days or less in current market conditions without the sale of the investment significantly changing the market value of the investment). Your Fund did not experience any issues meeting investor redemptions at any time during the Reporting Period. In the Report, DIMA stated that it believes the Program has operated adequately and effectively to manage the Fund's liquidity risk during the Reporting Period. DIMA also reported that there were no material changes made to the Program during the Reporting Period.

# Advisory Agreement Board Considerations and Fee Evaluation

The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "Directors") approved the renewal of DWS Global Macro Fund's (the "Fund") investment management agreement (the "Agreement") with DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA") and sub-advisory agreement (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement" and together with the Agreement, the "Agreements") between DIMA and DWS International GmbH ("DWS International"), an affiliate of DIMA, in September 2022. In terms of the process that the Board followed prior to approving the Agreements, shareholders should know that:

- During the entire process, all of the Fund's Directors were independent of DIMA and its affiliates (the "Independent Directors").
- 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, and profitability from a fee consultant retained by the Fund's Independent Directors (the "Fee Consultant").
- The Board also received extensive information throughout the year regarding performance of the Fund.
- The Independent Directors regularly met privately with counsel to discuss contract review and other matters. In addition, the Independent Directors were advised by the Fee Consultant in the course 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 Agreements, the Board also reviewed the terms of the Fund's Rule 12b-1 plan, 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 and DWS International are 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. In 2018, approximately 20% of DWS Group's shares were sold in an initial public offering, with Deutsche Bank AG owning the remaining shares.

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 and DWS International'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 Agreements, including the scope of advisory services provided under the Agreements. The Board noted that, under the Agreements, DIMA and DWS International provide 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. Throughout the course of the year, the Board also received information regarding DIMA's oversight of fund sub-advisors, including DWS International. 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 market index(es) and a peer universe compiled using information supplied by Morningstar Direct ("Morningstar"), 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-, three- and five-year periods ended December 31, 2021, the Fund's performance (Class A shares) was in the 4th guartile, 4th guartile and 3rd guartile, respectively, of the applicable Morningstar universe (the 1st quartile being the best performers and the 4th quartile being the worst performers). The Board also observed that the Fund has outperformed its benchmark in the one-, three- and five-vear periods ended December 31, 2021. The Board noted the disappointing investment performance of the Fund in recent

periods and continued to discuss with senior management of DIMA and DWS International the factors contributing to such underperformance and actions being taken to improve performance. The Board observed that the Fund had experienced improved relative performance during the first eight months of 2022. The Board recognized the efforts by DIMA in recent years to enhance its investment platform and improve long-term performance across the DWS fund complex.

Fees and Expenses. The Board considered the Fund's investment management fee schedule, sub-advisory 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 (1st quartile) of the applicable Broadridge peer group (based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2021). With respect to the sub-advisory fee paid to DWS International, the Board noted that the fee is paid by DIMA out of its fee and not directly by the Fund. The Board noted that the Fund's Class A shares total (net) operating expenses (excluding 12b-1 fees) were expected to be lower than the median (2nd quartile) of the applicable Broadridge expense universe (based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2021, and analyzing Broadridge expense universe Class A (net) expenses less any applicable 12b-1 fees) ("Broadridge Universe Expenses"). The Board also reviewed data comparing each other operational share class's total (net) operating expenses to the applicable Broadridge Universe Expenses. The Board noted that the expense limitations agreed to by DIMA were expected to help the Fund's total (net) operating expenses remain competitive. 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"), noting that DIMA indicated that it does not provide services to any other 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 manages DWS Europe Funds comparable to the Fund, but does not manage any comparable institutional accounts. The Board took note of the differences in services provided to DWS Funds as compared to DWS Europe Funds and that such differences made comparison difficult.

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 and DWS International.

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. In this regard, the Board observed that while the Fund's current investment management fee schedule does not include breakpoints, 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, any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for transfer agency services provided to the Fund and any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for transfer agency services provided to the Fund and any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for distribution services. 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 and (ii) the substantial commitment of resources by DIMA and its affiliates to compliance matters, including the retention of compliance personnel.

Based on all of the information considered and the conclusions reached, the Board determined that the continuation of the Agreements 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 Directors and counsel present. It is possible that individual Independent Directors may have weighed these factors differently in reaching their individual decisions to approve the continuation of the Agreements.

# **Account Management Resources**

For More Information	The automated telephone system allows you to access personalized account information and obtain information on other DWS funds using either your voice or your telephone keypad. Certain account types within within Classes A, C and S also have the ability to purchase, exchange or redeem shares using this system. For more information, contact your financial representative. You may also access our automated telephone system or speak with a Shareholder Service representative by calling: (800) 728-3337
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	<b>Obtain prospectuses and applications,</b> news about DWS funds, insight from DWS economists and investment specialists and access to DWS fund account information.
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Correspondence	PO Box 219151 Kansas City, MO 64121-9151
Proxy Voting	The Fund's policies and procedures for voting proxies for portfolio securities and information about how the Fund 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 Fund's policies and procedures without charge, upon request, call us toll free at (800) 728-3337.
Portfolio Holdings	Following the Fund's fiscal first and third quarter-end, a complete portfolio holdings listing is posted on dws.com and is available free of charge by contacting your financial intermediary or, if you are a direct investor, by calling (800) 728-3337. In addition, the portfolio holdings listing is filed with the SEC on the Fund's Form N-PORT and will be available on the SEC's Web site at sec.gov. Additional portfolio holdings for the Fund are also posted on dws.com from time to time. Please see the Fund's current prospectus for more information.
Principal	If you have questions, comments or complaints, contact:
Underwriter	DWS Distributors, Inc. 222 South Riverside Plaza Chicago, IL 60606-5808 (800) 621-1148

Investment Management	DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA" or the "Advisor"), which is part of the DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA ("DWS Group"), is the investment advisor for the Fund. DIMA and its predecessors have more than 90 years of experience managing mutual funds and DIMA provides a full range of investment advisory services to both institutional and retail clients. DIMA is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of DWS Group.
	DWS Group is a global organization that offers a wide range of investing expertise and resources, including hundreds of portfolio managers and analysts and an office network that reaches the world's major investment centers. This well-resourced global investment platform brings together a wide variety of experience and investment insight across industries, regions, asset classes and investing styles.

	Class A	Class C	Class S	Institutional Class
Nasdaq Symbol	DBISX	DBICX	DBIVX	MGINX
<b>CUSIP</b> Number	25156G 871	25156G 806	25156G 608	25156G 509
Fund Number	499	799	2399	559

## For shareholders of Class R and Class R6

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Web Site	dws.com					
	Obtain prospectuses and applications, news about DWS funds, insight from DWS economists and investment specialists and access to DWS fund account information. Log in/register to manage retirement account assets at https://www.mykplan.com/participantsecure_net/login.aspx.					
For More	(800) 728-3337					
Information	To speak with a servic	e representative.				
Written Correspondence	<b>DWS Service Company</b> 222 South Riverside Plaza Chicago, IL 60606-5806					
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