# Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD November 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.



# **Performance**

 MTD:
 2.88%
 Fund Assets (mln):
 289.8 €

 Since inception
 23.46%
 1 Year Std Dev:
 3.16%

 Last 12 Months:
 -2.53%
 1 Year Sharpe Ratio:
 -1.14

IAVps: USD 123.46 % of positive months: 77%



124
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### Global market picture

Credit markets remained extremely negative with year to date performances ranging from -18.88% for EM corp HY to -10.49% of the EU HY. The IG EUR market is also negative by -12.53% YTD, mainly due to the rates component. The short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index also reports a performance of -10.29% YTD while the Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY lost 13.32%. US CPI came lower than expected at 7.7% YoY, fueling optimism that rate hikes by FED will be less than previously expected by investors. Comments by Jerome Powell reinforced the expectations for a December hike of only 50bps, while other FED members like Bullard suggested that the proper zone for FED funds could be in the 5% / 7% range. Christine Lagarde said that the ECB "is not done" raising interest rates, affirming that inflation "still has way to go". Notwithstanding lower prices of energy and easing of gas supply bottlenecks, inflation did not invert its path, with core CPI stable at 5% YoY. After China Communist Party Congress, the authorities further raised the support to the embattled real estate sector, providing further funding in order to ease liquidity crunch. The 10 years bund yield was lower at +1.93% (-21bps in the month) in tandem with the 10 years Treasury that closed the month at 3.61% (-44bps). Thanks to the recent volatility spike we have been able to add several new credit stories at very interesting levels of credit spreads: our funds have a yield to maturity between 8% and 15%, combined with an average spread duration of below 16 months. The combination of higher diversification, higher credit quality and higher expected yields paves the way for extremely attractive returns in the next future.

### Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a positive gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 89% of the positions (134 out of 150) 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 1.19 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 7.91% (in EUR) and z-spread of 573 basis points.

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Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	2.90%	2.88%	# of Securities	150
YTD	-2.44%	-2.72%		
6 months	0.67%	0.53%	% Weight	94.37%
1 year	-2.03%	-2.53%		
2021	1.57%	1.27%	Int Dur	0.69
2020	3.96%	3.84%		
2019	3.90%	3.94%	Yield (gross)	7.91%
2018	2.91%	2.66%		
2017	2.68%	2.43%	Spread Duration	1.13
2016	3.13%	2.88%		
2015	0.88%	0.63%	Z-spread	573
2014	0.78%	0.53%		
2013	3.11%	2.86%		
2012	3.11%	2.86%		
2011	0.52%	0.27%		
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<sup>\*</sup>Class A adjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

FX breakdown (ful	Geographic breakdown	
USD	26.45%	EU
EUR	32.65%	US
NOK	25.57%	Oth DEV
SEK	11.72%	LATAM
CHF	0.12%	EMEA
GBP	3.49%	ASIA
TOTAL	100.00%	TOTAL

	Rating breakdo	wn	
	AAA		0.00%
	AA		0.00%
	A		0.00%
	BBB		9.11%
		tot IG	9.11%
	BB		23.54%
	В		14.24%
	CCC		2.87%
		tot HY	40.65%
	NR		50.24%
	TOTAL		100.00%

Sector breakdown - Top 10	
Real Estate - Mgmt Res	6.31%
Banking	5.48%
Real Estate - Mgmt Comm	4.81%
Real Estate - Dev Res	4.60%
Shipping - Gas	4.55%
Shipping - Chemicals	4.29%
Investments & Misc Finance	4.13%
Finance - NPL collector	3.55%
Automakers	3.29%
Telecom - Wireline Integra	3.16%

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100.00%

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions

Domicile: Luxembourg

Inception Date: 3 November 2011
Minimum Investment: 1 share
Liquidity / Reporting: Daily

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

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

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