# Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD February 2024



## 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

0.70% Fund Assets (mln): 241.1 € 1 Year Std Dev: 37.47% 0.87% 7.13%

USD 137.47 % of positive months:



134	134
129	129
124	124
119	119
114	114
109	109
104	104
99	99
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### Global market picture

High Yield Credit markets reported a positive performance in February ranging from +0.89% for EM corp HY to +0.41% of the EU HY in tandem with positive equity markets, S&P500 (+5.17%) and Eurostoxx50 (+4.93%). The IG EUR market was negative by -0.89% while the short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index reported a positive performance of 0.66%. The Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY index was positive at +0.35%. Core inflation in Eurozone was a little bit lower at 3.3% YoY, even if concerns on future path remain because disinflation in service sector has stalled. On the same note, minutes of the ECB's January meeting contained a few dovish comments, while most of the discussion read on the hawkish side, concluding that is still too early to have confidence that inflation will return to the target in a timely manner. In US the probability of a rate cut in May lowered after the inflation data that reported stable core inflation at 3.9% YoY while CPI slowed less than expected at 3.1% YoY and FED minutes reinforced the patient approach to cutting rates that Powell voiced in the post meeting press conference. We believe central banks will act only when they will be convinced that inflation will stay below target on a sustained basis and we are not close to that time yet. The 10 years bund yield was higher at 2.41% (+24bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 4.25% (+34bps in the month). Oil moved lower to 84\$ per barrel, while US dollar rebounded with DXY at 104.16. Our funds have a yield to maturity between 6.5% and 8.5%, combined with an average spread duration around 17 months. The combination of diversification, good credit quality and high 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 86% of the positions (161 out of 138) 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 1.39 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 6.55% (in EUR) and z-spread of 312 basis points

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	0.74%	0.70%	# of Securities	161
YTD	1.73%	1.67%		
6 months	4.93%	4.83%	% Weight	96.85%
1 year	7.33%	7.13%		
2023	7.95%	7.82%		
2022	-0.90%	-1.19%	Int Dur	1.02
2021	1.57%	1.27%		
2020	3.96%	3.84%	Yield (gross) in EUR	6.55%
2019	3.90%	3.94%		
2018	2.91%	2.66%	Spread Duration	1.35
2017	2.68%	2.43%		
2016	3.13%	2.88%	Z-spread	312
2015	0.88%	0.63%		
2014	0.78%	0.53%		
2013	3.11%	2.86%		
2012	3.11%	2.86%		
2011	0.52%	0.27%		

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

FX breakdown (fully	hedged)
USD	23.35%
EUR	46.79%
NOK	15.23%
SEK	8.16%
CHF	2.92%
GBP	3.55%
TOTAL	100.00%

	Geographic breakdown	
6	EU	38.51%
6	US	9.87%
6	Oth DEV	37.33%
6	LATAM	2.67%
6	EMEA	10.82%
6	ASIA	0.80%
6	TOTAL	100.00%

Rating	breakdown
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AAA		0.00%
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Α		0.86%
BBB		17.14%
	tot IG	18.00%
BB		27.55%
В		8.41%
CCC		0.59%
	tot HY	36.56%
NR		45.44%
TOTAL		100.00%

Sector breakdown - Lop 10		
Banking	10.77%	
Real Estate - Mgmt Res	5.51%	
Shipping - Gas	5.22%	
Software/Service	5.19%	
Oil Field Equipment & Serv	5.10%	
Telecom - Wireline Integra	4.69%	
Real Estate - Dev Res	3.68%	
Investments & Misc Finance	3.41%	
Finance - NPL collector	3.26%	
Oil and gas E&P - All	3.15%	

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