

# Swedbank Pension Fund V3 (Equity Strategy)

December 31, 2013

#### **Investment Principles**

**General information** 

Net Asset Value (NAV)

Fund Manager

Inception

Net Assets

Subscription Fee

**Redemption Fee** 

Fund Management Company

Management Fee per annum

Swedbank Pension Fund V3 (Equity Strategy) is a contractual investment fund founded for providing supplementary 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 100% of the assets in equity-risk securities.

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1.09858 EUR 35 540 347 EUR

2003

1.4%

1.0%

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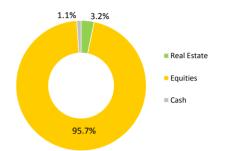
# **Risk level**

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 years.

Standard deviation of returns (over the last 3 years) 10.1%

#### Portfolio by instruments



# Fund performance\*

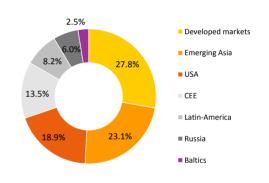


YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
6.3%	-1.0%	2.3%	6.3%	20.3%	7.7%	57.1%	71.5%
			6.3%	9.7%	2.5%	9.5%	5.5%
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
22.4%	8.6%	-52.5%	25.1%	16.6%	-10.5%	13.2%	6.3%
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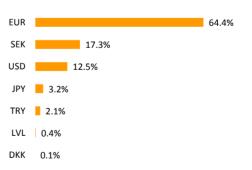
#### Largest investments TOP 10

Equity portfolio	Weight
SSGA USA Index Equity Fund	8.4%
db x-trackers MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index UCITS ETF	8.3%
Swedbank Robur Indexfond USA	8.3%
Swedbank Robur Indexfond Asien	8.2%
DB x-Trackers MSCI EM Latin Index ETF	7.6%

Equity portfolio by regions



## Portfolio by currencies



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## Manager Commentary

Swedbank's Pension Fund V3 returned -1.0% in December and 6.3% since the start of the year.

#### Market overview

December rather expressively summed up the entire year in financial markets – equities of developed regions mainly strengthened and equities of emerging markets weakened. Interest rates with low risk bonds increased, especially with regard to longer terms. The same pattern applies to the whole year of 2013 – equity markets of developed regions became stronger by nearly twenty percent, while emerging equity regions underwent a decrease. The decision of the Federal Reserve to start tapering the quantitative easing programme had a negative effect on equities of emerging markets in December.

The growth rate of global economy continued to accelerate a little within the month. Nevertheless, the published economic statistics was more positive in developed industrialised economics rather than in emerging markets. A positive trend in the US labour market continued and the country's unemployment rate decreased by 0.3% to 7%. The ISM Index in the industrial sector of the United States remained strong – 57.0 points (a figure above 50 points indicates a growth). The Purchasing Managers Index in the European industrial sector strengthened for a sixth month in a row (up to 52.7 points) and that of the Chinese industrial sector also remained at the level indicating a slight increase. At the same time, the economic growth in India, Russia and Brazil has recently been clearly disappointing.

The US Federal Open Market Committee decided at their meeting held in the second half of December to taper by USD 10 billion a month (from USD 85 billion to USD 75 billion). Unlike May and June when the statement of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke regarding the potential tapering of purchases caused a huge wave of sell-offs of equities and bonds with higher risk, the response of markets was quite composed this time.

The Monetary Policy Committee of the European Central Bank left the key interest rate unchanged at its December session and no other new measures were applied. In his statement at the press conference, Draghi confirmed the rightness of the monetary policy steps taken so far and the statement as well as forecasts of the European Central Bank also implied a continuing trend of stimulating monetary policy.

In December the best performers in equity markets were Russia (+1.8%; all returns indicated in euros) followed by the US (+1.1%) and Europe (+1.0%). The Japanese equity market weakened in euros by 0.7%, but this was caused by the weakness of the local currency. The yen fell against the euro by almost 4% in December in anticipation of new aggressive easing measures of the central bank of Japan. However, the euro strengthened 1.1% against the US dollar. The equity index of the emerging Asia fell by 2.6% in a month. The Latin American equity markets were weak again, losing 3.9% of their value in a month. The slow economic growth of Brazil had a negative impact on the equities of the region and several Latin American countries were faced with current account deficit, which is why they were relatively dependent on external financing and also more sensitive to the tightening of the US monetary policy.

The Eastern European equity market fell even by 9.3% in December that was mainly due to the cliff effect of the Turkish equity market brought along by the political tensions again reinforced in the country and serious corruption accusations against officials close to Prime Minister Erdogan. The performance of other major markets of the region was also relatively weak. The planned changes in the pension system had a negative effect on the sentiment about the Polish equities in the second half of the year, which is why the purchase of local equities by pension funds would probably considerably decrease in the future.

#### Short-term outlook

At the beginning of January we reduced the share of equities in the pension fund portfolio to a little lower than the neutral level, as several technical indicators had significantly weakened in recent weeks. For instance, the growth in corporate profits has become considerably more negative in the last few weeks in terms of global equity markets and the same is observed in the expectations of analysts to growth in profits within next two years. A positive factor of equity markets continues to be a favourable relative price level in comparison with low-risk government bonds.

Equity analysts have become significantly more pessimistic with respect to the growth in profits of European companies, while the profit expectations of Japanese companies have increased again. This is one of the reasons why we keep preferring Japanese equities to European equities. In addition, the Japanese market is supported by stronger liquidity flows originating from the financial sector mainly caused by the central bank of Japan as a result of its monetary policy being more aggressive than that of other major central banks. We also still prefer Russian equities to Latin American equities mostly because of the relatively more favourable price level of the former.

\*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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