

# Swedbank Pension Fund K4 (Equity Strategy)

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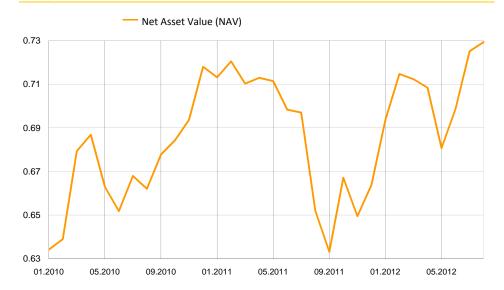
## **Investment Principles**

Swedbank Pension Fund K4 (Equity 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 equity-risk securities and alltogether up to 75% in equity funds, equity 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 2010 Inception Net Asset Value (NAV) 0.72934 EUR Net Assets 19 662 139 EUR 1.59% Management Fee per annum 0.0% Subscription Fee Redemption Fee 1.0%

## Fund performance\*



	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
Performance* Annualized	9.9%	0.6%	7.1%	11.9% 11.9%	10.2% 5.0%			14.1% 5.1%
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Performance*	12 3%	-7.6%						

## Largest investments TOP 10

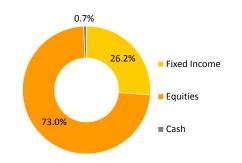
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Equity portfolio	Weight
Lyxor Eastern Europe Index ETF	7.8%
MSCI Europe Source ETF	6.9%
MSCI USA Source ETF	6.9%
Morgan Stanley Europe Equity Alpha Fund	5.9%
MSCI Japan Source ETF	5.8%
Fixed Income portfolio	Weight
Bluebay Inv Grade Bond Fund	5.2%
PIMCO Global Inv Grade Credit Fund	5.2%
iShares Markit iBoxx € Corporate Bond Fund	2.4%
Blackrock Global High Yield Bond Fund	2.0%
Elering EUR 4.625% 12.07.2018	1.1%

#### Risk level

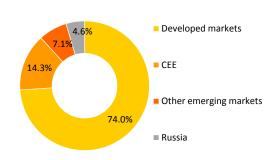
Lower risk		Higher risk								
Typically lower rewards					Typically higher rewards					
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The categories specified in the risk scale are based on the fluctuation of the value of the Fund's assets during the last five years.

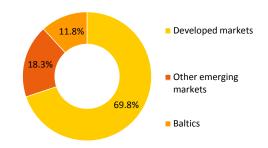
#### Portfolio by instruments



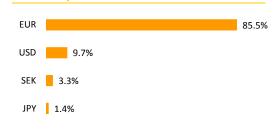
## Equity portfolio by regions



## Fixed Income portfolio by regiones



### Portfolio by currencies



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#### **Manager Commentary**

Swedbank's Pension Fund K4 returned 0.6% in August and 9.9% since the start of the year.

August was relatively quiet on the financial markets and investors were in wait-and-see mood due to the lack of important political decisions and events. Although risk appetite on the markets was mostly rising, it did not cause any significant outflows from risk-free assets. The focus remained on the activities of the European Central Bank (ECB). The expectations of the markets regarding the results of the regular ECB meeting held at the start of August were very high, especially after the bank's president Draghi insisted that the euro is irreversible. However, the results of the meeting did not include another reduction of the base interest rate or any specific plans for lowering the sky-high interest rates of problem countries to more manageable and sustainable levels. It started to become apparent during the month that a very limited interference in the markets, i.e. purchasing up to three-year bonds on the secondary market, is more probable. Such market expectations brought the shorter term interest rates of Italy and Spain down by ca. 120 to 150 basis points, but the interest rates of longer terms remained almost as high as before.

Global economy stayed at a predominantly weak level – the Purchasing Managers Indices in the European industrial sector pointed at a continuing decrease in production activity. The Purchasing Managers Indices of Germany, France and the UK, which suggested that the pace of contraction in the industrial sector is decelerating, stood out as the positives against a generally negative background. The economic situation in the US is somewhat stronger than in Europe, but the slow increase in the number of jobs is a massive problem there as well, and it may lead to the third Quantitative Easing Program of the Federal Reserve.

Eastern Europe was the region with the best performance in the equity portfolio (+4.7%, all returns are given in euros) and the Baltic States were also an emerging region that did well (+1.9%). Returns on the equities of Russia (-0.9%), Emerging Asia (-2.8%) and Latin America (-2.6%), on the other hand, remained in the negative territory. Western European equities performed well among developed regions (+2.0%) and the US just about managed to stay in the positive territory (+0.1%), whereas the performance of Japanese (-2.8%) and Swedish (-1.7%) equities remained in the negative territory.

The risk premiums of both investment grade and lower quality bonds decreased on the bond markets. Among the asset classes of our fund portfolios, the performance of investment grade corporate bonds of the eurozone (+0.9%) and the euro-denominated government bonds of emerging markets (+1.7%) remained in the positive territory. Relatively risk-free interest rates increased slightly – both the 2-year and 10-year term in Germany went up by 5 basis points.

The fund portfolio had an overweight of Western European equities, mainly because of their relatively favourable valuations. The decision proved to be a profitable one despite the political risks.

Looking forward, we expect September to be more eventful and therefore also more volatile on the financial markets. We continue keeping the overweight position in equities. The valuations of equities remain attractive compared to bonds, and global liquidity continued increasing. We also expect the world's economic growth to accelerate again in the second half of the year. The risks threatening the equity markets are mainly political – there is still no clarity about the ECB's bond purchase plan and the possible impact of the results of the presidential elections in the US is moving firmly into the focus.

We continue preferring European equities to other regions, because the equities of this region have priced in an economic growth that is noticeably weaker than we forecast. Sentiment about emerging markets has also become slightly more favourable, which is why we reduced our underweight in these asset classes.

We are also positive about the outlook of riskier bond asset classes – we believe that risk premiums reflect adequately the financial risks of companies and the investors' movement into asset classes with higher interest rate levels should result in the decrease of the credit spreads of bonds with credit risk in comparison to the bonds that are considered the safe havens of the financial markets. We believe that the yields of the bonds of Germany and other countries located outside the epicentre of the eurozone's debt crisis do not give an adequate reflection of the credit risk or the possible acceleration of inflation, which is why we have invested considerably less compared to the neutral level of the asset class of eurozone bonds.

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