# Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – CHF February 2023



## <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.



### Global market picture

Credit markets reported a negative performance in February ranging from -2.53% for EM corp HY to -0.03% of the EU HY. The IG EUR market is also negative by -1.44% YTD. The short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index also reports a performance of -0.14% YTD while the Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY lost -1.38%. Data from US continued to show resiliency, with unemployment rate posting a new cycle low at 3.4%, while US core CPI print was slightly higher than consensus at 5.6% YoY. Also flash PMI at month end indicated further improvement in manufacturing activity, reducing worries about an imminent recession. FED raised rates by 25bps, saying that "ongoing increase in the target range to be appropriate", due to inflation that "eased somewhat" but was still elevated. ECB raised rates by 50bps, explicitly indicating that will further raise rates by 50bps in March, with investors starting to price terminal rate close to 4% in Europe. Initial market reaction to central banks meetings was strong with both bonds and equities rallying, but during the month the rebound faded, especially in the Fixed Income space. The 10 years bund yield was higher at +2.65% (+36bps in the month) in tandem with the 10 years Treasury that closed the month at 3.92% (+41bps). Oil was stable around 84\$ per barrel, while US dollar rebounded with DXY at 105. 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 7% and 11.5%, 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 72% of the positions (119 out of 165) 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 7.34% (in EUR) and z-spread of 413 basis points.

Sicav Structure – Terms & Conditions Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 4 October 2011 Minimum Investment: 1 share Liquidity / Reporting: Daily Fees: Class C 0.75% / Class A 1.00% Manage 15% Performance Fee (high water man Promoter / Distributor: Corner Banca SA

## <u>Performance</u>

Period

MTD

YTD

6 months

1 year

2022

2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013

2012

Class C\*

0 53%

1.92%

3.52%

2.54%

-3.22%

0.61%

2.58%

1.24%

0.19%

0 58%

1.54%

-0.29%

0.49%

2.73%

2.71%

MTD :	0.50%	Fund Assets (mln) :	314.1 €
Since inception	9.60%	1 Year Std Dev :	2.42%
Last 12 Months :	2.23%	1 Year Sharpe Ratio :	1.37
NAVps :	CHF 109.60	% of positive months :	69%



Class A

0.50%

1.86% 3.34%

2.23%

-3.50%

0.39%

2.30%

1.04%

0.01%

0.29%

1.43%

-0.53%

0.27%

2.54%

2.42%

Portfolio info	
# of Securities	166
% Weight	96.58%
Int Dur	0.78
Yield (gross)	7.34%
Spread Duration	1.13
Z-spread	413

2011	1.00%	0.03%		
*Class A adjusted for	management fee	difference us	sed for periods before Class C incept	tion.
FX breakdown	(fully hedged	l)	Geographic breakdown	
חפון		26 11%	EU	

USD	26.11%	EU	30.56%
EUR	39.55%	US	8.97%
NOK	20.05%	Oth DEV	44.42%
SEK	11.07%	LATAM	1.73%
CHF	0.11%	EMEA	10.52%
GBP	3.11%	ASIA	3.80%
τοται	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%

Rating breakdow	/n	
AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
A		0.00%
BBB		11.44%
	tot IG	11.44%
BB		25.28%
В		13.33%
CCC		1.42%
	tot HY	40.02%
NR		48.54%
TOTAL		100.00%

Real Estate - Mgmt Res	6.15%
Real Estate - Dev Res	5.48%
Banking	5.36%
Shipping - Gas	5.25%
Investments & Misc Finance	4.67%
Real Estate - Mgmt Comm	4.46%
Finance - NPL collector	4.20%
Oil and gas E&P - All	3.61%
Gaming - Online Gaming	3.54%
Chemicals	3.39%

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