# **Swan Bond Opportunity – USD May 2018**



101.95%

2.32%

0.86

27.30%

25.46% 20.59%

7.13%

5.70%

2 68%

2.48%

2.19%

1.72%

1.36%

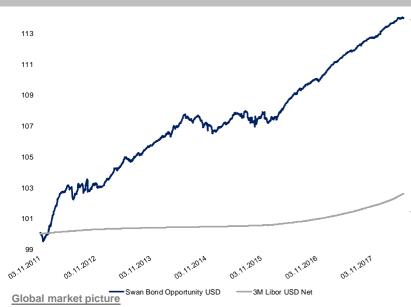
The sub-fund aims to generate significant excess return vs 3m Libor in combination with extremely low volatility. The strategy combines the "buy and hold" investment in a highly diversified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with the opportunistic allocation of the promised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

### <u>Performance</u>

Fund Assets (mln): -0.02% 13.97% 1 Year Std Dev: 0.28% Last 12 Months 1.95%

USD 113.97 % of positive months: 79%

Risk Profile	Conservative	Intermediate	High Reward



Main topic of the month was the political tension in Italy, with investors worried about the possible appointment of Paolo Savona (well known for his anti Euro position) as Finance Minister: European credit markets experienced a negative performance (H9PC Index -0.98%), in tandem with a negative movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (-3.67%), while S&P500 realized a positive performance (+2.16%). Risk off environment had a significant influence on rates: yield on 10 years Bund pulled back to 0.34%, while Italian 10 years BTPs peaked at 3% (highest level since summer 2014), with the spread between the two sovereign at 241bps (+117bps during the month). After 3 months of negotiations the Five Star Movement and the League found an agreement on the composition of the new government (with the appointment of a more mainstream Minister of Finance), and tensions on periphery debt eased. The FED meeting did not signal substantial change in monetary policy, with FED funds future pricing in just two of the four hikes market expect in the next 12 months. On the political side, President Donald Trump launched new message to its "rivals": during May, the USA retired from the Iran nuclear deal and imposed new tariffs on aluminum and steel, while a more soft tone was used with North Korea, with the meeting with Kim Jong-un confirmed for the 12th of June in Singapore. Emerging markets credit performance was negative (EMHB index -1.56%), with spread to worst 68bps wider at 444bps: tensions due to FX weakness and fourth consecutive monthly negative return influenced investors' sentiment, only partially compensated by new Brent highs at 77USD per barrel.

#### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross positive contribution to the monthly performance, thanks to 71% of the positions (57 out of 80) contributing positively. Positive

Period	Perf.	Portfolio info	
MTD	-0.02%	# of Securities	
YTD	0.78%		
6 months	1.08%	% Weight	
1 year	1.95%		
2017	2.43%	Int Dur	
2016	2.88%		
2015	0.63%	Yield (gross)	
2014	0.53%		
2013	2.86%	Spread Duration	
2012	2.86%		
2011	0.27%	Z-spread	

FX breakdown (fully he	dged)	Geogra
USD	44.58%	
EUR	15.73%	
NOK	21.04%	
GBP	2.31%	
SEK	6.29%	
CHF	9.66%	
AUD	0.40%	
SGD	0.00%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

Geographic breakdown			
EU	6.69%		
US	0.23%		
Oth DEV	34.41%		
LATAM	5.74%		
EMEA	36.53%		
ASIA	16.41%		
TOTAL	100.00%		

Rating breakdown			Sector breakdown - Top 10
AAA		0.00%	Services
AA		0.00%	Banking
A		1.43%	Real Estate 2
BBB		28.87%	Energy
	tot IG	30.30%	Financial Services
ВВ		19.79%	Sovereign
В		13.97%	Agency
CCC		0.23%	Transportation
	tot HY	34.00%	Basic Industry
NR		35.71%	Supranational
TOTAL		100.00%	

contributions were homogeneously distributed, while there were not significant negative contributions. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (10 months or 0.86 of spread duration), combined with a yield of 2.32% and z-spread of 274 basis points

## **Active Strategies**

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

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