Swan Long Short Credit Sicav-SIF January 2019



1.11%

34.60% 8.42% 30.73%

14.73%

100.00%

Strategy

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 div

ersified and granular portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with the "opportunistic" allocation to a number of credit



-Swan Long/Short Credit Sif **Global Market Picture**

January was a very strong month: European credit markets were positive (H9PC Index +2.15%), likewise equity markets with Eurostoxx 50 and S&P 500 gaining respectively 5.26% and 7.87% The FED meeting on 30th of January was the main event of the month. Markets approached the event waiting for a "reassuring" message, and in this case Powell did not disappoint investors as he did in December, FED funds rate remained stuck at 2.375%, accompanied by an ultra-dovish tone both in the Committee statement and press conference: the word "patient" came back and references to further tightening was eliminated, while balance sheet policy flexibility was confirmed. The ECB meeting did not surprise, with confirmation that growth risks are on the downside and the council will reassess policy options in March. Central banks tone had a strong influence on rates: yield on 10 Years German Bund went under further pressure (-9bps at 0.15%) in tandem with yield on 10 years Treasury down to 2.63% (-5bps in January). Notwithstanding strong rally in January, economic uncertainty remains a concern for risky assets: current pace of global growth is around 2.6%, but several headwinds have still to be resolved (US/China trade deal, Brexit and weaker than expected growth in Europe). Emerging markets reported a positive performance (+3.82%) with LATAM being the best performer during the month. EM resilience was mainly due to the dovish FED tone and constructive talks between US and China, in addition to a strong redound in oil prices (Brent closed up 15% at 62USD per barrel).

Active portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of -2.35%, flat relatively to the end of December (-2.35%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 11.93%, higher relatively to last month (8.49%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated yield of 4.18% (net of funding cost), a low spread duration of 1.38 and a z spread of 515. A long position on XOVER S29 (short risk), is present in the portfolio with a weight of 4.80%, in addition to a short position on 10 years

Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 94% of the positions (83 out of 88) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, the only exceptions being KOC 04/20, COGARD 03/20, AABAR 03/20, GMLP 05/20, AKERNO 05/20, DNONO 06/20, FARMIT 06/20, BAMIIM 07/20 and ICCREA 02/20, while there

<u>Performance</u>

Fund Assets (mln): 0.92% 13.83% 1 Year Std Dev: 1.17% 2.01% EUR 113.83 % of positive months:

	Portfolio into	Pert.	Period
108	# of Securities	0.92%	MTD
		0.92%	YTD
191.19%	% Weight	1.62%	6 months
		2.01%	1 year
0.49	Int Dur	1.36%	2018
		1.49%	2017
4.18%	Yield (gross)	4.53%	2016
		1.03%	2015
1.38	Spread Duration	0.84%	2014
		5.05%	2013
515	Z-spread	5.44%	2012
		3.19%	2011
		7.47%	2010
		6.56%	2009
	Geographic breakdown	dged)	reakdown (fully hed
10.41%	EU	44.07%	USD

FX breakdown (fully he	dged)	Geographic br
USD	44.07%	EU
EUR	19.22%	US
NOK	18.75%	Oth DE
GBP	1.36%	LATAN
SEK	11.91%	EMEA
SGD	0.00%	ASIA
CHF	4.69%	TOTAL
TOTAL	100.00%	

Rating breakdown			Sector breakdown - Top 10		
AAA		0.00%	Real Estate	24.40%	
AA		0.00%	Banking	23.34%	
Α		1.47%	Services	23.03%	
BBB		12.16%	Financial Services	6.62%	
	tot IG	13.63%	Energy	5.72%	
ВВ		25.26%	Foreign Sovereign	3.82%	
В		22.30%	Transportation	2.51%	
CCC		0.45%	Consumer Goods	2.32%	
	tot HY	48.01%	Leisure	2.07%	
NR		38.36%	Capital Goods	1.67%	
TOTAL		100.00%			

were not significant negative contributions. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (8 months or average spread duration of 0.69), combined with a z-spread of 459 basis points and a yield of 3.98%. The fund is levered, being invested at about 191% currently.

Strategical & Tactical buckets

Tactical bucket generated a positive performance during the month. Geographical allocation in EM was positive, while picking was negative in EM and positive in EUR HY (overall slightly

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