

# Swan Short-Term High Yield – USD

## December 2021



### Strategy

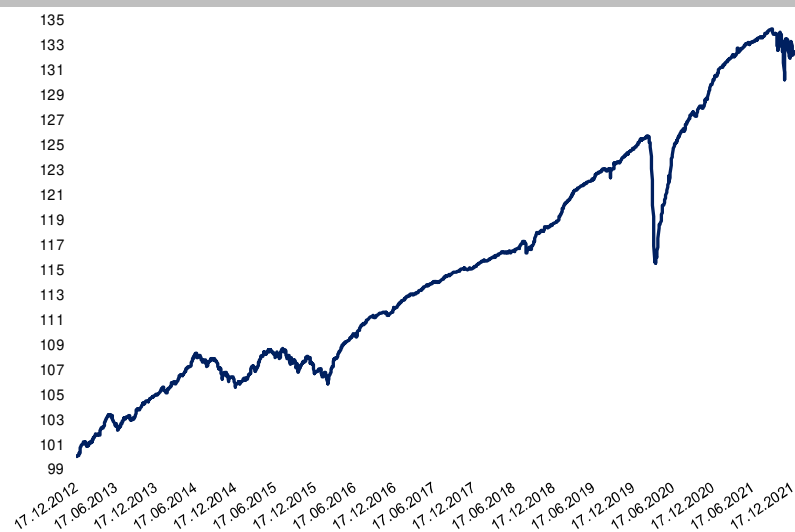
Swan Short-Term High Yield is the UCITS version of our Fixed Income Intermediate risk profile. Depending on market conditions, the strategy combines an highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with an opportunistic allocation to longer dated securities in Global HY markets. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 250 bps.

### Risk Profile

Conservative

**Intermediate**

High Reward



### Global market picture

— Swan Short-Term High Yield USD - Class A

During December, European credit markets experienced a positive performance (H9PC Index +0.86%), in tandem with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+5.79%) and S&P 500 (+4.36%). Surging COVID-19 cases linked to Omicron variant continued to impact economies: some European countries imposed new lock-down measures to limit impact on hospitals, while more vaccinated countries like Italy were still reluctant to issue fresh restrictions. Notwithstanding this new Covid wave, US economy should grow close to 7% in 4Q21 thanks to growth in inventories, while high vaccination rate should help Euro area GDP to return to the pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2022. During its meeting the FED announced that it will double the monthly pace of tapering: median forecast now signals three rate hikes in 2022. The ECB was not as hawkish as the FED, reiterating the view that inflation pressures are only transitory and that rates are unlikely to be raised in 2022. Inflation prints continued their march higher: in US CPI was 6.8% YoY (core +4.9% YoY), while Eurozone reached 4.9% and 2.6% respectively. In next months a significant increase to European inflation could come from energy prices: gas delivered Europe reached new highs in December, with prices up more than 800% in 2021. In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at -0.18% (+17bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 1.51% (+7bps in the month). Oil partially recovered the loss experienced in November and closed the month at 78 USD per barrel. After a strong 2020, performances of our funds were below target, but we honored our mandate to generate positive performance for the 13th year in a row, since inception. Funds offers attractive returns for 2022, even if market volatility could persist in the first half of the year.

### Active Portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 18.40%, flat relatively to the end of November (18.40%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 27.01%, lower relatively to last month (30.99%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 5.22% (in EUR), a low spread duration of 1.19 and a z spread of 582.

### Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 77% of the positions (54 out of 70) 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 very short (10 months or 0.81 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 3.52% and z-spread of 412.

### Performance

MTD :	<b>0.16%</b>	Fund Assets (mln) :	232.2
Since inception :	<b>32.48%</b>	1 Year Std Dev :	2.42%
Last 12 Months :	<b>1.56%</b>	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	0.64
NAVps :	USD 132.48	% of positive months :	79%



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Period	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	<b>0.16%</b>	# of Securities	115
YTD	<b>1.56%</b>	% Weight	99.21%
6 months	<b>-0.64%</b>	Int Dur	0.59
1 year	<b>1.56%</b>	Yield (gross)	5.22%
2021	<b>1.56%</b>	Spread Duration	1.19
2020	<b>4.46%</b>	Z-spread	582
2019	<b>5.08%</b>		
2018	<b>2.98%</b>		
2017	<b>2.96%</b>		
2016	<b>4.84%</b>		
2015	<b>0.93%</b>		
2014	<b>0.81%</b>		
2013	<b>4.75%</b>		

### FX breakdown (fully hedged)

USD	51.00%
EUR	17.32%
NOK	17.15%
SEK	13.85%
CHF	0.00%
GBP	0.68%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Geographic breakdown

EU	12.65%
US	3.52%
Oth DEV	44.79%
LATAM	0.72%
EMEA	18.92%
ASIA	19.40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Rating breakdown

AAA	0.00%
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A	0.00%
BBB	3.51%
<b>tot IG</b>	<b>3.51%</b>
BB	21.37%
B	22.43%
CCC	3.06%
<b>tot HY</b>	<b>46.86%</b>
NR	49.64%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Sector breakdown - Top 10

Real Estate	37.49%
Services	20.97%
Energy	8.84%
Basic Industry	7.82%
Financial Services	5.13%
Banking	3.40%
Leisure	2.73%
Transportation	2.68%
Retail	2.62%
Utility	2.24%

### 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 positive).

### Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 18 December 2012

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

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