# Swan Short-Term High Yield – CHF August 2019



# <u>Strategy</u>

The sub-fund aims to generate a significant excess return vs 3m Libor CHF 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 currency.

Risk Profile

Conservative

Intermediate

High Reward

# **Performance**

MTD: -0.28% Fund Assets (mln): 177.9 €
Since inception 11.67% 1 Year Std Dev: 0.55%
Last 12 Months: 2.65% 1 Year Sharpe Ratio: 6.56
NAVps: CHF 111.67 % of positive months: 70%





| Class C    | Period            |
|------------|-------------------|
| -0.27%     | MTD               |
| 1.71%      | YTD               |
| 0.59%      | 6 months          |
| 2.85%      | 1 year            |
| 0.59%      | 2018              |
| 1.16%      | 2017              |
| 3.59%      | 2016              |
| 0.17%      | 2015              |
| 0.88%      | 2014              |
| 4.60%      | 2013              |
| or managen | *Class A adjusted |

| Portfolio info  |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| # of Securities | 118    |
| % Weight        | 97.18% |
| Int Dur         | 0.69   |
| Yield (gross)   | 3.78%  |
| Spread Duration | 0.99   |
| Z-spread        | 454    |

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

Class A

1.58% 0.51%

2.65% 0.32% 0.86%

3.29% -0.13% 0.58% 4.30%

# 110.75 108.75 106.75 104.75 100.75 98.75 96.75 — Swan Short-Term High Yield CHF - Class A — 3M Libor CHF Net

### 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 reprofiling of \$50bn of longer-term debt.

### Active Portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 18.40%, flat relatively to the end of July (18.40%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 18.49%, lower relatively to last month (20.19%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 3.78% (in EUR), a low spread duration of 0.99 and a z spread of 454.

### Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a negative gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 84% of the positions (63 out of 75) contributing positively. Positive contributions were homogeneously

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Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 11 December 2012
Minimum Investment: 1 share

Fees: Class C 0.90% / Class A 1.20% Management Fee

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

| FX breakdown (fully hedged) |         |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|--|
| USD                         | 51.23%  |  |  |
| EUR                         | 20.74%  |  |  |
| NOK                         | 17.82%  |  |  |
| SEK                         | 5.90%   |  |  |
| CHF                         | 3.85%   |  |  |
| GBP                         | 0.46%   |  |  |
| TOTAL                       | 100.00% |  |  |

| Geographic breakdown |         |         |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| 6                    | EU      | 6.45%   |  |  |  |
| 6                    | US      | 0.00%   |  |  |  |
| 6                    | Oth DEV | 30.93%  |  |  |  |
| 6                    | LATAM   | 6.74%   |  |  |  |
| 6                    | EMEA    | 26.92%  |  |  |  |
| 6                    | ASIA    | 28.96%  |  |  |  |
| 6                    | TOTAL   | 100.00% |  |  |  |
| _                    |         |         |  |  |  |

| Rating breakdown |        |          |  |  |
|------------------|--------|----------|--|--|
| AAA              |        | 0.00%    |  |  |
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| A                |        | 0.00%    |  |  |
| BBB              |        | 4.65%    |  |  |
|                  | tot IG | 4.65%    |  |  |
| BB               |        | 25.44%   |  |  |
| В                |        | 31.23%   |  |  |
| CCC              |        | 1.36%    |  |  |
|                  | tot HY | 58.03%   |  |  |
| NR               |        | 37.31%   |  |  |
| TOTAL            |        | 400.000/ |  |  |

| Sector breakdown - Top 10 |        |  |
|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Real Estate               | 28.81% |  |
| Services                  | 19.48% |  |
| Banking                   | 18.08% |  |
| Energy                    | 8.31%  |  |
| Sovereign                 | 6.94%  |  |
| Financial Services        | 4.50%  |  |
| Capital Goods             | 3.77%  |  |
| Technology & Electronics  | 2.29%  |  |
| Healthcare                | 1.48%  |  |
| Consumer Goods            | 1.45%  |  |

distributed, while negative contributions were generated by DOFSUB 05/20 and YPFDAR 09/19. The average life of the YT portfolio at the end of August is very short (9 months or 0.73 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 3.84% and z-spread of 455.

# Strategic & Tactical buckets.

Tactical bucket generated a negative performance, with negative contributions from TECOAR 06/21 and AES 02/24. Geographical allocation in EM was positive, while picking was negative both in EM and EUR HY.

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