

DBAW

Xtrackers MSCI All World ex US Hedged Equity ETF Analyst Report

The Xtrackers MSCI All World ex US Hedged Equity Fund (DBAW) offers broad exposure to global equities outside of the U.S., but includes derivatives that hedge out the currency exposure that an investment in international equities brings. This delivers isolated exposure to the performance of the underlying equities in local prices. Currency fluctuations can be a significant driver of gains and losses, and some investors may prefer the potential diversification benefit of exposure to non-U.S. dollar investments.

DBAW offers similar exposure as the unhedged iShares Core MSCI Total International Stock ETF (IXUS), but the currency hedges means the performance of the two will be substantially different. Investors who expect the U.S. dollar to appreciate relative to other currencies might prefer this fund as a way to bet on the performance of international stocks; DBAW should outperform IXUS when the U.S. currency strengthens. Those expecting the dollar to lose value relative to other currencies will probably prefer to leave currency exposure unhedged, utilizing a fund such as IXUS instead. Those investors without a strong view in either direction might use a mix of both hedged and unhedged equity ETFs (e.g., 50% DBAW and 50% IXUS).

The iShares Currency Hedged MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. ETF (HAWX) is similar to DBAW, though DBAW has more assets. For cost-conscious investors who want plain-vanilla global stock exposure, IXUS and the Vanguard FTSE All-World ex-US ETF (VEU) offer more liquidity at a fraction of the price.

ESG Themes and Scores

7.07/10

ESG Rate

74.11%

Global Percentile

13.26%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	DBAW	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	6.23%	7.38%	7.06%
3 Month	3.39%	2.57%	2.19%
YTD Return	12.68%	9.38%	7.36%
1 Year Return	5.81%	10.29%	8.11%
3 Year Return	4.52%	2.82%	0.59%
5 Year Return	6.86%	4.31%	3.27%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	U.S. Dollar	2.23%
Other	FUTURES	1.72%
2330	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	1.72%
NESN	Nestle S.A.	1.29%
ASML	ASML Holding NV	1.10%

Vitals

Issuer	DWS
Brand	Xtrackers
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.41%
Inception	Jan 23, 2014
Index Tracked	MSCI ACWI ex USA US Dollar Hedged Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Foreign Large Cap Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Markets
Region (Specific)	Broad

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Global Ex-U.S. - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

