Swan Short-Term High Yield – CHF October 2021

<u>Strategy</u>

Swan Short-Term High Yield is the UCITS version of our Fixed Income Intermediate risk profile. Depending on market conditions, the strategy combines an highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with an opportunistic allocation to longer dated securities in Global HY markets. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 250 bps.



Global market picture

During October, European credit markets experienced a negative performance (H9PC Index -0.61%), in contrast with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+5.00%) and S&P 500 (+6.91%). Economic data signaled that growth cooled down in 3Q, mainly due to China and US. PBOC issued several statements affirming that real estate markets is working properly, asking bank to keep stable loans to the sector and reassuring that Evegrande risk to financial system is manageable. Notwithstanding these encouraging messages, market confidence remained subdued with monthly returns on Emerging Market Credit Index (EMHB) at -2.27%, strongly impacted by Asia and China, reporting respectively -7.45% and -12.76% negative performance. Inflation continued to print strong numbers: in US Core PCE was at +3.6% with Jerome Powell admitting that high inflation is likely to carry into next year, while in Europe core CPI was at 2.1% On the central bank side, FED is expected to announce tapering during its November meeting but is its forward guidance that is now under scrutiny by investors, with markets expecting two full rate hikes in 2022, while the ECB said discussion during last meeting was dominated by inflation, but Christine Lagarde explicitly said that rates will not move higher to counter the rise in price; it will buy less bonds in a sign of confidence that economic recovery will not derail. In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at -0.11% (+9bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 1.55% (+6bps in the month). Gold was higher at 1783 \$ per ounce, while oil was up at 84 USD per barrel, highest level since 2018. We think that this is still an interesting entry point for our strategy: current YTM gives us confidence on the capability to generate positive performance in line with targets in the next 12 months; average maturity of the bonds in our portfolios is still around 1 year and should help reduce volatility in case of new episodes of market stress

Active Portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 18.40%, flat relatively to the end of September (18.40%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 29.11%, higher relatively to last month (26.65%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 4.59% (in EUR), a low spread duration of 1.22 and a z spread of 519.

Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a negative gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 54% of the positions (38 out of 70) contributing positively. The YTM remains attractive and conditions are always

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 11 December 2012 Minimum Investment: 1 share Liquidity / Reporting: Daily Fees: Class C 0.90% / Class A 1.20% Manage 15% Performance Fee (high water mark Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

Performance

| MTD : | -0.51% | Fund Assets (mIn) : | 251.9 |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------|
| Since inception | 17.28% | 1 Year Std Dev : | 1.18 |
| Last 12 Months : | 3.32% | 1 Year Sharpe Ratio : | 3.67 |
| NAVps : | CHF 117.28 | % of positive months : | 74% |



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| Period | Class C* | Class A | Portfolio info | |
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| MTD | -0.51% | -0.51% | # of Securities | 122 |
| YTD | 1.64% | 1.44% | | |
| 6 months | 0.15% | 0.04% | % Weight | 99.89% |
| 1 year | 3.55% | 3.32% | | |
| 2020 | 3.17% | 2.94% | Int Dur | 0.62 |
| 2019 | 2.42% | 2.17% | | |
| 2018 | 0.59% | 0.32% | Yield (gross) | 4.59% |
| 2017 | 1.16% | 0.86% | | |
| 2016 | 3.59% | 3.29% | Spread Duration | 1.22 |
| 2015 | 0.17% | -0.13% | | |
| 2014 | 0.88% | 0.58% | Z-spread | 519 |
| 2013 | 4.60% | 4.30% | | |

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

| FX breakdown (fully hedged) | | Geographic breakdown | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| USD | 52.39% | EU | 10.04% |
| EUR | 15.10% | US | 3.51% |
| NOK | 18.47% | Oth DEV | 47.86% |
| SEK | 13.92% | LATAM | 0.15% |
| CHF | 0.00% | EMEA | 20.10% |
| GBP | 0.11% | ASIA | 18.33% |
| TOTAL | 100.00% | TOTAL | 100.00% |

| Rating breakdown | | Sector breakdown - To | op 10 |
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| AAA | 0.00% | Real Estate | 34.71% |
| AA | 0.00% | Services | 24.51% |
| A | 0.00% | Basic Industry | 7.16% |
| BBB | 2.46% | Energy | 6.54% |
| tot IG | 2.46% | Banking | 4.73% |
| BB | 21.59% | Financial Services | 4.73% |
| В | 20.26% | Leisure | 4.32% |
| CCC | 1.73% | Consumer Goods | 3.78% |
| tot HY | 43.58% | Transportation | 2.47% |
| NR | 53.94% | Retail | 2.39% |
| TOTAL | 99.98% | | |

interesting in the short-term part of the credit curve. The average life of the YT portfolio is very short (9 months or 0.79 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 6.38% and z-spread of 698.

Strategic & Tactical buckets.

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

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