

# DWS Latin America Equity Fund



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Share Class: A | SLANX C | SLAPX S | SLAFX INST | SLARX

## Morningstar® Rating<sup>2</sup>

Morningstar Latin America Stock Category

Overall rating (as of 3/31/23)

Class S ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Overall Morningstar ratings 5 stars; 21 funds. Three year rating 5 stars; 21 funds. Five year rating 5 stars; 18 funds. Ten year rating 5 stars; 15 funds. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted performance. Source: Morningstar, Inc. **Ratings are historical and do not guarantee future results. Ratings for other share classes may vary.**

## Objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Strategy

Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in Latin America. In choosing securities, portfolio management uses bottom-up research; identifying individual companies that it believes have a history of above-average growth, strong competitive positioning, attractive prices relative to potential growth, sound financial strength and effective management. Portfolio management also seeks companies that it believes have above-average potential for sustainable growth of revenue or earnings and whose market value appears reasonable in light of their business prospects. A team of analysts in the region looks for stocks which may benefit from themes of social, economic, industrial and demographic changes.

## Expense ratio (as of latest prospectus)

| Class | Net   | Gross | Contractual Waiver |
|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| A     | 1.46% | 1.65% | 02/29/2024         |
| C     | 2.21% | 2.39% | 02/29/2024         |
| S     | 1.21% | 1.34% | 02/29/2024         |
| INST  | 1.21% | 1.33% | 02/29/2024         |

Without a waiver, returns would have been lower and any rankings/ratings might have been less favorable.

## Average annual total returns\* (as of 3/31/23)

| Share class   | YTD    | 1-year  | 3-year | 5-year | 10-year | Since inception | Inception date |
|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Share classes with no sales charge</b>                       |        |         |        |        |         |                 |                |
| S   | 3.33%  | -10.28% | 21.44% | 5.62%  | 2.85%   | 8.82%           | 12/8/92        |
| INST  | 3.33%  | -10.27% | 21.44% | 5.62%  | –       | 7.08%           | 2/2/15         |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index <sup>1</sup>          | 3.93%  | -11.05% | 18.15% | -1.84% | -1.86%  | –               | –              |
| <b>Unadjusted for sales charge (would be lower if adjusted)</b> |        |         |        |        |         |                 |                |
| A   | 3.24%  | -10.53% | 21.14% | 5.35%  | 2.59%   | 8.52%           | 5/29/01        |
| C   | 3.04%  | -11.21% | 20.24% | 4.58%  | 1.83%   | 7.68%           | 5/29/01        |
| <b>Adjusted for maximum sales charge</b>                        |        |         |        |        |         |                 |                |
| A (max 5.75% load)  | -2.70% | -15.67% | 18.77% | 4.11%  | 1.98%   | 8.31%           | 5/29/01        |
| C (max 1.00% CDSC)  | 2.04%  | -11.21% | 20.24% | 4.58%  | 1.83%   | 7.68%           | 5/29/01        |

## Historical total returns (as of 3/31/23)

|   | 2022  | 2021   | 2020  | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   | 2016   | 2015    | 2014    | 2013   |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| S | 8.31% | -8.81% | 0.94% | 35.92% | -2.59% | 32.47% | 32.33% | -31.99% | -10.31% | -7.93% |

**Performance is historical and does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal fluctuate so your shares may be worth more or less when redeemed. Current performance may differ from the data shown. Please visit [www.dws.com](http://www.dws.com) for the fund's most recent month-end performance. Index returns assume reinvestment of all distributions and do not reflect fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Not all share classes are available to all investors. A minimum investment of \$1 million is required to open an account for Institutional shares.**

\* This fund's performance prior to inception reflects that of Class S shares. Returns prior to inception reflects the original share class performance, adjusted for higher operating expenses and/or maximum sales charge.

## Portfolio and risk statistics<sup>3</sup> (3/31/23)

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Fund inception date             | 12/8/1992      |
| Number of holdings              | 64             |
| Total net assets                | \$330 million  |
| P/E ratio <sup>5</sup>          | 6.94           |
| Beta <sup>5</sup>               | 0.95           |
| Average market cap <sup>5</sup> | \$13.9 billion |

## Portfolio management/industry experience

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Scott Piper                             | 19 years |
| Subadvised by Itau USA Asset Management | –        |

## Fund information

| Class | Symbol | CUSIP     |
|-------|--------|-----------|
| A     | SLANX  | 25156G756 |
| C     | SLAPX  | 25156G772 |
| S     | SLAFX  | 25156G798 |
| INST  | SLARX  | 25156G574 |

## Fund details (fund data as of 3/31/23)

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
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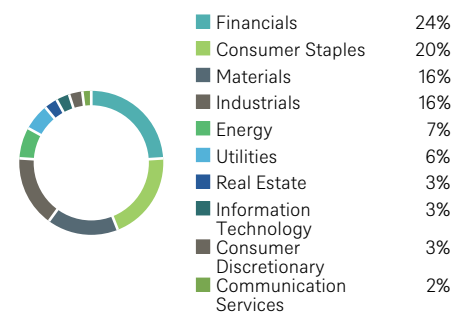
## Security type (3/31/23)

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Common stocks | 100% |
|---------------|------|

## Geographic distribution (3/31/23)

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Brazil  | 59% |
| Mexico  | 31% |
| Chile   | 6%  |
| Peru    | 3%  |
| Uruguay | 1%  |

## Sector allocation (3/31/23)



## Top equity holdings (3/31/23)

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Vale                               | 8.2% |
| Fomento Economico Mexicano         | 6.4% |
| Petroleo Brasileiro                | 4.8% |
| Banco do Brasil                    | 4.8% |
| Grupo Financiero                   | 4.5% |
| Rumo                               | 3.9% |
| B3 SA - Brasil Bolsa Balcao        | 3.4% |
| Localiza Rent a Car                | 3.3% |
| Credicorp of Peru                  | 3.0% |
| Kimberly-Clark de Mexico SAB de CV | 2.8% |

Holdings-based data is subject to change.

<sup>1</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index tracks the performance of stocks in select Latin American markets.

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<sup>3</sup> Price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) is a stock's current price divided by the company's trailing 12-month earnings per share from continuous operations. Beta is a historical measurement of a fund's sensitivity to the movements of the fund's benchmark index. A fund with a beta greater than one is more volatile than the benchmark. A fund with a beta less than one is less volatile. Beta is based on a three-year period relative to the index. Average market capitalization measures the size of the companies in which the fund invests. <sup>5</sup>Source: Morningstar, Inc. as of 02/28/2023.

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