

# DWS Total Return Bond Fund



## Class C: SZICX

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

This semi-annual shareholder report contains important information about DWS Total Return Bond Fund (the "Fund") for the period February 1, 2025 to July 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 C	\$77	1.53% <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Annualized.

Gross expense ratio as of the latest prospectus: 1.79%. See prospectus for any contractual or voluntary waivers; without a waiver, costs would have been higher.

### Key Fund Statistics

Net Assets (\$)	232,783,943
Number of Portfolio Holdings	329
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	119
Total Net Advisory Fees Paid (\$)	339,144
Effective Duration	6.5 years

Effective duration is an approximate measure of the Fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes taking into consideration any maturity shortening features.

### What did the Fund invest in?

#### Asset Allocation

Asset Type	% of Net Assets
Corporate Bonds	41%
Mortgage-Backed Securities Pass-Throughs	23%
Asset-Backed	11%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	10%
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	8%
Government & Agency Obligations	7%
Warrants	0%
Cash Equivalents and Other Assets and Liabilities, Net	0%
Total	100%

#### Credit Quality

Credit Rating	% of Net Assets
AAA	7%
AA	41%
A	16%
BBB	29%
BB	4%
B	1%
Not Rated	2%

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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**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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