# Swan Bond Opportunity – CHF **December 2018**

# SWAN Managers of your future

13.62% 0.23% 36.02%

7.10% 32.40% 10.63%

100.00%

### Strategy

The sub-fund aims to generate excess return vs 3m Libor CHF in combination with extremely low volatility. The strategy combines the "buy and hold" investment in a highly diversified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with the opportunistic and residual allocation of the promised average spread over risk free rate to



Global market picture 3M Libor CHE Net

December was another volatile month: European credit markets were negative (H9PC Index -0.72%), likewise equity markets with Eurostoxx 50 and S&P 500 losing respectively 5.41% and 9.18%. The FED meeting on 19th of December was the main catalyst of the month. Markets approached the event already in a sell-off mode and Jerome Powell's speech did not send a "reassuring" message: FED funds rate hike to 2.375% was accompanied by a reduction in dots that now forecast only two hikes for 2019, but investors hoped for a more dovish action. Markets are now pricing a FED on hold for 2019, but economic uncertainty remains a drag for risky assets: CESI Indexes (that measures economic data surprises relative to market expectations) are all in negative territory and downward trend while also ISM and PMI surveys suggest that the economy is slowing. Global growth is expected at around 3% for the first half of 2019, but this outlook looks increasingly challenging and rates movement in December was in line with this skeptical outlook: yield on 10 Years German Bund went under further pressure (-7bps at 0.24%) in tandem with yield on 10 years Treasury down to 2.68% (-30bps in December). The only positive events during the month were the agreement between the EU and the Italian government regarding the fiscal deficit (fixed at 2.04%), that should save Italy from an infringement procedure, and a more constructive in tone in the dialogue between US and China on trade war dispute. Emerging markets reported a positive performance (+0.70%) with Asia being the best performer during the month, partially recovering 2018 underperformance. EM resilience was mainly due to lower US rates and possible truce between US and China.

#### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross positive contribution to the monthly performance, with 79% of the positions (66 out of 84) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, while there were not significant negative contributions. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (9 months or 0.75 of spread duration), combined with a yield of 2.70% and z-spread of 303 basis points.

## Performance

MTD :	-0.07%	Fund Assets (mln) :	176.7 €
Since inception	7.45%	1 Year Std Dev :	0.59%
Last 12 Months :	0.01%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	1.58
NAVps :	CHF 107.45	% of positive months :	69%

#### **IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION:**

Starting from January 2019 the fund will be renamed the Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond to better define its strategy. Fund investment philosophy and strategy will not change.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	-0.06%	-0.07%	# of Securities	93
YTD	0.19%	0.01%		
6 months	0.38%	0.32%	% Weight	97.65%
1 year	0.19%	0.01%		
2017	0.58%	0.29%	Int Dur	0.14
2016	1.54%	1.43%		
2015	<b>-0.29%</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>	Yield (gross)	2.70%
2014	0.49%	0.27%		
2013	2.73%	2.54%	Spread Duration	0.73
2012	2.71%	2.42%		
2011	<b>1.08%</b>	0.83%	Z-spread	303
*Class A adjusted	for management	fee difference u	sed for periods before Class C inception.	

FX breakdown (f	ully hedged)	Geographic breakdown
USD	36.48%	EU
EUR	26.64%	US
NOK	21.38%	Oth DEV
GBP	0.00%	LATAM
SEK	8.47%	EMEA
CHF	6.53%	ASIA
AUD	0.51%	TOTAL
SGD	0.00%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

Rating breakdown		Sector breakdown - Top	0 10
AAA	0.00%	Banking	35.81%
AA	0.00%	Services	24.52%
A	3.53%	Real Estate	17.16%
BBB	14.64%	Energy	4.73%
tot IG	18.17%	Financial Services	4.25%
BB	27.86%	Transportation	3.04%
В	16.51%	Basic Industry	2.82%
CCC	0.00%	Leisure	1.87%
tot HY	44.37%	Sovereign	1.79%
NR	37.46%	Telecommunications	1.54%
TOTAL	100.00%		

#### Active Strategies

The bucket generated a negative contribution this month due to the short position on 10yrs Bund Future.

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