# Swan Bond Enhanced Sicav–SIF EUR March 2024

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## <u>Strategy</u>

Swan Bond Enhanced SIF is the alternative version of our Fixed Income Intermediate risk profile. The strategy is focused on an highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities, in a levered format. Leverage is normally included between 50% and 150% of the NAV. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 350 bps.



### Global market picture

High Yield Credit markets reported a positive performance in March ranging from +1.55% for EM corp HY to +0.43% of the EU HY in tandem with positive equity markets, S&P500 (+3.10%) and Eurostoxx50 (+4.22%). The IG EUR market was positive by +1.21% while the short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index reported a positive performance of 0.73%. The Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY index was positive at +1.00%. In Europe inflation continued to retrace, with core CPI print at 3.1% in February (vs 3.3% in January), even if consensus expected a lower number (2.9%). The ECB meeting was characterized by the release of new staff forecast: the most significant surprise was the cut by 0.2% of the core inflation forecast for 2025 to 2.1%. Lagarde said that a "little more" information will be available in April and a "a lot more" in June: so a cut in April does not seem to be the base case, while doors are open for lower rates in June, even if final decision will still be data dependent. The FOMC and Powell reiterated January's guidance that the FED needs greater confidence in disinflationary pressures to initiate cuts. At the same time FED Chair sent a dovish message, saying that even though the firm January and February inflation prints did little to reinforce this confidence, monetary policy remains restrictive, and inflation is set to slow in coming months. The 10 years bund yield was lower at 2.30% (-11bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 4.20% (-5bps in the month). Oil moved higher to 87\$ per barrel, while US dollar was stronger, with DXY at 104.49. Our funds have a yield to maturity between 6.5% and 8.5%, combined with an average spread duration around 17 months. The combination of diversification, good credit quality and high expected yields pave the way for extremely attractive returns in the next future.

### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 86% of the positions (168 out of 196) contributing positively. During the month we inreased our invested capital because conditions remain attractive in the short-term part of the credit curve. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (16 months or average spread duration of 1.36), combined with a yield of 8.15% (net of funding cost in EUR) and z-spread of 481 basis points. The fund is levered, being invested at about 181% currently.

Fund Structure – Terms & Conditions Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 24 June 2013 Minimum Investment: EUR 125k Initial Investme Liquidity / Reporting: Daily Fees: 1.5% Management Fee 20% Performance Fee (high water mark

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MTD :	0.55%	Fund Assets (mln) :	171.5€
Since inception	33.51%	1 Year Std Dev :	1.14%
Last 12 Months :	9.10%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	4.73
NAVps : I	EUR 133.51	% of positive months :	75%

Period	Perf.
MTD	0.55%
YTD	2.22%
6 months	5.23%
1 year	9.10%
2023	11.25%
2022	-5.91%
2021	1.66%
2020	6.12%
2019	3.12%
2018	1.00%
2017	1.83%
2016	4.13%
2015	1.16%
2014	0.37%
2013	3.14%

Portfolio info	
# of Securities	196
% Weight	181.31%
Int Dur	1.77
Yield (gross) in EUR	8.15%
Spread Duration	2.46
Z-spread	481

FX breakdown (full	y hedged)
USD	27.91%
EUR	41.34%
NOK	18.35%
SEK	7.39%
CHF	2.07%
GBP	2.93%
AUD	0.00%
TOTAL	100.00%

Rating breakdown		
AAA		0.00%
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Α		0.00%
BBB		11.62%
	tot IG	11.62%
BB		29.58%
В		10.52%
CCC		0.46%
	tot HY	40.56%
NR		47.82%
TOTAL		100.00%

Geographic breakdow	/n
EU	35.79%
US	9.04%
Oth DEV	41.42%
LATAM	4.04%
EMEA	9.29%
ASIA	0.42%
TOTAL	100.00%

	Sector breakdown - Top 1	0
%	Banking	10.01%
%	Oil Field Equipment & Se	6.75%
%	Shipping - Gas	5.54%
%	Software/Service	5.13%
%	Oil and gas E&P - All	5.03%
%	Telecom - Wireline Integr	4.76%
%	Real Estate - Mgmt Res	4.32%
%	Finance - NPL collector	3.39%
%	Industry - Renewables	2.95%
%	Real Estate - Dev Res	2.85%
%	* Portfolio 100%	

Investment Manager: Swan Asset Management SA

Sub-Custodian Bank & Prime Broker: BNP Paribas, London Branch Administrator & Custodian Bank: Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild

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