## Swan High Yield – USD **November 2018**



The sub-fund aims to generate a significant excess return vs 3m Libor in combination with below-average market volatility. Depending on market conditions, the strategy combines in variable proportions the "buy and hold" investment in a highly diversified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with the "strategic" and/or "tactical" investment in HY or EM securities denominated in hard

<u>Performance</u>

0.30% 1 Year Std Dev: Since inception 18,46% 0.73% 2.98%

USD 118.46 % of positive months:

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Swan High Yield USD - Class A Global market picture November was another volatile month: European credit markets were negative (H9PC Index -2.08%), while equity markets delivered mixed performance with Eurostoxx 50 losing 0.76% and S&P 500 gaining 1.79%. Jerome Powell's speech sent a dovish message: comments on FED Funds neutral rates were changed from a "long way from neutral" to just below neutral. This change raised questions on how many rate hikes are forecasted for 2019, with markets now pricing only two and a half hikes until December 2019, far from the four hikes implied in the dots. Economic data showed that US exceptionalism could have reached its peak, with the latest data pointing to a growth of around 2.5% in Q4 and 2% in first half of 2019. More FED speakers indicated that next rates moves will be data dependent, adding uncertainty on an already complicated macro environment and pushing yield on 10 years Treasury down to 3%. Weakness in recent data continued in the Euro area, providing challenges for the first rate hike in 2H19: yield on 10 Years German Bund went under further pressure (-8bps at 0.31%) and reduced tensions between Italy and EU commission (Italian government seems more interested in reaching a compromise) were not sufficient to avoid a sell off movement on all European markets (both credit and equity). Emerging markets reported a negative performance (-0.32%) with homogenous contribution between regions. December will likely start with a positive tone, after the positive talks between Trump and Xi at G20 meeting, even if details were not provided, keeping uncertainties on how trade war will evolve in the future. **Active Portfolio** 

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 15.30%, flat relatively to the end of October (15.30%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 12.36%, lower relatively to last month (16.02%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 3% Strategic and 97% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 3.09%, a low spread duration of 0.99 and a z spread of 344.

## Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 80% of the positions (44 out of 55) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, the only exceptions being EVERRE 03/20, COGARD 03/20 and AABAR 03/20, while there were not significant negative contributions The average life of the

Period	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	0.30%	# of Securities	79
YTD	2.66%		
6 months	1.80%	% Weight	103.14%
1 year	2.98%		
2017	2.96%	Int Dur	0.68
2016	4.84%		
2015	0.93%	Yield (gross)	3.09%
2014	0.81%		
2013	4.75%	Spread Duration	0.99
		Z-spread	344

FX breakdown (ful	ly hedged)	Geographic breakdow	/n
USD	45.29%	EU	8.03%
EUR	22.47%	US	0.42%
NOK	20.54%	Oth DEV	36.13%
GBP	0.77%	LATAM	5.03%
SEK	7.00%	EMEA	34.74%
CHF	3.93%	ASIA	15.65%
AUD	0.00%	TOTAL	100.00%
SGD	0.00%		
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Rating breakdown			Sector breakdown - Top 10	
AAA		0.00%	Banking	28.45%
AA		0.00%	Services	28.25%
A		0.00%	Real Estate	20.28%
BBB		2.91%	Financial Services	6.06%
	tot IG	2.91%	Energy	5.32%
BB		25.10%	Capital Goods	2.45%
В		27.47%	Basic Industry	2.38%
CCC		0.00%	Telecommunications	2.23%
	tot HY	52.57%	Sovereign	1.76%
NR		44.53%	Media	1.62%
TOTAL		100.00%		

YT portfolio at the end of November is very short (9 months or 0.72 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 2.87% and z-spread of 321.

## Strategic & Tactical buckets.

bucket generated a negligible performance with homogeneous contributions. Geographical allocation in EM was flat, while picking was positive both in EM and EUR HY.

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