# Swan Bond Enhanced Sicav-SIF USD March 2018



The sub-fund aims to generate significant excess return vs 3m Libor in combination with extremely low volatility. The strategy is focused on the "buy and hold" levered investment in a highly diversified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income security. Leverage is normally included between 100% and 200% of the NAV with invested capital between 2x and 3x the NAV.

### <u>Performance</u>

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0.20% 1 Year Std Dev: Since inception 10.84% 0.52% 2.88% USD 110.84 % of positive months:



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#### Global market picture

During March, European credit markets experienced a negative performance (H9PC Index -0.19%), in tandem with a negative movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (-2.25%); also S&P500 realized negative performance (-2.69%), continuing the correction started in February. The main theme of the month was the surge in rhetoric about new trading sanctions imposed by the US that culminated in additional duties on \$50bio imports from China. China retaliatory action was not significant (sanctions on \$3bio of US products using 2017 trade data), and President Xi is willing to negotiate, although wide gaps between the two sides suggest trade tensions will impact markets in the next weeks. Additional worries on global growth were signaled by a sharp fall in PMI indexes from January highs: consequently growth expectation in Eurozone was revised down to 2.4% in 2018, while in US it is forecasted at 2.7%. A possible sluggish growth influenced the 10 years Bund yield that moved down by 16bps to 0.50%, and also the 10 years Treasury yield retraced at 2.74% from its recent highs of 2.93%. On central banks' side, March was a busy month with meetings at both FED and ECB level, but with no significant surprises: the FOMC hiked Fed Funds by 25bps to 1.5%-1.75% and steepened the policy rate path, with dots now signaling 3 hikes for 2018, 3 for 2019 and 2 for 2020. On the opposite Mario Draghi sounded dovish in his post meeting conference, indicating how ECB next moves will be data dependent: QE taper could probably start in Q4 2018, while first rate hike will likely be postponed to 2Q19 from 1Q19. Emerging markets credit performance was negative (EMHB index -0.22%), influenced by concerns on trade wars, while spread to worst was just 9bps wider at 353bps

## Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, thanks to 88% of the positions (92 out of 104) contributing positively. Positive contributions homogeneously distributed, while there were not significant negative contributions. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (8 months or

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MTD	0.20%
YTD	0.85%
6 months	1.32%
1 year	2.88%
2017	3.32%
2016	4.99%
2015	1.53%
2014	-0.21%

Portfolio info	
# of Securities	120
% Weight	197.85%
Int Dur	0.93
Yield (gross)	2.86%
Spread Duration	1.34
Z-spread	390

FX breakdown (fully hedged)		
USD	54.87%	
EUR	15.21%	
NOK	15.88%	
GBP	2.98%	
SEK	6.04%	
SGD	0.00%	
CHF	3.68%	
AUD	1.34%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

Geographic breakdown		
EU	6.20%	
US	0.45%	
Oth DEV	25.06%	
LATAM	10.72%	
EMEA	38.93%	
ASIA	18.64%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

Rating breakdown		
AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
A		1.66%
BBB		20.31%
	tot IG	21.97%
BB		31.01%
В		19.75%
CCC		0.35%
	tot HY	51.11%
NR		26.93%
TOTAL		100.00%

Sector breakdown - To	
Banking	30.19%
Services	20.86%
Real Estate	20.20%
Basic Industry	6.97%
Energy	6.73%
Foreign Sovereign	4.48%
Financial Services	4.16%
Supranational	2.05%
Agency	1.28%
Healthcare	0.96%

average spread duration of 0.69), combined with a yield of 2.86% (net of funding cost) and z-spread of 390 basis points. The fund is levered, being invested at about 198% currently.

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