

# Swan Short-Term High Yield – EUR November 2020



## Strategy

The sub-fund aims to generate a significant excess return vs 3m Euribor in combination with below-average market volatility. Depending on market conditions, the strategy combines in variable proportions the “buy and hold” investment in a highly diversified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with the “strategic” and/or “tactical” investment in HY or EM securities denominated in hard currency.

## Risk Profile

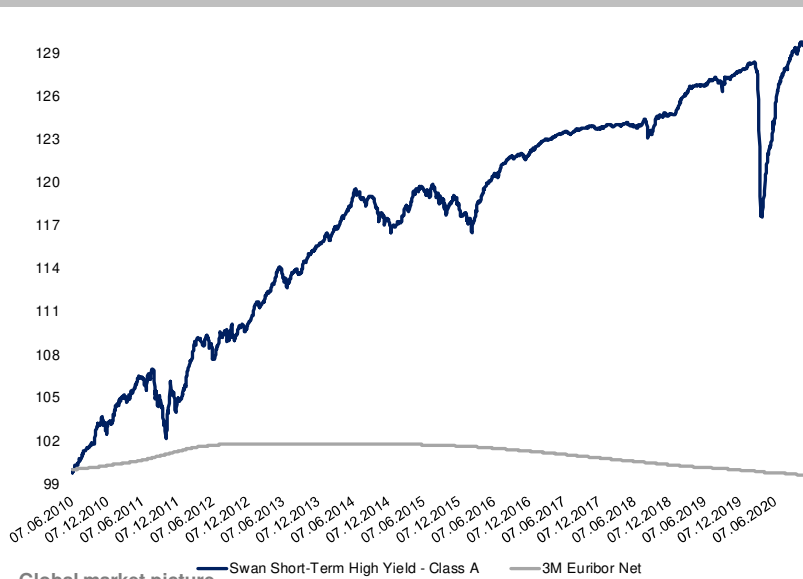
Conservative

**Intermediate**

High Reward

## Performance

MTD :	<b>1.11%</b>	Fund Assets (mln) :	181.2 €
Since inception	<b>30.95%</b>	1 Year Std Dev :	3.10%
Last 12 Months :	<b>2.53%</b>	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	1.05
NAVps :	EUR 130.95	% of positive months :	75%



### Global market picture

During November European credit markets experienced an extremely positive performance (H9PC Index +4.37%), in tandem with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+18.06%) and S&P 500 (10.75%). In this context Swan funds continued to move higher with a positive monthly performance ranging from +0.78% to 1.52%: our SIF funds are in positive territory (+5.65% SLSC and +5.00% for SBE) and also UCITS funds registered significant positive performance YTD (+2.2% USTB and +2.65% for STHY), while credit markets are reporting low single digit positive returns YTD (European HY +1.94%, Emerging HY +4.52%, US HY +2.51% and EUR IG +2.49%). The massive resurgence of Covid-19 infections caused new, but less severe, lockdowns in Europe: Q4 contraction is estimated at -9% (2020 should deliver a negative GDP growth of -7%), while consensus in US is for a -3.6% YoY growth in 2020. Disappointing growth data were more than compensated by the announcement that several anti-Covid vaccines have been positively tested: mass vaccinations should start in late 2020 in US and in the first quarter in 2021 in Europe. November was also the US presidential election month: Joe Biden, as expected, won, but the Senate majority is still not defined yet; Donald Trump did not immediately accept the loss, and started preparing a hard transition to his rival. In this context, the 10 years bund yield moved higher by 5 bps to -0.57% while the 10 years Treasury moved lower 3bps to 0.84%. We think that this is still an interesting entry point for our strategy: current YTM, albeit reduced, give us confidence on the capability to generate positive performance in line with targets during 2021; average maturity of the bonds in our portfolios is still around 1 year and should help reduce volatility in case of new episodes of market stress.

### Active Portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 18.40%, flat relatively to the end of October (18.40%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 11.67%, lower relatively to last month (14.07%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 3.88% (in EUR), a low spread duration of 0.91 and a z spread of 525.

### Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 95% of the positions (78 out of 82) contributing positively. The YTM remains attractive and conditions are always interesting in the short-term part of the credit curve. The average life of the YT portfolio is

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	1.13%	1.11%	# of Securities	120
YTD	2.65%	2.42%	% Weight	98.77%
6 months	5.87%	5.76%	Int Dur	0.73
1 year	2.80%	2.53%	Yield (gross)	3.88%
2019	2.77%	2.52%	Spread Duration	0.91
2018	0.93%	0.72%	Z-spread	525
2017	1.53%	1.28%		
2016	4.29%	3.82%		
2015	1.12%	0.74%		
2014	1.20%	0.90%		
2013	4.96%	4.66%		
2012	5.49%	5.19%		
2011	2.13%	1.83%		
2010	3.65%	3.35%		

\*Class A adjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

### FX breakdown (fully hedged)

USD	61.39%
EUR	18.60%
NOK	11.38%
SEK	4.45%
CHF	2.38%
GBP	1.81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Geographic breakdown

EU	10.17%
US	2.48%
Oth DEV	33.38%
LATAM	4.69%
EMEA	37.83%
ASIA	11.44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Rating breakdown

AAA	0.00%
AA	0.00%
A	0.00%
BBB	3.29%
	<b>tot IG 3.29%</b>
BB	22.70%
B	31.56%
CCC	2.38%
	<b>tot HY 56.64%</b>
NR	40.07%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Sector breakdown - Top 10

Services	22.42%
Real Estate	14.52%
Banking	13.57%
Basic Industry	13.29%
Energy	7.15%
Financial Services	5.97%
Transportation	5.82%
Sovereign	2.82%
Leisure	2.46%
Automotive	1.89%

very short (9 months or 0.73 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 4.19% and z-spread of 584.

### Strategic & Tactical buckets.

Tactical bucket generated a positive performance, with homogeneous contributions. Geographical allocation in EM was negative, while picking was positive in EM and negative in EUR HY (overall slightly negative).

### Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 7 June 2010

Minimum Investment: 1 share

Liquidity / Reporting: Daily

Fees: Class C 0.90% / Class A 1.20% Management Fee

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

Investment Manager: Swan Asset Management SA

Custodian Bank: State Street Bank Lux

Administrator Agent: State Street Bank Lux

Auditor: Ernst & Young

Bloomberg: class A: CBASHYA LX, class C: CBASHYC LX

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