Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD May 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 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

Performance

 MTD:
 -0.19%
 Fund Assets (mln):
 286.3 €

 Since inception
 28.49%
 1 Year Std Dev:
 1.82%

 Last 12 Months:
 4.63%
 1 Year Sharpe Ratio:
 0.57

NAVps: USD 128.49 % of positive months:



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Global market picture

High Yield Credit markets reported a mixed performance in May ranging from -1.30% for EM corp HY to +0.55% of the EU HY in tandem with the movement of the S&P500 (+0.25%) and Eurostoxx50 (-3.24%). The IG EUR market was positive by 0.18%. The short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index also reports a negative performance of -0.29% YTD while the Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY lost -0.79%. The month started with meetings of the main central banks. The FED raised rates by 25bps, signaling that it might soon pause its aggressive monetary tightening campaign. Powell said that credit crunch could act as a substitute for further rate rises by dampening economic activity, even if data from US indicated that growth is still solid and resilient (strong gains in US April good spending and employment still at tight level of 3.4%). Anyway FED officials stressed the need for "flexibility and optionality" in setting monetary policy, suggesting that after a likely pause in June, further hikes could follow in case inflation should not correct downward. ECB followed the FED and raised deposit rate by 25bps to 3.25%, clearly indicating that "we have more ground to cover and we are not pausing, that is extremely clear Markets now expect two more hikes by European Central Bank to 3.75%, which would match its highest-ever level in 2001. Oil moved lower to 73\$ per barrel, while US dollar recovered some ground with DXY at 104.32. 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 7.5% and 12 %, combined with an average spread duration around 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 negative gross contribution to the monthly performance, with 78% of the positions (132 out of 170) 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 (15 months or 1.24 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 7.72% (in EUR) and z-spread of 455 basis points.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	-0.19%	-0.19%	# of Securities	170
YTD	2.50%	2.46%		
6 months	4.12%	4.07%	% Weight	98.55%
1 year	4.82%	4.63%		
2022	-0.90%	-1.19%		
2021	1.57%	1.27%	Int Dur	0.93
2020	3.96%	3.84%		
2019	3.90%	3.94%	Yield (gross)	7.72%
2018	2.91%	2.66%		
2017	2.68%	2.43%	Spread Duration	1.24
2016	3.13%	2.88%		
2015	0.88%	0.63%	Z-spread	455
2014	0.78%	0.53%		
2013	3.11%	2.86%		
2012	3.11%	2.86%		
2011	0.52%	0.27%		
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*Class Aadjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

FX breakdown (fully hedged)		Geographic breakdown	
USD	23.21%	EU	
EUR	41.57%	US	
NOK	20.84%	Oth DEV	
SEK	11.81%	LATAM	
CHF	1.48%	EMEA	
GBP	1.08%	ASIA	
TOTAL	100.00%	TOTAL	

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AAA		0.00%
AA		0.00%
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BBB		11.58%
	tot IG	11.58%
BB		28.58%
В		10.00%
CCC		2.09%
	tot HY	40.67%
NR		47.75%
TOTAL		100.00%

Banking	7.16%
Real Estate - Mgmt Res	5.93%
Shipping - Gas	5.68%
Oil and gas E&P - All	5.19%
Real Estate - Mgmt Comm	5.16%
Gaming - Online Gaming	4.32%
Telecom - Wireline Integra	4.12%
Finance - NPL collector	3.48%
Real Estate - Dev Res	3.29%
Oil Field Equipment & Ser	2.75%

34.65% 6.12% 46.23%

1.81%

2.25%

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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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