

DBGR

Xtrackers MSCI Germany Hedged Equity ETF

Analyst Report

The Xtrackers MSCI Germany Hedged Equity ETF (DBGR) offers exposure to German stocks, making DBGR one of several ETFs for establishing targeted exposure to one of the Europe's largest economies. This product is unique from many ETFs in the German Equities ETFdb Category in that DBGR hedges 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.

DBGR maintains nearly identical exposure as the unhedged iShares MSCI Germany ETF (EWG), but the currency hedges can cause performance to diverge. Investors who expect the U.S. dollar to appreciate relative to the euro might prefer this fund as a way to bet on the performance of German stocks; DBGR should outperform EWG when the U.S. currency strengthens. Those expecting the dollar to lose value relative to the euro will probably prefer to leave currency exposure unhedged, utilizing a fund such as EWG instead. Those investors without a strong view in either direction might use a mix of both hedged and unhedged German equity ETFs (e.g., 50% DBGR and 50% EWG).

Given the relatively narrow country-specific focus of this ETF, DBGR may be most useful to those looking to establish a tactical tilt towards Germany or implementing a country rotation strategy. Competitors offer similar hedged exposure to German stocks, such as the iShares Currency Hedged MSCI Germany ETF (HEWG) or the WisdomTree Germany Hedged Equity Fund (DXGE). Investors looking for currency hedging with broader exposure also have the Xtrackers MSCI EAFE Hedged Equity ETF (DBEF).

ESG Themes and Scores

7.57/10

ESG Rate

90.01%

Global Percentile

78.72%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	DBGR	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	4.86%	0.64%	3.41%
3 Month	10.72%	5.40%	7.18%
YTD Return	5.77%	-0.23%	2.95%
1 Year Return	15.87%	10.07%	10.58%
3 Year Return	7.52%	4.01%	2.08%
5 Year Return	8.82%	6.33%	5.00%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	U.S. Dollar	114.08%
SAP	SAP SE	13.23%
SIE	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	10.18%
ALV	Allianz SE	7.31%
DTE	Deutsche Telekom AG	5.22%

Vitals

Issuer	DWS
Brand	Xtrackers
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.45%
Inception	Jun 09, 2011
Index Tracked	MSCI Germany U.S. Dollar Hedged Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Europe Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Germany - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

