

# Swedbank Pension Fund K3 (Growth Strategy)

September 30, 2012

#### **Investment Principles**

Swedbank Pension Fund K3 (Growth Strategy) is a contractual investment Fund founded for providing mandatory funded pension. The objective of the Fund is a long-term growth of the value of the Fund's assets by means of investing up to 50% of the assets in equities, equity funds and other instruments similar to equity and the remaining part of the assets in bonds, money market instruments, deposits, immovables and other assets.

#### **General information**

Fund Management Company Swedbank Investeerimisfondid AS Fund Manager Katrin Rahe Inception 2002 Net Asset Value (NAV) 1.00520 EUR 370 545 035 EUR Net Assets Standard deviation (computed over 3 years) 5.6% 1.38% Average management fee per annum\*\* Subscription Fee 0.0% Redemption Fee 1.0%

#### Risk level

Lower risk			Higher ris					
Typically lower rewards					Typically higher rewards			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

The categories specified in the risk scale are based on the fluctuation of the value of the Fund's assets during the last five

#### Portfolio by instruments



#### Fund performance\*

## Net Asset Value (NAV)

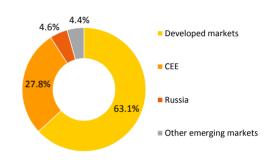


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	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
Performance*	<b>YTD</b> 9.4%	1 month 1.0%	3 months 4.6%	1 year 11.9%	<b>2 years</b> 9.2%	3 years 20.8%	<b>5 years</b> -7.8%	Inception 57.3%
Performance* Annualized								

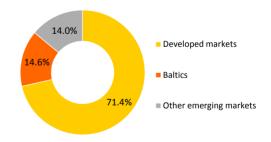
-29.1%

12.2%

#### Equity portfolio by regions



#### Fixed Income portfolio by regiones



#### Largest investments TOP 10

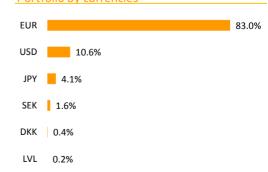
11.9%

Performance\*

Largest investments for 10		
Equity portfolio	Weight	
MSCI Europe Source ETF	6.2%	
SSGA USA Index Equity Fund	5.9%	
Lyxor Eastern Europe Index ETF	5.3%	
Morgan Stanley Europe Equity Alpha Fund	3.2%	
GAM Star US All Cap Equity Fund	2.6%	
Fixed Income portfolio	Weight	
PIMCO Global Inv Grade Credit Fund	7.8%	
Bluebay Inv Grade Bond Fund	7.6%	
Lyxor ETF Euro Corp Bond Fund ex Financials	3.8%	
iShares Markit iBoxx € Corporate Bond Fund	3.7%	
Lyxor ETF Euro Corporate Bond Fund	2.2%	

17.2%

### Portfolio by currencies



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9.9%

-3.2%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Methodology of calculating fund's average management fee can be found in the prospectus of mandatory pension funds.

Please read fund's rules and prospectuses available on the web-site www.swedbank.ee/fondid or visit a Swedbank office. If necessary, consult with a teller or an investment consultant on phone number +372 613 1606.

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#### Manager Commentary

Swedbank's Pension Fund K3 returned 1.0% in September and 9.4% since the start of the year.

September proved to be relatively volatile on the financial markets. The focus was on the activities of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the US Federal Reserve – both of them announced non-standard monetary policy operations in the beginning of the month, which are aimed at curbing the decrease in economic growth indicators and stopping the increase in unemployment. Risky asset classes were supported by the ECB's decision to buy unlimited amounts of short-term bonds issued by the euro zone countries plagued by debt, provided that they seek financial help from Europe's financial stability mechanisms and meet the conditions for obtaining assistance, especially in respect of budget deficit and structural reforms (e.g. making their labour market more flexible or increasing competition). The base interest rate of the ECB remained unchanged (0.75%). The wave of optimism died in a couple of weeks as it became evident that there are a number of different internal policy obstacles in the multicountry euro zone. The Federal Reserve surprised the markets with its decision to start buying financial assets again — US\$50 billion worth of mortgage-backed securities will be purchased every month. The programme will not end before the economic environment and employment have improved considerably. The Federal Reserve also announced that interest rates will be kept on the current low levels until 2015 instead of 2014, as formerly promised.

The economic environment generally continued to weaken. The Purchasing Managers Index in the euro zone's industrial and service sectors weakened for the seventh month on the run, and it continues to indicate that the economy of the euro zone is in a downfall. The Purchasing Managers Index in the industrial sector of the United States remained at the same relatively weak level as in the previous month. Economic activity in China weakened as well.

Eastern Europe and Russia achieved the best returns in the equity portfolio this month, strengthening by 5.2% and 4.0%, respectively (in euros). Our positions in these regions were neutral. Other emerging markets also improved against the background of the general increase in risk tolerance – equities of the Far East increased by 3.8% and Latin-American markets grew by 1.4% in the month. Developed markets were somewhat weaker – the equity market of Sweden strengthened by 1.2%, Europe by 0.9% and the United States by 0.1% whereas Japan weakened by 0.1% (all returns in euros). Baltic equities ended the month on a level that was 1.3% weaker. We considered taking part in the IPO of PRO Kapital, but decided against it in the end as the price level was too high in our opinion. The euro strengthened by 2.2%.

Bond markets were also affected by the increase in risk appetite – the risk premiums of both investment grade and lower quality bonds decreased somewhat. The bond interest rates of the states that are considered safer, such as Germany and France, increased a little (German 2-year bonds +6 bp and 10-year bonds +8 bp). The index of JP Morgan's A to AAA-rated euro zone government bonds decreased by 0.2% in the month. Among the asset classes in the fund portfolios, the performance of investment grade corporate bonds of the euro zone (+0.5%) and the euro-denominated government bonds of emerging markets (+0.5%) remained in the positive territory.

In a short-term outlook we remain positive about equity markets and keep the proportion of equities in portfolios at a level that is somewhat higher than neutral. In our opinion, global economic growth will remain stronger than expected in the nearest quarters. The price level of equities also remains attractive compared to government bonds as well as investment grade corporate bonds. Global liquidity weakened somewhat, but the indicator can be expected to strengthen once the recent announcements made by central banks lead to specific steps. Clarity about possible political developments has increased in the euro zone, but future political decisions in the United States obviously depend on the presidential and congressional elections that take place in November. The re-election of Obama, which seems highly likely at the moment, would be somewhat more negative for the markets.

Within the equity markets we continue preferring European equities, as their price level is attractive compared to other developed regions. We reduced our positions on Japanese equity markets due to weakened liquidity and the deterioration of market sentiment.

We are also positive about the outlook of riskier bond asset classes – we believe that risk premiums give an adequate reflection of the financial risks of companies and the investors' flows into asset classes with higher interest rate levels should result in the decrease of the interest spreads of bonds with credit risk in comparison to the bonds that are considered the safe havens of the financial markets. Riskier bond asset classes should also be supported by the Federal Reserve's programme for purchasing mortgage-backed securities (MBS) – it is highly likely that some of the money exiting this asset classes finds its way into high yield corporate debt securities or emerging market bonds.

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