



# Santander Money Market EUR VNAV

## Fund commentary

#### **Environment:**

The embrace of the conflict between Israel and Iran with the growing involvement of the United States have not caused panic in the financial markets. However, any surge in oil prices could be detrimental to global growth already weakened by the trade war launched by Donald Trump.

Faced with these uncertainties, the FED, still fearing a resurgence of inflation, maintained the status quo on June 18th by not changing its key rates. Yet some dissenting voices within the board are starting to be heard and are calling for a rate cut as early as July.

In Europe, the ECB once again lowered its rates by 25 bps to bring the refinancing rate to 2.15%. This is the eighth consecutive decrease, and the reduction cycle seems close to its end. The institution in Frankfurt judges, indeed, the mission accomplished in terms of inflation. Nevertheless, if it considers itself in a good position to face the challenges ahead, the high degree of uncertainty encourages it to keep all options on the table.

### Management:

Despite this troubled geopolitical and economic context, market volatility has remained reasonable. The rate of return for the 2-year German currency ranged between 1.78% and 1.86%. The Euro continued to appreciate against the dollar, reaching 1,1760.

The short-term issue spreads of well-rated issuers remained relatively stable at +14bps for the 3-month period and +31 bps for the year.

We maintained our hedging strategy for interest rate risk by using interest rate swaps. Indeed, we do not want to suffer from interest rate volatility and from the negative carry implied by the inverted shape of the short-term interest rates curve

Despite the 9% increase in outstanding amounts during the month (to reach €2.159.7bn), the fund's WAL has increased from 105 to 134 days.

We continue to consider an extension of investment maturities while remaining very selective in the choice of issuers.

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#### Risk metrics:

The fund's WAM remained at 2 days while the WAL increased to 134 days.

The WAM should remain low while we will stabilize the WAL at the current level.

Net Performance (I-share class – 360 basis) versus index:

I-Share €str compounded Spread vs Index

30/05/25 - 30/06/25 1.977% 2.0134% €str - 0.036%

31/12/24 - 30/06/25 2.499% 2.4549% €str +0.044%

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