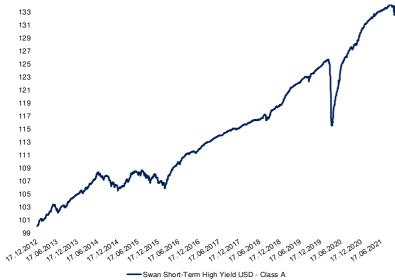
# Swan Short-Term High Yield – USD October 2021



#### Strategy

hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities with an opportunistic allocation to longer dated securities in Global

## **Risk Profile** Intermediate **High Reward**



#### 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

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.

#### <u>Performance</u>

-0.46% Since inception 33.23% 1.17% 4.20% USD 133.23 % of positive months: 79%



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2021 WINNER

Period	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	-0.46%	# of Securities	122
YTD	2.14%		
6 months	0.41%	% Weight	99.89%
1 year	4.20%		
2020	4.46%	Int Dur	0.62
2019	5.08%		
2018	2.98%	Yield (gross)	4.59%
2017	2.96%		
2016	4.84%	Spread Duration	1.22
2015	0.93%		
2014	0.81%	Z-spread	519
2013	4.75%	-	

#### FX breakdown (fully hedged) USD 52.39% **EUR** 15.10% NOK 18.47% SEK 13.92% CHF 0.00% GBP 0.11% 100.00% TOTAL

Geographic breakdown	
EU	10.04%
US	3.51%
Oth DEV	47.86%
LATAM	0.15%
EMEA	20.10%
ASIA	18.33%
TOTAL	100.00%

#### Rating breakdown

AAA		0.00%
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Α		0.00%
BBB		2.46%
	tot IG	2.46%
ВВ		21.59%
В		20.26%
CCC		1.73%
	tot HY	43.58%
NR		53.94%
TOTAL		99.98%

Sector breakdown - Top 10	
Real Estate	34.71%
Services	24.51%
Basic Industry	7.16%
Energy	6.54%
Banking	4.73%
Financial Services	4.73%
Leisure	4.32%
Consumer Goods	3.78%
Transportation	2.47%
Retail	2.39%

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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