

Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – CHF August 2019



Strategy

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

Risk Profile

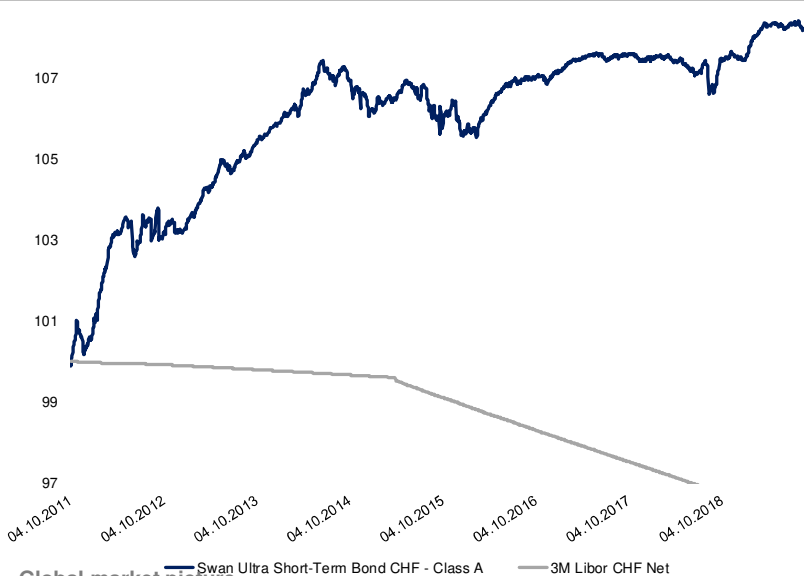
Conservative

Intermediate

High Reward

Performance

MTD :	-0.20%	Fund Assets (mln) :	288.1 €
Since inception	8.18%	1 Year Std Dev :	0.40%
Last 12 Months :	1.46%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	5.75
NAVps :	CHF 108.18	% of positive months :	69%



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 "risk-free" 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 repricing 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 YPF DAR 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.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	-0.19%	-0.20%	# of Securities	134
YTD	0.78%	0.68%	% Weight	92.51%
6 months	0.07%	0.02%	Int Dur	0.32
1 year	1.58%	1.46%	Yield (gross)	1.86%
2018	0.19%	0.01%	Spread Duration	0.75
2017	0.58%	0.29%	Z-spread	246
2016	1.54%	1.43%		
2015	-0.29%	-0.53%		
2014	0.49%	0.27%		
2013	2.73%	2.54%		
2012	2.71%	2.42%		
2011	1.08%	0.83%		

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

FX breakdown (fully hedged)

USD	41.70%
EUR	25.44%
NOK	20.29%
SEK	5.81%
CHF	4.87%
GBP	1.55%
AUD	0.33%
TOTAL	100.00%

Geographic breakdown

EU	14.10%
US	0.00%
Oth DEV	32.39%
LATAM	7.25%
EMEA	23.31%
ASIA	22.95%
TOTAL	100.00%

Rating breakdown

AAA	0.00%	
AA	0.00%	
A	2.42%	
BBB	14.57%	
	tot IG	16.99%
BB	28.53%	
B	15.03%	
CCC	0.00%	
	tot HY	43.56%
NR	39.45%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

Sector breakdown - Top 10

Banking	23.06%
Services	21.21%
Real Estate	21.05%
Energy	8.30%
Sovereign	5.12%
Financial Services	4.40%
Capital Goods	4.15%
Telecommunications	2.64%
Media	1.86%
Technology & Electronics	1.52%

Active Strategies

The bucket generated a negative 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: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% Management Fee

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca 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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