

# SKAGEN Global

## Unconstrained Global Equities

SKAGEN Global is a global equity strategy which aims to generate long-term capital growth. The fund is managed by Knut Gezelius and Chris-Tommy Simonsen.

### Investment Strategy

SKAGEN Global invests in companies believed to be undervalued by the portfolio managers who apply a pragmatic approach to value. They typically look beyond companies that may be optically cheap based on traditional valuation metrics, such as Price/Book which they consider is ill-suited for a world increasingly powered by intangible assets, and place greater emphasis on cash flow, profitability and balance sheet strength.

The fund's core long-term holdings are typically undervalued "structural winners" which are expected to outperform competitors across economic and market cycles. The fund may complement its core holdings with more tactical investments if and when such attractive opportunities present themselves. This combination enables the fund to deliver excess return in a range of different scenarios.

**1. Long-term perspective:** The portfolio managers' investment horizon is at least 3-5 years but can be significantly longer. They attach greater value to fundamentals than short-term trends and evaluate stocks based on long-term forecasts rather than quarterly results. This approach is particularly conducive to finding investment opportunities in companies with an underappreciated ability to compound in value over time, which is illustrated by several of the fund's core holdings remaining in the portfolio for many years.

**2. Unconstrained mandate:** A broad footprint means the portfolio's sector, geography and market cap exposure may change materially over time, depending on where the portfolio managers find the best investment opportunities in terms of company fundamentals. This freedom also means that the portfolio managers can invest tactically over shorter horizons to exploit mis-pricing during periods of extreme market dislocation. This flexibility, combined with the portfolio managers' ability and willingness to adapt to different market environments and opportunities in a forward-looking way, offers a distinct competitive advantage.

**3. Partnership approach:** Close alignment of interest is sought between company management and shareholders which places a high value on strong (or improving) corporate governance. The portfolio managers believe that thorough analysis of both quantitative (e.g. share ownership, management incentives) and qualitative (e.g. competence, integrity) factors cannot easily be replicated by a computer, which therefore provides SKAGEN Global with a distinctive edge. They also regularly engage with portfolio companies to drive positive change and value creation.

### Portfolio Characteristics

SKAGEN Global is a high conviction portfolio of 30-50 mid / large cap companies, with a base case of c. 30 positions. The fund is actively managed and constructed bottom-up by the portfolio managers who are benchmark agnostic. They have the freedom to invest away from the index in their best ideas and this is reflected in a portfolio with which can diverge significantly from the index.

To reduce risk the fund maintains a sensible balance between sectors and geographic regions as deemed appropriate by the portfolio managers. Holdings improve their downside protection against permanent loss of capital by exhibiting strong core earnings, cash flow growth and / or cost restructuring opportunities coupled with a solid balance sheet.



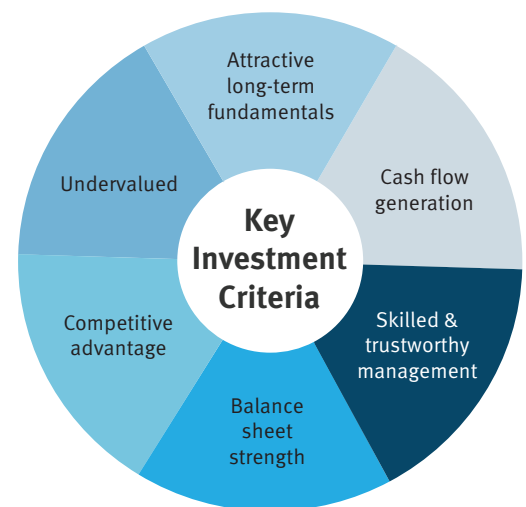
### Fund Strategy

Portfolio managers	Knut Gezelius Chris-Tommy Simonsen
Equity strategy	Global
Benchmark	MSCI AC World Index <sup>1</sup>
No. of holdings	30-50
Active Share <sup>2</sup>	87%
Market cap bias	Mid / large
Investment horizon	3-5 years
Portfolio turnover ratio <sup>3</sup>	43%
Launch date	7 August 1997

### Portfolio Managers



Knut Gezelius & Chris-Tommy Simonsen



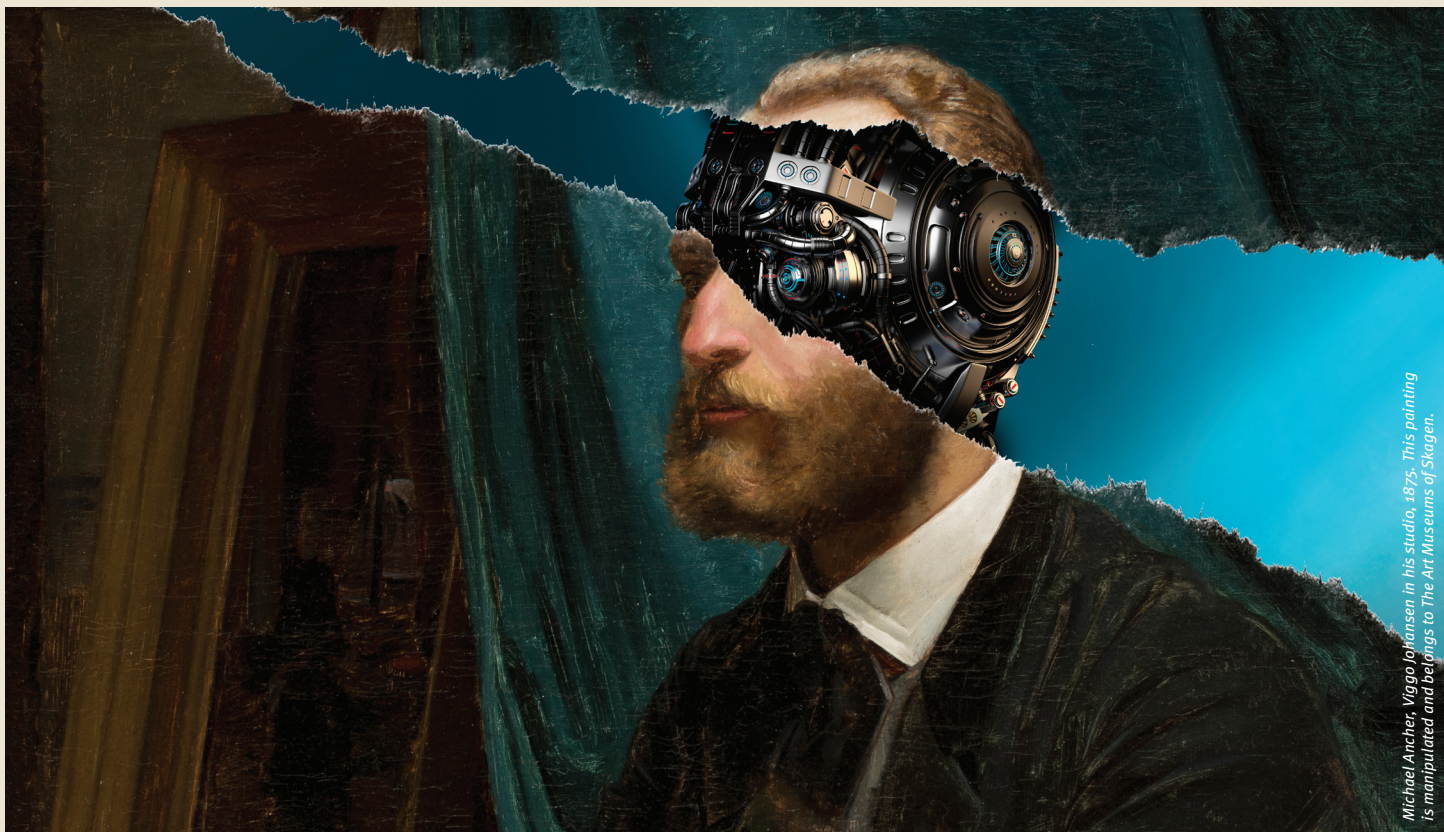
Painting: P.S. Krøyer, From the moor north of Skagen, 1885. This painting is manipulated and belongs to The Art Museums of Skagen.

\* All information as at 31 December 2024

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark prior to 1 January 2010 was the MSCI World Index

<sup>2</sup> Percentage of stocks in the portfolio that differs from the benchmark index

<sup>3</sup> Portfolio turnover is calculated by taking either the total amount of new securities purchased or the amount of securities sold (whichever is less) over the previous 12-month period, divided by the total net asset value (NAV) of the fund



Michael Ancher, Viggo Johansen in his studio, 1875. This painting is manipulated and belongs to The Art Museums of Skagen.

# Investment Philosophy

**SKAGEN's investment philosophy is centred on active, value-based fund management; a combination we believe ensures the best results for clients.**

SKAGEN portfolio managers aim to outperform the broader stock market, enabled by unconstrained mandates and the freedom to invest with conviction in their best ideas. They are agile when selecting the companies with the greatest potential to create value and how it can be achieved. We also believe that engagement with companies is key to delivering sustainable risk-adjusted returns.



## Value

All SKAGEN portfolio managers invest bottom-up by selecting the companies they believe will deliver the most value for clients. Investment decisions are based on detailed analysis and deep knowledge of companies, irrespective of their inclusion or position in an index. We strive to beat the market and create portfolios that diverge from conventional benchmarks to achieve this.

- **Unconstrained:** Unconstrained mandates give us the freedom to search for the best opportunities from across the globe. They also enable us to create diversified portfolios by geography, sector and investment theme to control risks for clients.
- **Conviction:** We are high conviction investors who build concentrated portfolios of our best ideas. We act quickly and decisively when price targets are reached, or if an investment case deteriorates, and redeploy capital into more attractive ideas to optimise the funds' returns.



## Active

We invest in companies whose assets or earnings potential isn't fully reflected in their share price and take a broad view of value creation. Portfolio managers typically identify businesses with clear catalysts to correct their mispricing and those with an underappreciated ability to compound value over time.

- **Agility:** We often look beyond traditional metrics to uncover value hidden on company balance sheets or within revaluation triggers. Agile thinking can also lead us to businesses whose intrinsic earnings capacity or growth potential is underestimated by the market.
- **Engagement:** Releasing value can require engagement and patience to maximise long-term results. We are active owners and engage with our portfolio companies on key business, financial, environmental, social and governance issues, using performance indicators to drive sustainable returns and revaluation over time.





## History

SKAGEN was originally founded in Stavanger, Norway in 1993 with the goal of generating long-term growth for clients' assets. From investing solely on behalf of friends and family, SKAGEN grew into a leading Scandinavian fund manager with a broad European footprint.

SKAGEN became part of Storebrand Asset Management (SAM) in 2017 and subsequently merged into SAM in November 2023. As part of the merger, SKAGEN Funds are now owned and administered by SAM which has outsourced their management to a newly established legal entity - named SKAGEN AS - an investment firm that operates as an independent boutique with its own Board.

The portfolio managers have significant co-investment in the SKAGEN Funds. This serves to align interest with clients, and SKAGEN is committed to maintaining its culture of independent thinking and high performance.



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication. Except otherwise stated, the source of all information is Storebrand Asset Management AS. Statements reflect the portfolio managers viewpoint at a given time, and this viewpoint may be changed without notice.

Future fund performance is subject to taxation which depends on the personal situation of each investor, and which may change in the future.

The tax treatment of the gains and losses made by the investor and distributions received by the investor depend on the individual circumstances of each investor and may imply the payment of additional taxes. Before any investment is made in the Fund, investors are urged to consult with their tax advisor for a complete understanding of the tax regime, which is applicable to their individual case.

Storebrand Asset Management AS is a management company authorised by the Norwegian supervisory authority, Finanstilsynet, for the management of UCITS under the Norwegian Act on Securities Funds and has its registered office at Professor Kohts vei 9, 1366 Lysaker, Norway. Storebrand Asset management AS is part of the Storebrand Group and owned 100% by Storebrand ASA. Storebrand Group consists of all companies owned directly or indirectly by Storebrand ASA.

Following the merger of Storebrand Asset Management AS and SKAGEN AS, SKAGEN's portfolio team will continue to manage the funds' portfolios from the new separate legal entity, SKAGEN AS, while Storebrand Asset Management AS carries out the role of the management company.

No offer to purchase units can be made or accepted prior to receipt by the offeree of the Fund's prospectus and PRIIPS KID (for UK: KIID) and the completion of all appropriate documentation. You can download more information including subscription/redemption forms, full prospectus, PRIIPs KID (for UK: KIID), General Commercial Terms, Annual Reports and Monthly Reports in English language from SKAGEN's webpages.

Investors rights to complain and certain information on redress mechanisms are made available to investors pursuant to our complaints handling policy and procedure. The summary of investor rights in English is available here: <https://www.skagenfunds.com/contact/investor-rights/>. The investor rights summary is available in all languages of the countries where the fund is registered with the national Financial Services Authority. Please refer to SKAGEN's webpages and choose your respective country for this information.

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