Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD November 2023



77%

Strategy

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.

Risk Profile Conservative **High Reward**

Performance

1.13% Fund Assets (mln): 245.9 € 33.81% 1 Year Std Dev: 8.38%

USD 133.81 % of positive months:



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Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond USD - Class A

High Yield Credit markets reported a positive performance in November ranging from +3.64% for EM corp HY to +2.86% of the EU HY in tandem with positive equity markets, S&P500 (+8.92%) and Eurostoxx50 (+7.91%). The IG EUR market was positive by +2.30% while the short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index reported a positive performance of 2.15%. The Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY index was positive at +3.88%. The FED had its policy decision meeting the first week of November: interest rates remained at 22 years highs and Jerome Powell kept open the possibility of additional monetary tightening amid evidence that the US economy remain strong. But the FED Chair increasingly described risks as balanced with "considerable" progress on lowering inflation as they "have moved policy rate well into restrictive territory". Markets responded to this news reversing the bond yields spike of September/October thanks also to declining inflation data: October core CPI YoY was 4% in US vs 4.1% expected, while in Europe expectation for November core inflation were revised down to 3.6% YoY. Rates market incorporated relatively high probabilities of easing by both the FED and ECB during next quarters, even if we believe central banks will act only when they will be convinced that inflation will remain below 3% on a sustained basis. The 10 years bund yield was lower at 2.45% (-36bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 4.33% (-60bps in the month). Oil moved lower to 82\$ per barrel, while US dollar lost some ground with DXY at 103.50. Our funds have a yield to maturity between 7.5% and 10%, combined with an average spread duration around 17 months. The combination of higher diversification, higher credit quality and higher expected yields pave the way for extremely attractive returns in the next future.

Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 89% of the positions (146 out of 164) 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 (17 months or 1.43 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 7.44% (in EUR) and z-spread of 401 basis points.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	1.14%	1.13%	# of Securities	164
YTD	6.82%	6.71%		
6 months	4.21%	4.14%	% Weight	100.01%
1 year	8.50%	8.38%		
2022	-0.90%	-1.19%		
2021	1.57%	1.27%	Int Dur	1.09
2020	3.96%	3.84%		
2019	3.90%	3.94%	Yield (gross) in EUR	7.44%
2018	2.91%	2.66%		
2017	2.68%	2.43%	Spread Duration	1.43
2016	3.13%	2.88%		
2015	0.88%	0.63%	Z-spread	401
2014	0.78%	0.53%		
2013	3.11%	2.86%		
2012	3.11%	2.86%		
2011	0.52%	0.27%		
*Class A adjusted	for management	fee difference u	sed for periods before Class C ince	ntion

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FX breakdown (fully hedged)		Geographic breakdown			
USD	21.89%	EU	42.04%		
EUR	50.71%	US	9.35%		
NOK	12.93%	Oth DEV	32.46%		
SEK	8.52%	LATAM	2.13%		
CHF	2.71%	EMEA	13.37%		
GBP	3.24%	ASIA	0.65%		
TOTAL	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%		

Rating breakd	lown	
AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
A		0.00%
BBB		15.27%
	tot IG	15.27%
BB		31.06%
В		11.34%
CCC		0.60%
	tot HY	43.00%
NR		41.72%
TOTAL		100.00%

Banking	12.39%
Real Estate - Mgmt Res	6.53%
Shipping - Gas	4.99%
Telecom - Wireline Integra	4.78%
Finance - NPL collector	4.53%
Oil Field Equipment & Ser	4.17%
Oil and gas E&P - All	3.94%
Real Estate - Dev Res	3.27%
Investments & Misc Financ	3.22%
Software/Service	2.81%

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