Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – EUR May 2024



<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



 MTD:
 0.62%
 Fund Assets (mln):
 253.3 €

 Since inception
 28.94%
 1 Year Std Dev :
 0.65%

 Last 12 Months :
 7.28%
 1 Year Sharpe Ratio :
 5.49

IAVps: EUR 128.94 positive months %:



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Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond EUR - Class A

Global market picture

High Yield Credit markets reported a positive performance in May ranging from +1.73% for EM corp HY to +0.88% of the EU HY in tandem with positive equity markets, S&P500 (+4.80%) and Eurostoxx50 (+1.27%). The IG EUR market was positive by 0.24% in line with the short-term (1-3 year) H1WN global HY index that reported a positive performance of 0.94%. The Global unconstrained (in terms of maturity) HY index was positive at +1.12%. In Europe inflation continued to retrace, with core CPI print at 2.7% in April (vs 2.9% in March), but most important April release provided reassurances that the sharp increases in services prices in January and February were a bump, this confirming that services inflation is not reaccelerating. Markets expect the ECB to start its easing cycle at the monetary policy meeting to be held on 6th June due to projections of a rapid recovery in activity and a gradual disinflation process to continue. After its meeting on the 1st of May, the FOMC signaled that "a lack of further progress" towards the bank's 2% inflation target will mean US borrowing costs are likely to remain higher for longer; however, officials also indicated that they were not yet concerned enough by uptick in inflation to consider rate rises. Indeed, inflation print in line with expectations at 3.4% (core CPI at 3.6%) for April reinforced the market view for two possible cuts in 2024. The 10 years bund yield was lower at 2.58% (+28bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 4.68% (+48bps in the month). Oil was down at 82\$ per barrel, while US dollar was lower, with DXY at 104.67. Our funds have a yield to maturity between 6% and 8%, combined with an average spread duration around 18 months. The combination of diversification, good credit quality and high expected yields pave 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 92% of the positions (154 out of 168) 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 (16 months or 1.35 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 5.93% (in EUR) and z-spread of 250 basis points.

Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
MTD	0.64%	0.62%	# of Securities	169
YTD	2.87%	2.78%		
6 months	3.81%	3.69%	% Weight	97.97%
1 year	7.45%	7.28%		
2023	6.45%	6.27%	Int Dur	1.03
2022	-2.89%	-3.14%		
2021	0.78%	0.59%	Yield (gross) in EUR	5.93%
2020	2.67%	2.58%		
2019	1.59%	1.36%	Spread Duration	1.32
2018	0.58%	0.39%		
2017	0.92%	0.75%	Z-spread	250
2016	2.05%	1.86%		
2015	0.58%	0.35%		
2014	0.63%	0.54%		
2013	3.00%	2.77%		
2012	3.05%	2.84%		
2011	2.07%	1.85%		
2010	1.90%	1.73%		
2009	2.63%	2.38%		
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*Class A adjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

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FX breakdown (fully hedged)				
USD	26.09%			
EUR	49.22%			
NOK	12.10%			
SEK	6.04%			
CHF	3.36%			
GBP	3.18%			
TOTAL	100.00%			
Rating breakdown				
AAA	4.96%			
AA	0.00%			
A	1.22%			
BBB	15.08%			
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BB	25.60%			
В	12.01%			
CCC	1.28%			
tot H	Y 38.88%			
NR	39.86%			
TOTAL	100.00%			

OULDEA	33.1470
LATAM	5.13%
EMEA	11.69%
ASIA	0.66%
TOTAL	100.00%
Sector breakdown - Top 1	0
Banking	12.96%
Telecom - Wireline Integra	5.86%
Real Estate - Mgmt Res	5.10%
Shipping - Gas	4.89%
Sovereign	4.85%
Oil and gas E&P - All	4.53%
Oil Field Equipment & Ser	3.38%
Investments & Misc Finance	3.20%
Software/Service	3.15%
Real Estate - Dev Res	3.11%

Geographic breakdown

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8 83%

33 1/1%

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Domicile: Luxembourg Inception Date: 1 April 2009 Minimum Investment: 1 share Liquidity / Reporting: Daily

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

15% Performance Fee (high water mark)

Investment Manager: Swan Asset Management SA Custodian Bank: State Street Bank Lux Administrator Agent: State Street Bank Lux Auditor: Ernst & Young

Bloomberg: class A: CBSWBOA LX, class C: CBSWBOC LX

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