

# Swedbank Pension Fund K3 (Growth Strategy)

December 31, 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 2002 Inception Net Asset Value (NAV) 1.01932 EUR 391 863 227 EUR Net Assets Standard deviation (computed over 3 years) 5.5% 1.37% Average management fee per annum\*\* Subscription Fee 0.0% 1.0% Redemption Fee

Lower risk					Higher risk				
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

Risk level

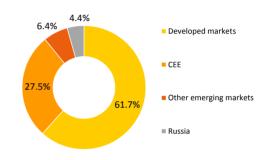


# Fund performance\*

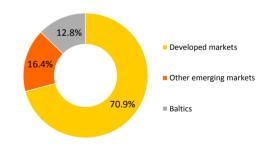
## Net Asset Value (NAV)



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# Fixed Income portfolio by regiones

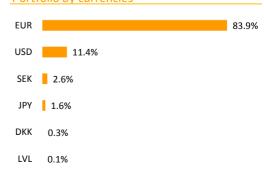


	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
Performance*	10.9%	0.8%	1.4%	10.9%	7.4%	18.0%	-6.1%	59.5%
Annualized				10.9%	3.6%	5.7%	-1.3%	4.5%
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Performance*	11.9%	17.2%	8.9%	5.7%	-29.1%	12.2%	9.9%	-3.2%

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Largest investments TOP 10		
Equity portfolio	Weight	
Lyxor Eastern Europe Index ETF	5.7%	
MSCI Europe Source ETF	4.1%	
Morgan Stanley Europe Equity Alpha Fund	3.1%	
SPDR MSCI Europe ETF	2.5%	
SSGA Europe Index Equity Fund	2.5%	
Fixed Income portfolio	Weight	
PIMCO Global Inv Grade Credit Fund	7.5%	
Bluebay Inv Grade Bond Fund	7.5%	
iShares Markit iBoxx € Corporate Bond Fund	4.4%	
Lyxor ETF Euro Corp Bond Fund ex Financials	3.7%	
Lyxor ETF Euro Corporate Bond Fund	2.2%	

# Portfolio by currencies



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<sup>\*\*</sup> Fondi keskmise haldustasu arvutamise metoodika leiate kohustuslike pensionifondide prospektist.

Tutvuge fondi tingimuste ja prospektidega veebilehel www.swedbank.ee/fondid või külastades lähimat Swedbanki kontorit. Vajaduse korral konsulteerige pangatöötaja või investeerimisnõustajaga telefonil +372 613 1606.

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#### **Manager Commentary**

Swedbank's Pension Fund K3 returned 0.8% in December and 10.9% since the start of the year.

The sentiment on the financial markets was quite cheerful during the last month of the year. The markets were more optimistic about the US crossing the fiscal cliff; several regional equity markets increased significantly and the bond markets were no losers either. In December, the US Federal Reserve gave the markets a huge stimulus by expanding its financial assets purchase program by 40 billion USD a month. The Federal Reserve also tightened the continuance of the easy monetary policy to decreasing unemployment rates.

All in all, the news related to the economy tended to support equities and bonds with higher risk in December. Exports improved in Korea, which, due to its trade structure, is an important indicator of global economic health. Polls among purchase managers in the industry sector showed that the economic situation is improving in China, Brazil and the US. The new government coalition in Japan, which supports an easier monetary policy, has brightened the outlook for the country. The Q3 GDP in Japan indicated that its economy was in decline for the second quarter in a row. However, the retrospective statistics are considerably less important than this month's parliamentary elections in Japan, where the Liberal Democratic Party led by Shinzo Abe won a landslide victory. The main promise of the LDP is to institute an easy monetary policy in order to fight the deflation the country has been struggling with for years.

The economy in Europe is still offering little to be happy about. However, the rate of economic decline is slowing, i.e. while things are still getting worse, it is not happening as quickly as earlier. In December, the general trends in the euro area were marked by the politics in Italy: Prime Minister Monti resigned due to a lack of support for his reform agenda. In addition, former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has hinted that he might run for prime minister again. In view of this negative news, the Italian government bond interest rates increased initially, but the monthly yield curve change in both the short and long end was marginal. The 5-year interest rates even decreased (-9 bp).

By the end of the month, most of the regional stock markets were steadily in the green, thus beautifully closing out a year that had, all in all, been extremely positive for financial markets. In 2012, the strongest regional market in our portfolio was Eastern Europe with a yield of 32.4% (all yields are in euros), of which 6.3% in December. The equities of the Baltic States increased by 6.4% in December. We also participated in an IPO where the equities of Inter Rao Lietuva AB, one of the largest energy suppliers in the Baltic States, were successfully listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange. In regard to other emerging markets, Latin American equities increased by 4.9%, Russian equities by 4.8% and Emerging Asian equities by 1.9%.

The best performing region among developed markets was Japan with a monthly increase of 3.7%. This was followed by Sweden (+2.3%) and Western Europe (+1.4%). The only declining equities were those of the US (-0.6%), although their yield in US dollars was slightly positive.

The bond markets posted a strong month as well. The yield of the BlackRock Global Fund investing in high yield bonds was 2.0%, while the BlueBay Emerging Market Corporate Bond Fund yielded 1.3%. The emerging markets eurobond index increased by 0.9%. On average, euro area AAA-A rated government bond funds increased by 0.8% and euro area corporate investment-grade bonds by 0.7%.

# Short-term outlook

In early January we introduced underweight position in equities. The technical indicators are mostly negative and liquidity on global markets has weakened again. Although the fiscal cliff was largely resolved at the start of the year, the next item on the agenda is the presumably tough negotiation process regarding the increase in the US debt ceiling. Market consensus will help to reach a compromise again, but this is not likely to happen long before the deadline in February. At the beginning of January we closed our overweight in European equities, considering that the liquidity flow in the banking sector has become more unfavourable towards European equity markets. We also closed our underweight in Japan and Emerging Asia.

A larger than usual share of our bond portfolio is kept in cash, since short-term risks make it unreasonable to increase the share of riskier bond asset classes and we don't see enough value in euro area government bonds to increase their share.

However, in the long run we feel positive about the outlook of credit asset class – investors continue to look for an alternative to low-yield government bonds. We also presume that the global economy continues to be in the growth phase and this gives us reason to expect that the corporate insolvency rate will continue to remain low in 2013. However, there is no reason to expect a further decrease in risk margins. This means that the yield of bond asset classes will come mostly from coupon income and not from capital gains.

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