

# DWS ESG Core Equity Fund



**Class A: DESAX**

## Semi-Annual Shareholder Report—May 31, 2025

This semi-annual shareholder report contains important information about DWS ESG Core Equity Fund (the "Fund") for the period December 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund on the Fund's website at [dws.com/mutualreports](https://dws.com/mutualreports). You can also request this information by contacting us at (800) 728-3337.

### What were the Fund costs for the last six months?

(Based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Class A	\$39	0.80% <sup>(a)</sup>

(a) Annualized.

Gross expense ratio as of the latest prospectus: 0.93%. See prospectus for any contractual or voluntary waivers; without a waiver, costs would have been higher.

### Key Fund Statistics

Net Assets (\$)	246,279,271
Number of Portfolio Holdings	89
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	9
Total Net Advisory Fees Paid (\$)	495,269

### What did the Fund invest in?

#### Asset Allocation

Asset Type	% of Net Assets
Common Stocks	95%
Cash Equivalents	6%
Put Options Purchased	0%
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net	(1%)
Total	100%

#### Sector Allocation

Sector	% of Net Assets
Information Technology	29%
Financials	15%
Consumer Discretionary	11%
Health Care	10%
Industrials	9%
Communication Services	8%
Consumer Staples	5%
Energy	2%
Real Estate	2%
Utilities	2%
Materials	2%

#### Ten Largest Equity Holdings

Holdings	41.2% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corp.	9.2%
Apple, Inc.	7.7%
Alphabet, Inc.	6.2%
NVIDIA Corp.	5.2%
GE Aerospace	2.5%
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.4%
Cigna Group	2.2%
Bank of America Corp.	2.2%
Amgen, Inc.	1.8%
Tesla, Inc.	1.8%

Holdings-based data is subject to change.

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## Additional Information

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including, but not limited to, its prospectus, quarterly holdings, Board fee evaluation reports, and financial statements and other information, please visit [dws.com/mutualreports](https://dws.com/mutualreports). For information about the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures and how the Fund voted proxies related to its portfolio securities, please visit [dws.com/en-us/resources/proxy-voting](https://dws.com/en-us/resources/proxy-voting). This additional information is also available free of charge by contacting us at (800) 728-3337.

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Stocks may decline in value. Incorporation of ESG criteria in the Fund's investment strategy does not guarantee a return or protect against a loss, limits the types and number of investment opportunities available to the Fund and, as a result, the Fund may underperform other funds that do not have an ESG focus. Investing in derivatives entails special risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and/or increase volatility. The impact of the use of quantitative models and the analysis of specific metrics on a stock's performance can be difficult to predict, and stocks that previously possessed certain desirable quantitative characteristics may not continue to demonstrate those same characteristics in the future. Quantitative models also entail the risk that the models themselves may be limited or incorrect. The Fund may lend securities to approved institutions. Please read prospectus for details.

**This report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. We advise you to consider the Fund's objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the Fund, which can be requested by calling (800) 728-3337, contacting your financial representative, or visit [dws.com/mutualreports](https://dws.com/mutualreports) to view or download a prospectus. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.**

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