# Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – CHF May 2022



## <u>Strategy</u>

Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond is the UCITS version of our Fixed Income Conservative risk profile. The strategy invests in a highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities, with an average maturity of 1 year. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 150 bps.

# Risk Profile Conservative Intermediate High Reward



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#### Global market picture

Credit markets remained extremely negative with year to date performances ranging from -14.15% for EM corp HY to -8.36% of the EU HY component in tandem with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (-11.84% YTD) and S&P 500 (-13.3% YTD). The IG EUR market is also negative by -9.07% YTD, mainly due to the rates component. The short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index also reports a performance of -8.13% YTD while the Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY lost -9.46%. Hostilities in Ukraine continued, with no significant results obtained by both side, the only exception being the storming of Mariupol by Russian army. Inflation did not stop rising: US consumer prices remained at four decades high of 8.3% (core at 6.2%), reinforcing the view that inflation will be a broad-based trend affecting all sectors. During its meeting FED hiked rates by 50bps, suggesting that further half point rate hikes will follow during the year, with market expecting FED funds at 2.65% in December 2022. Christine Lagarde supported with strong confidence a lift-off in July and a second rate hike in September, that could bring Eurozone out of negative rates territory "by the end of the third quarter". In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at +1.12% (+18bps in the month, highest level since 2014) while the 10 years Treasury lost 9bps at 2.84%. Oil price continued its march higher, with Brent now at 122.84\$ per barrel, supported by a EU-UK pact on ships carrying Russian oils. Excluding specific idiosyncratic situations (China real estate and Russia/Ukraine), the rest of the portfolio has continued to behave in line with expectations, generating a positive performance compared with a context of extreme negativity in the market. The expected return of the portfolio will be able to generate a significant performance during 2022 which, added to the potential recovery of the two idiosyncratic components, will allow a significant rebound from current levels.

#### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross negative contribution to the monthly performance, with 58% of the positions (49 out of 85) 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 yield-type portfolio is very short (14 months or 1.17 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 6.04% (in EUR) and z-spread of 664 basis points.

### **Performance**

 MTD:
 -0.53%
 Fund Assets (mIn):
 308.1 €

 Since inception
 7.39%
 1 Year Std Dev:
 3.02%

 Last 12 Months:
 -4.40%
 1 Year Sharpe Ratio:
 -1.1

 NAVps:
 CHF 107.39
 % of positive months:
 70%





Period	Class C*	Class A
MTD	-0.52%	-0.53%
YTD	-3.59%	-3.69%
6 months	-3.47%	-3.59%
1 year	-4.13%	-4.40%
2021	0.61%	0.39%
2020	2.58%	2.30%
2019	1.24%	1.04%
2018	0.19%	0.01%
2017	0.58%	0.29%
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%

Portfolio info	
# of Securities	146
% Weight	98.48%
Int Dur	0.55
Yield (gross)	6.04%
Spread Duration	1.17
Z-spread	664

<sup>\*</sup>Class Aadjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

FX breakdown (fully hedged)		
USD	34.76%	
EUR	22.53%	
NOK	22.66%	
SEK	16.92%	
CHF	1.25%	
GBP	1.88%	
TOTAL	100.00%	

	Geographic breakdown	
)	EU	15.16%
)	US	3.92%
)	Oth DEV	57.97%
)	LATAM	0.27%
)	EMEA	15.52%
)	ASIA	7.15%
)	TOTAL	100.00%

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AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
A		0.00%
BBB		5.95%
	tot IG	5.95%
ВВ		22.58%
В		13.07%
CCC		2.52%
	tot HY	38.16%
NR		55.89%
TOTAL		100.00%

Real Estate	24.769
Services	23.979
Basic Industry	9.239
Energy	7.80%
Financial Services	5.77%

Sector breakdown - Top 10

Energy 7.80%
Financial Services 5.77%
Leisure 5.68%
Transportation 3.99%
Automotive 2.85%
Consumer Goods 2.24%

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 4 October 2011 Minimum Investment: 1 share

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*Fees*: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% Management Fee

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

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