# Swan Short-Term High Yield – CHF December 2021

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## <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 December, European credit markets experienced a positive performance (H9PC Index +0.86%), in tandem with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+5.79%) and S&P 500 (+4.36%). Surging COVID-19 cases linked to Omicron variant continued to impact economies: some European countries imposed new lock-down measures to limit impact on hospitals, while more vaccinated countries like Italy were still reluctant to issue fresh restrictions. Notwithstanding this new Covid wave, US economy should grow close to 7% in 4Q21 thanks to growth in inventories, while high vaccination rate should help Euro area GDP to return to the pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2022. During its meeting the FED announced that it will double the monthly pace of tapering: median forecast now signals three rate hikes in 2022. The ECB was not as hawkish as the FED, reiterating the view that inflation pressures are only transitory and that rates are unlikely to be raised in 2022. Inflation prints continued their march higher: in US CPI was 6.8% YoY (core +4.9% YoY), while Eurozone reached 4.9% and 2.6% respectively. In next months a significant increase to European inflation could come from energy prices: gas delivered Europe reached new highs in December, with prices up more than 800% in 2021. In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at -0.18% (+17bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 1.51% (+7bps in the month). Oil partially recovered the loss experienced in November and closed the month at 78 USD per barrel. After a strong 2020, performances of our funds were below target, but we honored our mandate to generate positive performance for the 13th year in a row, since inception. Funds offers attractive returns for 2022, even f market volatility could persist in the first half of the year

#### Active Portfolio

Credit Allocation Scoring (CAS) indicates a medium-long-dated allocation of 18.40%, flat relatively to the end of November (18.40%). Fund's actual exposure (beta and duration adjusted) is 27.01%, lower relatively to last month (30.99%). The mix between Strategic and Tactical positions is 0% Strategic and 100% Tactical. The fund has an estimated gross yield of 5.22% (in EUR), a low spread duration of 1.19 and a z spread of 582.

#### Yield-type bucket

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 77% of the positions (54 out of 70) contributing positively. The YTM remains attractive and conditions are always interesting in the short-term part of the credit curve. The average life of the YT portfolio is very short (10 months or 0.81 of spread duration), with a combination of yield close to 3.52% and z-spread of 412

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 man Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

### <u>Performance</u>

MTD :	0.02%	Fund Assets (mln) :	232.2
Since inception :	<b>16.41%</b>	1 Year Std Dev :	2.52
Last 12 Months :	0.69%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	0.68
NAVps :	CHF 116.41	% of positive months :	73%





Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	0.00%	0.02%	# of Securities	115
YTD	0.92%	0.69%		
6 months	-0.98%	-1.10%	% Weight	99.21%
1 year	0.92%	0.69%		
2021	0.92%	0.69%	Int Dur	0.59
2020	3.17%	<b>2.94%</b>		
2019	2.42%	2.17%	Yield (gross)	5.22%
2018	0.59%	0.32%		
2017	1.16%	0.86%	Spread Duration	1.19
2016	3.59%	3.29%		
2015	0.17%	-0.13%	Z-spread	582
2014	0.88%	0.58%		
2013	4.60%	4.30%		

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

FX breakdown (fully	hedged)	Geographic breakdowr	ı
USD	51.00%	EU	12.65%
EUR	17.32%	US	3.52%
NOK	17.15%	Oth DEV	44.79%
SEK	13.85%	LATAM	0.72%
CHF	0.00%	EMEA	18.92%
GBP	0.68%	ASIA	19.40%
TOTAL	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%

Rating breakdown			Sector breakdown - Top 10	
AAA		0.00%	Real Estate	37.49%
AA		0.00%	Services	20.97%
Α		0.00%	Energy	8.84%
BBB		3.51%	Basic Industry	7.82%
	tot IG	3.51%	Financial Services	5.13%
BB		21.37%	Banking	3.40%
В		22.43%	Leisure	2.73%
CCC		3.06%	Transportation	2.68%
	tot HY	46.86%	Retail	2.62%
NR		49.64%	Utility	2.24%
TOTAL		100.00%		

#### Strategic & Tactical buckets.

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

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