# Swan Bond Opportunity – EUR November 2017



### <u>Strategy</u>

The sub-fund aims to generate significant excess return vs 3m Euribor 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 allocation of the promised average spread over risk free rate to a number of interest rate and FX active strategies.

# **Performance**

 MTD:
 -0.13%
 Fund Assets (mln):
 183.5 €

 Since inception
 15.96%
 1 Year Std Dev:
 0.30%

 Last 12 Months:
 0.79%
 1 Year Sharpe Ratio:
 3.74

 NAVps:
 EUR 115.96 positive months %:
 77%

Portfolio info # of Securities

95.37%

0.34

1.43%

197

8.29%

0.22%

26.72%

5.16%

49.40%

10.22%

100.00%

% Weight

Yield (gross)

Z-spread

**Spread Duration** 

Geographic breakdown
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### Global market picture

During November, European credit markets experienced a negative performance (H9PC Index -0.44%) in tandem with a negative movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (-2.83%), while S&P500 reached new historical highs at 2'648 (+2.81% during the month). With the ECB on autopilot until mid-2018 after October meeting, the FED took center stage: at the beginning of the month President Donald Trump nominated Jerome Powell to run the FED, in a move widely expected and unlikely to disturb the rally in stock markets. Also the 1st November FOMC meeting confirmed expectations, with a December hike now fully priced by the market, while expectations for 2018 are more mixed: indeed market consensus expects three to four hikes, while market just prices in only one or two full hikes. On the political front, there was a decent progress on the tax bill reform, with increasing probability of a successful scenario. EM credit markets generated negative returns this month (EMHB Index -0.40%), due mainly to stretched valuations and idiosyncratic events: PDVSA repaid in full the bond matured the 2nd of November, but at the same time President Nicolas Maduro announced the intention to restructure foreign debt of the country, while tensions mounted in Lebanon after Hariri resignation. On a positive note the OPEC/non OPEC summit extended production cuts by nine months to end-2018

## Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross positive contribution to the monthly performance, thanks to 81% of the positions (62 out of 77) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, while there were not significant negative contributions, the only exception being DOFSUB 05/18 under pressure after company's request of maturity extension. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (8 months or 0.70 of spread duration), combined with a yield of 1.43% and z-spread of 197 basis points.

Period	Perf.
MTD	-0.13%
YTD	0.64%
6 months	0.02%
1 year	0.79%
2016	1.86%
2015	0.35%
2014	0.54%
2013	2.77%
2012	2.84%
2011	1.85%
2010	1.73%
2009	2.38%

FX breakdown (fully hedged)				
USD	49.65%			
EUR	8.05%			
NOK	17.90%			
GBP	5.70%			
SEK	7.33%			
CHF	9.01%			
AUD	2.37%			
SGD	0.00%			
TOTAL	100.00%			

Rating breakdown		
AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
A		1.21%
BBB		38.54%
	tot IG	39.76%
BB		17.15%
В		16.09%
CCC		0.22%
	tot HY	33.45%
NR		26.79%
TOTAL		100.00%

Sector breakdown - Top	o 10
Banking	31.38%
Services	21.27%
Real Estate	16.11%
Energy	10.63%
Financial Services	4.43%
Transportation	3.48%
Supranational	2.57%
Utility	2.56%
Foreign Sovereign	2.01%
Agency	1.62%

### Active Strategies

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

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg
Inception Date: 1 April 2009
Minimum Investment: 1 share
Liquidity / Reporting: Daily
Fees: 1.00% Management Fee

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