

# Swedbank Pension Fund K4 (Equity Strategy)

April 30, 2014

#### **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.

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## **General information**

Fund Manager

Inception

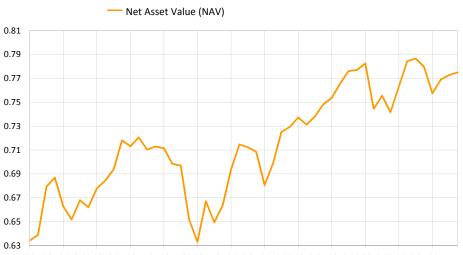
Net Assets

Fund Management Company Swedbank Investeerimisfondid AS Katrin Rahe 2010 0.77488 EUR Net Asset Value (NAV) 58 397 428 EUR 1.59% Management Fee per annum

## Fund performance\*

Subscription Fee

**Redemption Fee** 



01.2010 05.2010 09.2010 01.2011 05.2011 09.2011 01.2012 05.2012 09.2012 01.2013 05.2013 09.2013 01.2014

	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
Performance*	-0.6%	0.3%	2.3%	-0.3%	9.4%	8.7%		21.2%
Annualized				-0.3%	4.6%	2.8%		4.5%
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Performance*	12.3%	-7.6%	12.7%	4.2%				

## Largest investments TOP 10

Equity portfolio	Weight		
iShares MSCI Europe ETF			
db x-trackers MSCI AC Asia excl. Japan Index UCITS ETF	7.9%		
Swedbank Robur Indexfond Asien	6.5%		
Swedbank Robur Indexfond USA	5.9%		
SPDR S&P 500 ETF (USD)	5.2%		
Fixed Income portfolio			
iShares Markit iBoxx € Corporate Bond Fund	3.4%		
iShares Barclays Euro Corp Bond Fund	2.6%		
iShares Barclays Euro Corporate Bond Interest Rate Hedged	2.4%		
Bluebay Inv Grade Bond Fund	2.3%		
Blackrock Global High Yield Bond Fund	1.7%		

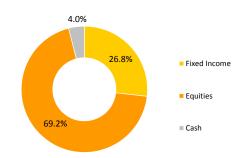
#### **Risk level**



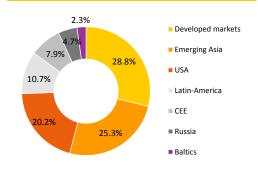
fluctuation of the value of the Fund's assets during the last five years.

Standard deviation of returns (over the last 3 years) 8.8%

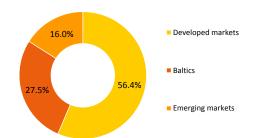
## Portfolio by instruments



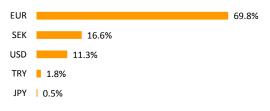
## Equity portfolio by regions



## Fixed Income portfolio by regions



#### Portfolio by currencies



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#### **Manager Commentary**

Swedbank's Pension Fund K4 returned 0.3% in April and -0.6% since the start of the year.

#### Market overview

April turned out to be a rather volatile month on financial markets, although no trends became clear in asset classes. As a continuation of March, the first half of April was more positive for the equities of emerging markets, but their advantageous position evaporated by the end of the month. Russian equity markets were underperforming considerably, but the geopolitical impact arising from the region has so far remained very clearly delimited. April proved to be stable and positive for bonds. The belief spreading among investors that the deflation of the euro area poses a greater risk at the moment than inflation has, at least on a short-term basis, produced a certain ceiling on bond interest rates.

One of the focal themes on financial markets was the results of companies in Q1, which considerably exceeded the expectations of analysts in comparison with the average over the last two years. However, prior to the period of publication of results equity analysts had significantly lowered their expectations. The US economy shows signs of acceleration in economic growth following the harsh weather conditions of the winter months. The Purchasing Managers' Index of the manufacturing sector rose by half a point to 53.7 (a level above 50 indicating growth in the sector). Investors continue to worry about China, as the potential slowdown of China's economic growth does not make the region very attractive for investments. The Purchasing Managers' Index of the Chinese manufacturing sector published in April strengthened a little (up to 48.3), but again remained below the level of 50 points, which indicates growth. According to official statistics, China's economy grew by 7.4% in Q1 year-on-year, but the reliability of the official statistics of China is questionable in the eyes of many investors.

The events in Ukraine added volatility and uncertainty to financial markets. Standard & Poor's rating agency cut Russia's credit rating to BBB- – the lowest investment grade rating. The US government also informed of new sanctions. At the same time, the Russian equity market responded to the sanctions with a short-term rise, as investors had expected considerably stricter measures, e.g. sanctions on some large national banks in Russia.

The European Central Bank did not change its monetary policy in April. However, the rhetoric of the central bank is clearly targeted at directing the expectations of investors towards a further easing of monetary policy. On the one hand, the slowly strengthening exchange rate of the euro (+0.7% against the US dollar in April) is forcing the European Central Bank to act more quickly, while on the other hand it indicates that investors' belief in the materialisation of practical steps of policy changes is not very strong.

In terms of regions, April was multifaceted for equity markets. While Latin America turned out to be the most positive (+2.0; all returns indicated in euros) among emerging regions and Europe (+1.9%) among developed countries, the most negative results were posted by the Japanese (-3.2%) and Russian (-6.5%) equity markets. The equity index of Eastern Europe rose by 0.7%. Turkey was clearly the strongest among countries included in the index, as the easing of political tension has contributed a little to the recovery of equity markets from the lows of last year. The level of equity markets of emerging Asia remained virtually unchanged (+0.0%) and Baltic equities dropped by 1.1%. The US equity markets ended the month at almost the same level as they started (-0.1%).

In April, risk-free interest rates continued in the euro area on the same wavelength as in March, decreasing in expectation of a more stimulating monetary policy from the European Central Bank. This applied especially to bonds with longer maturities. The interest rate of German two-year government bonds fell by 2 basis points and that of ten-year government bonds by 10 basis points. The risk premiums of both investment-grade and lower-quality bonds decreased slightly. Therefore, the returns of all asset classes in the bond portfolio of our fund remained on the positive side in March. Euro-denominated emerging market government bonds of the euro area strengthened by 0.7%. The index of high-quality government bonds of the euro area with short maturities almost ended where it started (+0.1%). Our position outside of the strategy in speculative-grade bonds produced a yield of 0.6% in April.

#### Short-term outlook

At the end of April we increased the share of equities in the fund portfolio to close to the maximum permissible level. The indicators of growth in profits of companies have become much more supportive of equity markets and analysts have also started to revise profit expectations upwards in light of positive quarterly results. The relative price level of equity market continues to be attractive in comparison with low-risk government bonds.

We increased the proportion of Japanese equities in the portfolio, as Japanese equities are supported by the notable increase in the profit expectations of analysts and relatively favourable price level. We reduced the position in Russian equities even more, because we believe that continuing weak return is probable because of Russia's slow economic growth and its more acute geopolitical situation. At the same time, we increased the share of equities of Latin America and emerging Asia.

We continue to be positive in terms of speculative-grade bonds – the level of their interest rates is attractive in comparison with other bond assets classes. The need to refinance companies included in the asset class will be low in the coming years and global economic growth – which is likely to accelerate – will support the solvency of companies.

\*The commentary is an unofficial English translation of the original Estonian version. In case of any discrepancies, the text of the Estonian version shall prevail

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