



## Press release

### Robus Capital launches Robus Short Maturity Fund

- **New Robus UCITS fund invests in short-dated quality bonds from European companies**
- **High Quality bonds gain attractiveness in the new interest rate environment**
- **Focused portfolio with senior and secured bonds from three segments reduces correlation and offers liquidity**

London, 12 July 2023. Robus Capital is adding the Robus Short Maturity Fund (ISIN LU2613835862 (Retail) / LU2613836167 (Class S) / LU2613836084 (Class CI) to its product range. Fund manager Benjamin Noisser invests for the new UCITS fund mainly in investment grade and cross-over bonds of European companies with short remaining maturities of around two years. On a tactical level, high yield bonds and mid-market bonds are added. The Robus team is thus aiming for a target return of 1.5 to 2.5 percent above the 3-month Euribor p.a. for fund investors.

“With the fund, we aim to meet customer needs for reduced credit risk, lower volatility and predictable returns above the Euribor above Euribor,” says Dieter Kaiser, Managing Director at Robus Capital. Currently it is especially family offices and asset managers, who are looking for alternatives for liquidity optimization. “Just five years ago, these goals would not have been achievable with quality bonds of average BB grade would not have been feasible. But with the comeback of interest rates, this segment has become interesting. We know and understand European bond issuers, as they have been the focus of our analyses for more than a decade”.

“As a matter of principle, we only invest in bonds issued by healthy companies that we know and where refinancing is imminent or early repayment is expected,” adds Noisser. “Transparency is the top priority, which is why, for example, you won't find corporates from very complex sectors such as banks, real estate or insurance companies in our portfolios.”

The fund assets of the Robus Short Maturity Fund are spread over 40 to 60 positions from the three segments "investment grade & crossover bonds," "high yield bonds" and "mid-market bonds." This reduces the correlation to the high-yield market on the one hand and ensures liquidity on the other.

As with Robus Capital's older mutual funds, Hauck & Aufhäuser Fund Services S.A. in Luxembourg acts as the management company. Wendelin Schmitt, Member of the Management Board of Hauck & Aufhäuser Fund Services S.A., says: "At the current time, a lot of sensitivity and experience is needed to navigate funds in the current interest rate environment between risks and the unchanged high need for returns. Robus is an absolute specialist in this area in particular, with extensive expertise in the mid-market bond segment. We are therefore particularly pleased that with this promising new strategy we can also continue our joint, long-standing cooperation at the fund hub Luxembourg."

Robus Capital has nearly doubled the size of its own team in Frankfurt in recent months with six new employees to meet growing client interest and new opportunities in the bond markets. The target returns of Robus Capital's first two liquid bond funds, the Robus Credit Opportunities Fund and the Robus Mid-Market Value Bond Fund, were each raised by 3 percent p.a. for the next three years at the end of 2022.

#### **About Robus Capital**

Robus Capital was founded in 2011 as an institutional asset manager specializing in publicly traded and private corporate bonds and loans. Today, Robus Capital manages assets under management of over EUR 1 billion from offices in London and Frankfurt. Robus Capital manages several alternative investment funds and two mutual funds. The investment focus is on debt instruments of medium-sized companies such as bonds, syndicated loans and promissory notes. Institutional investors (insurance companies, foundations, pension funds or family offices), who often have an entrepreneurial background themselves, represent the main customer group of Robus Capital. Investments can be made in both the primary and secondary markets and are also made in special situations that are very complex and require in-depth analysis. Robus Capital's regional focus is Europe and in particular the German-speaking countries, Benelux and Scandinavia.

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