

DWS Small Cap Core Fund



Class S: SSLCX

Semi-Annual Shareholder Report—March 31, 2025

This semi-annual shareholder report contains important information about DWS Small Cap Core Fund (the "Fund") for the period October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund on the Fund's website at 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 S | \$45 | 0.91% ^(a) |

(a) Annualized.

Gross expense ratio as of the latest prospectus: 0.92%. See prospectus for any contractual or voluntary waivers; without a waiver, costs would have been higher.

Key Fund Statistics

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Assets (\$) | 820,982,404 |
| Number of Portfolio Holdings | 89 |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) | 10 |
| Total Net Advisory Fees Paid (\$) | 2,709,866 |

What did the Fund invest in?

Asset Allocation

| Asset Type | % of Net Assets |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Common Stocks | 93% |
| Cash Equivalents | 7% |
| Put Options Purchased | 1% |
| Other Investments | 0% |
| Other Assets and Liabilities, Net | (1%) |
| Total | 100% |

Sector Allocation

| Sector | % of Net Assets |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Industrials | 18% |
| Financials | 16% |
| Health Care | 13% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9% |
| Information Technology | 8% |
| Communication Services | 6% |
| Consumer Staples | 6% |
| Energy | 6% |
| Real Estate | 6% |
| Utilities | 5% |

Ten Largest Equity Holdings

| Holdings | 30.7% of Net Assets |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Stride, Inc. | 5.4% |
| The Bancorp, Inc. | 4.8% |
| Kyndryl Holdings, Inc. | 3.8% |
| Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | 3.1% |
| Cantaloupe, Inc. | 2.8% |
| Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. | 2.5% |
| The GEO Group, Inc. | 2.3% |
| Rush Enterprises, Inc. | 2.3% |
| IDT Corp. | 2.0% |
| Lantheus Holdings, Inc. | 1.7% |

Holdings-based data is subject to change.

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. 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. This additional information is also available free of charge by contacting us at (800) 728-3337.

Householding

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Stocks may decline in value. Small company stocks tend to be more volatile than medium-sized or large company stocks. Investing in derivatives entails special risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and/or increase volatility. The Fund may lend securities to approved institutions. Please read the 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 to view or download a prospectus. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.

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