## Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – EUR August 2019

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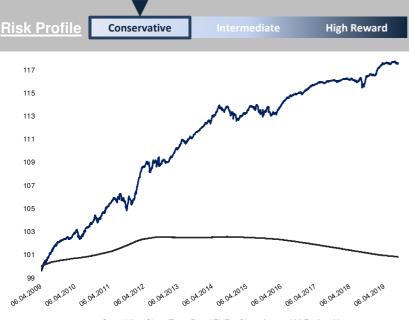
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### <u>Strategy</u>

The sub-fund aims to generate 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 and residual allocation of the promised average spread over risk free rate to a number of interest rate and FX active strategies.

Performance			
MTD :	-0.16%	Fund Assets (mIn) :	288.
Since inception	17.55%	1 Year Std Dev :	0.39
Last 12 Months :	1.74%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	5.8
NAVps :	EUR 117.55	positive months %:	759



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#### Global market picture

August was a mixed month for financial markets: European credit markets were positive (H9PC Index +0.64%), while equity markets were negative both in Europe (Eurostoxx 50 -1.16%) and in US (S&P 500 -1.81%). The month started with a bounce in volatility due to renewed tension on trade war: Trump tweeted that US would place a 10% tariff on additional \$300bn Chinese goods starting from 1st of September while China retaliated with a ban on imports of agricultural products from United States and further devaluation of CNY above the psychological level of 7 USDCNY. Additional pressure on growth expectations has been generated by negative economic data in Europe: a bigger than expected fall in industrial production in Germany was confirmed by a negative (-0.1% QoQ in 2Q) GDP reading, while at the same time the Italian coalition reached a breaking point with League leader Matteo Salvini asking for snap elections. Negative sentiment pushed yield on government bonds further lower: German 10 years Bund closed the month at -0.70% (-26bps during the month) while 10 Years Treasury reached 2016 lows at 1.50% (-52bps during the month). The central banks' dovish tone added pressure on "riskfree" rates: the FED is expected to cut rates for the second time at its September meeting, while a new QE plan coupled with a rate cut could be unveiled by the ECB next month. Emerging markets reported a negative performance (-2.60%) with LATAM being the worst performer during the month. Argentina was the main driver of this movement: ARS lost a fifth of its value after opposition candidate Fernandez won primary election, forcing current president Macri to delay \$7bn of payment on short term local debt and seek a voluntary reprofiling of \$50bn of longer-term debt.

#### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross negative contribution to the monthly performance, with 85% of the positions (88 out of 103) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously distributed, while a negative contribution was generated YPFDAR 09/19. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (10 months or 0.81 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 1.86% (in EUR) and z-spread of 246 basis points.

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 1 April 2009 Minimum Investment: 1 share Liquidity / Reporting: Daily Fees: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% Management 15% Performance Fee (high water mark) Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	<b>-0.16%</b>	-0.16%	# of Securities	134
YTD	<b>1.02%</b>	0.88%		
6 months	0.27%	0.17%	% Weight	92.51%
1 year	<b>1.92%</b>	1.74%		
2018	0.58%	0.39%	Int Dur	0.32
2017	0.92%	0.75%		
2016	2.05%	1.86%	Yield (gross)	1.86%
2015	0.58%	0.35%		
2014	0.63%	0.54%	Spread Duration	0.75
2013	3.00%	2.77%		
2012	3.05%	2.84%	Z-spread	246
2011	2.07%	1.85%		
2010	1.90%	1.73%		
2009	2.63%	2.38%		

\*Class A adjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception

FX breakdown (full	y hedged)	Geographic breakdow	'n
USD	41.70%	EU	14.10%
EUR	25.44%	US	0.00%
NOK	20.29%	Oth DEV	32.39%
SEK	5.81%	LATAM	7.25%
CHF	4.87%	EMEA	23.31%
GBP	1.55%	ASIA	22.95%
AUD	0.33%	TOTAL	100.00%
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Rating breakdown		Sector breakdown - Top 1	0
AAA	0.00%	Banking	23.06%
AA	0.00%	Services	21.21%
A	2.42%	Real Estate	21.05%
BBB	14.57%	Energy	8.30%
tot IG	16.99%	Sovereign	5.12%
BB	28.53%	Financial Services	4.40%
В	15.03%	Capital Goods	4.15%
CCC	0.00%	Telecommunications	2.64%
tot HY	43.56%	Media	1.86%
NR	39.45%	Technology & Electronics	1.52%
TOTAL	100.00%		

#### **Active Strategies**

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

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