

# Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD October 2021



## Strategy

Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond is the UCITS version of our Fixed Income Conservative risk profile. The strategy invests in a highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities, with an average maturity of 1 year. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 150 bps.

## Performance

MTD :	<b>-0.29%</b>	Fund Assets (mln) :	427.9 €
Since inception	<b>27.48%</b>	1 Year Std Dev :	0.85%
Last 12 Months :	<b>3.21%</b>	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	3.75
NAVps :	USD 127.48	% of positive months :	82%

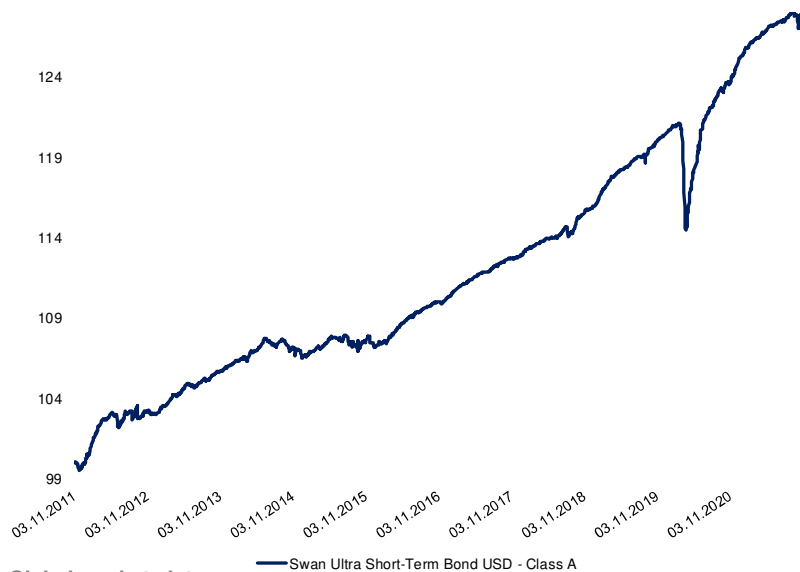
## Risk Profile

Conservative

Intermediate

High Reward

CFS Rating



## Global market picture

During October, European credit markets experienced a negative performance (H9PC Index - 0.61%), in contrast with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+5.00%) and S&P 500 (+6.91%). Economic data signaled that growth cooled down in 3Q, mainly due to China and US. PBOC issued several statements affirming that real estate markets is working properly, asking bank to keep stable loans to the sector and reassuring that Evergrande risk to financial system is manageable. Notwithstanding these encouraging messages, market confidence remained subdued with monthly returns on Emerging Market Credit Index (EMHB) at -2.27%, strongly impacted by Asia and China, reporting respectively -7.45% and -12.76% negative performance. Inflation continued to print strong numbers: in US Core PCE was at +3.6% with Jerome Powell admitting that high inflation is likely to carry into next year, while in Europe core CPI was at 2.1%. On the central bank side, FED is expected to announce tapering during its November meeting but is its forward guidance that is now under scrutiny by investors, with markets expecting two full rate hikes in 2022, while the ECB said discussion during last meeting was dominated by inflation, but Christine Lagarde explicitly said that rates will not move higher to counter the rise in price; it will buy less bonds in a sign of confidence that economic recovery will not derail. In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at -0.11% (+9bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 1.55% (+6bps in the month). Gold was higher at 1783 \$ per ounce, while oil was up at 84 USD per barrel, highest level since 2018. We think that this is still an interesting entry point for our strategy: current YTM gives us confidence on the capability to generate positive performance in line with targets in the next 12 months; 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.

## Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross negative contribution to the monthly performance, with 65% of the positions (64 out of 98) 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 yield-type portfolio is very short (11 months or 0.92 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 3.38% (in EUR) and z-spread of 398 basis points.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	<b>-0.27%</b>	<b>-0.29%</b>	# of Securities	146
YTD	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>1.72%</b>	% Weight	93.95%
6 months	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	Int Dur	0.17
1 year	<b>3.23%</b>	<b>3.21%</b>	Yield (gross)	3.38%
2020	<b>3.96%</b>	<b>3.84%</b>	Spread Duration	0.98
2019	<b>3.90%</b>	<b>3.94%</b>	Z-spread	398
2018	<b>2.91%</b>	<b>2.66%</b>		
2017	<b>2.68%</b>	<b>2.43%</b>		
2016	<b>3.13%</b>	<b>2.88%</b>		
2015	<b>0.88%</b>	<b>0.63%</b>		
2014	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>		
2013	<b>3.11%</b>	<b>2.86%</b>		
2012	<b>3.11%</b>	<b>2.86%</b>		
2011	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>		

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

## FX breakdown (fully hedged)

USD	55.08%
EUR	10.62%
NOK	16.62%
SEK	11.54%
CHF	1.61%
GBP	4.53%
AUD	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Geographic breakdown

EU	15.81%
US	0.69%
Oth DEV	43.96%
LATAM	1.58%
EMEA	22.76%
ASIA	15.19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Rating breakdown

AAA	0.00%
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A	0.00%
BBB	8.65%
<b>tot IG</b>	<b>8.65%</b>
BB	23.93%
B	16.34%
CCC	1.05%
<b>tot HY</b>	<b>41.32%</b>
NR	50.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Sector breakdown - Top 10

Real Estate	26.78%
Services	25.85%
Banking	8.73%
Basic Industry	6.49%
Consumer Goods	4.44%
Energy	4.25%
Automotive	3.94%
Leisure	3.41%
Financial Services	3.40%
Agency	2.25%

## Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 3 November 2011

Minimum Investment: 1 share

Liquidity / Reporting: Daily

Fees: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% 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: CBSBAUH LX, class C: CBSBCUH LX

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