Swan Bond Opportunity – CHF July 2018



<u>Strategy</u>

The sub-fund aims to generate significant excess return vs 3m Libor CHF 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: 0.29% Fund Assets (mIn): 166.2 €
Since inception 7.42% 1 Year Std Dev: 0.37%

Last 12 Months: -0.08% 1 Year Sharpe Ratio: 1.78

NAVps: CHF 107.42 % of positive months: 70%



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Global market picture

During July European credit markets experienced a positive performance (H9PC Index 1.55%), in tandem with a positive movement of the Eurostoxx 50 and S&P500 that gained respectively 3.83% and 3.60%. Central banks were really uneventful this month: ECB meeting did not signal changes to the tapering path (expected in 4Q18, with first rate hike at end summer 2019) while FED minutes confirmed the monetary policy expressed in previous meetings (market prices an 82% probability of 2 more hikes in 2018). Interest Rates market was more influenced by positive macro data: US expansion is pointing to become one of the longest in post war history, while in Europe economic data signaled stabilization in growth trajectory. 10 years Bund yield rebounded from 0.30% to 0.44%, while 10 years Treasury approached the 3% area (2.96%). July was also the month when the first round of US trade sanctions against China started (on \$35bn of goods), even if market was more worried about the possibility of an increase to \$200bn of goods threatened by President Trump. Emerging markets credit performance was positive (EMHB index +1.96% during July) after five consecutive months of negative results, notwithstanding a significant correction in oil price (Brent -6.53% @ 74.25 USD per barrel) and no signs of an agreement between US and China on trade war.

Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross positive contribution to the monthly performance, thanks to 95% of the positions (79 out of 83) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, the only exception being PKSTAN 04/19 that rebounded after general election in the country, while there were not significant negative contributions. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is

Period		Perf.	Portfolio info		
	MTD	0.29%	# of Securities	100	
	YTD	-0.02%			
	6 months	-0.12%	% Weight	102.83%	
	1 year	-0.08%			
	2017	0.29%	Int Dur	0.23	
	2016	1.43%			
	2015	-0.53%	Yield (gross)	2.44%	
	2014	0.27%			
	2013	2.54%	Spread Duration	0.82	
	2012	2.42%			
	2011	0.83%	Z-spread	282	

FX breakdown (fully he	dged)	Geographic breakdo	wn
USD	44.26%	EU	6.29%
EUR	20.52%	US	0.23%
NOK	18.40%	Oth DEV	30.95%
GBP	0.00%	LATAM	5.06%
SEK	7.42%	EMEA	39.51%
CHF	9.02%	ASIA	17.95%
AUD	0.39%	TOTAL	100.00%
SGD	0.00%		
TOTAL	100.00%		

Rating breakdown		Sector breakdown - Top 10		
AAA	0.00%	Banking	29.41%	
AA	0.00%	Services	23.92%	
A	2.48%	Real Estate	22.32%	
BBB	27.25%	Energy	6.91%	
tot IG	29.73%	Financial Services	3.62%	
ВВ	21.43%	Sovereign	2.66%	
В	14.68%	Agency	2.46%	
CCC	0.23%	Transportation	2.10%	
tot HY	36.34%	Basic Industry	1.68%	
NR	33.93%	Leisure	1.17%	
TOTAL	100.00%			

very short (10 months or 0.80 of spread duration), combined with a yield of 2.44% and z-spread of 282 basis points.

Active Strategies

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

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 4 October 2011
Minimum Investment: 1 share
Liquidity / Reporting: Daily

Fees: 1.00% Management Fee

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

Bromotor / Distributor: Corner Banco 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: CBSWBAC LX, class C: CBSWBCC LX
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