Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – CHF December 2022

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<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 shortterm fixed income securities, with an average maturity of 1 year. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 150 bps.



| Globa | <u>market</u> | picture |
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Credit markets returns in 2022 were extremely negative with performances ranging from -17.01% for EM corp HY to -11.22% of the EU HY. The IG EUR market is also negative by -13.94% YTD, mainly due to the rates component. The short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index also reports a performance of -10.07% YTD while the Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY lost -13.60%. US CPI came lower than expected again in November at 7.1% YoY, giving the FED the possibility to raise rates by 50bps only, ending a months-long string of 0.75% rate increases. The revised "dots plot" signals fed funds rate at 5.1% by the end of 2023, 50bps higher than previous forecasts, a clear signal that the battle against inflation is not finished yet. The ECB also raised its deposit rate by 50bps to 2%, followed by very hawkish declarations by Christine Lagarde, who affirmed that the ECB will "raise interest rates at a 50bps pace for a period of time". Both the FED and the ECB warned that further actions are needed to curb prices rise and that inflation could take a long time to return to target levels of 2%. The 10 years bund yield was lower at +2.57% (+64bps in the month) in tandem with the 10 years Treasury that closed the month at 3.88% (+27bps). 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 77% of the positions (115 out of 149) 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 7.44% (in EUR) and z-spread of 484 basis points.

<u>Performance</u>

Period

MTD

YTD

6 months

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2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013

2012

2011

Class C*

1.11%

2.56%

-3.22%

0.61% 2.58%

1.24%

0.19%

0.58%

1.54%

-0 29%

0.49%

2.73%

2.71%

1.08%

| MTD : | 1.10% | Fund Assets (mln) : | 307.6 € |
|------------------|------------|------------------------|---------|
| Since inception | 7.60% | 1 Year Std Dev : | 3.18% |
| Last 12 Months : | -3.50% | 1 Year Sharpe Ratio : | -0.77 |
| NAVps : | CHF 107.60 | % of positive months : | 68% |



| Class A | Portfolio info | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1.10% | # of Securities | 149 |
| -3.50% | | |
| 2.45% | % Weight | 86.44% |
| -3.50% | | |
| 0.39% | Int Dur | 0.65 |
| 2.30% | | |
| 1.04% | Yield (gross) | 7.44% |
| 0.01% | | |
| 0.29% | Spread Duration | 1.05 |
| 1.43% | | |
| -0.53% | Z-spread | 484 |
| 0.27% | | |
| 2.54% | | |
| 2.42% | | |

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

0.83%

| FX breakdown (fully | / hedged) | Geographic breakdow | /n |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| USD | 26.99% | EU | 27.22% |
| EUR | 34.33% | US | 8.22% |
| NOK | 24.32% | Oth DEV | 46.90% |
| SEK | 10.73% | LATAM | 1.48% |
| CHF | 0.12% | EMEA | 11.95% |
| GBP | 3.51% | ASIA | 4.22% |
| TOTAL | 100.00% | TOTAL | 100.00% |

| Rating breakdown | | | Sector breakdown - Top 10 | |
|------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|-------|
| AAA | | 0.00% | Real Estate - Dev Res | 5.69% |
| AA | | 0.00% | Real Estate - Mgmt Res | 4.95% |
| A | | 0.00% | Real Estate - Mgmt Comm | 4.51% |
| BBB | | 9.27% | Shipping - Gas | 4.44% |
| | tot IG | 9.27% | Shipping - Chemicals | 4.10% |
| BB | | 23.40% | Banking | 4.02% |
| В | | 14.53% | Investments & Misc Finance | 3.89% |
| CCC | | 3.27% | Automakers | 3.56% |
| 1 | tot HY | 41.19% | Finance - NPL collector | 3.38% |
| NR | | 49.54% | Telecom - Wireline Integra | 3.06% |
| TOTAL | | 100.00% | | |

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Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 4 October 2011 Minimum Investment: 1 share Liquidity / Reporting: Daily Fees: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% Managemen 15% Performance Fee (high water mark) Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

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