



Fund facts

ISIN: NO0008000445

Launch date, share class: 01.12.1993

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Domicile: NO

NAV: 358.53 EUR

AUM: 859 MEUR

Benchmark index: MSCI Nordic/MSCI AC ex. Nordic

Minimum purchase: 50 EUR

Fixed management fee: 1.00 %

Performance fee: 10 % (see prospectus for details)

Ongoing charge: 1.00 %

Number of holdings: 51

SFDR: Article 8



Søren Milo Christensen
Managed fund since
09 April 2018



Sondre Solvoll Bakketun
Managed fund since
08 November 2022

Investment strategy

SKAGEN Vekst invests in companies that are attractively priced relative to expected profitability and growth. The majority of the fund is invested in the Nordic region and the remainder worldwide. The fund is suitable for investors with a minimum five-year investment horizon. Subscriptions are made in fund units and not directly in stocks or other securities. The benchmark reflects the fund's investment mandate. Since the fund is actively managed, the portfolio will deviate from the composition of the benchmark. Effective 01.01.2014, the fund's investment mandate changed from investing a minimum of 50% of its assets in Norway to investing a minimum of 50% of its assets in the Nordic countries. This means that returns prior to the change were achieved under different circumstances than they are today.

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RISK PROFILE



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YTD RETURN

5.85 %

30.06.2023

ANNUAL RETURN

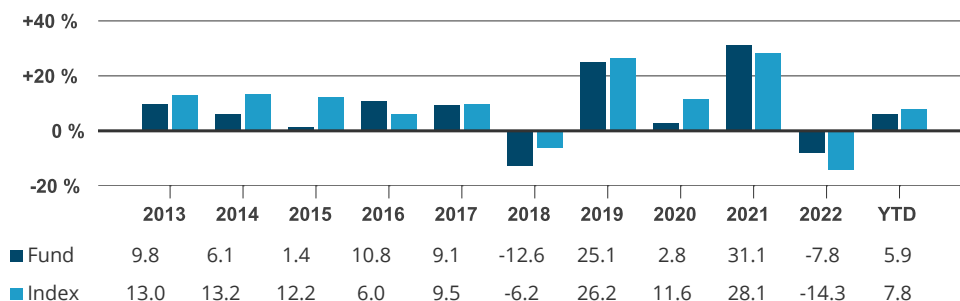
7.93 %

Average last 5 years

Monthly report for June as of 30.06.2023. All data in EUR unless otherwise stated.

Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on market developments, the fund manager's skills, the fund's risk profile and subscription and management fees. The return may become negative as a result of negative price developments. The fund's Key Investor Information Document and prospectus are available on www.skagenfunds.com

Historical return in EUR (net of fees)



Prior to 01.01.2014, the benchmark index was an evenly composed benchmark index consisting of the Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index (OSEBX) and the MSCI All Country World. The benchmark index prior to 01.01.2010 was the Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index (OSEBX).

Period	Fund (%)	Index (%)	Key figures	1 year	2 years	3 years
Last month	0.67	1.87	Standard deviation	-	-	15.34
Year to date	5.85	7.77	Standard deviation index	-	-	15.49
Last 12 months	6.53	11.28	Tracking error	-	-	7.44
Last 3 years	16.71	11.78	Information ratio	-	-	0.66
Last 5 years	7.93	8.90	Active share: 79 %			
Last 10 years	7.51	9.75				
Since inception	12.17	9.55				

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

Strong US market while Nordic markets lagged

The global stock market posted generally positive returns in the second quarter with the US leading the way as AI made it into everyone's vocabulary and helped drive IT stocks to new heights. The Nordic stock markets were slightly down overall as Finland had a very weak quarter while the other countries were flat or slightly positive. SKAGEN Vekst delivered a decent absolute performance but ended the quarter somewhat behind the benchmark.



The US technology company Broadcom was the largest contributor to the fund's absolute return in the second quarter. The company once again delivered a solid result showing strong growth in both its semiconductors and software business. The share price was also helped by the current frenzy around artificial intelligent (AI). The company is the market leader in cutting edge custom chip designs. Significant investment into AI by key clients like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Microsoft is expected to accelerate orders in this business. We used the strength to reduce our position, but the stock continues to be a key holding in SKAGEN Vekst. The Swedish mining company Boliden was among the largest detractors to the fund's absolute return. The company lowered its expectations for the second quarter due to a fire at its largest smelting operation. However, the company also lowered expectations for both its Kevista and Tara mines due to lower grades. Operations at its smelter are expected to resume within a few weeks, and the lower grades are seen as a short-term issue. Thus, while our long-term investment case has not changed, we are increasingly concerned about the number of one-off operational issues the company has faced lately.

The Finnish communications technology company Nokia entered the fund in the second quarter. The stock has performed poorly over the past few years as the hype around 5G has faded somewhat and growth and margins have been weaker than expected. At the same time, the company has been successfully gaining market share in 5G and holds a strong position as one of the leading technology companies in communications infrastructure equipment. Nokia has also indicated a stronger focus on cash conversion and increased shareholder returns going forward. The market does not seem to put much faith in this, however, and we believe the current valuation presents an attractive entry point. To fund this, we sold our remaining small position in the Norwegian oil and gas company Vår Energy. The company has not executed according to plan, and we now find more attractive opportunities in our other oil and gas related companies.

We also initiated a position in Eneti inc, a US offshore wind service vessel owner and operator. The industry is experiencing strong demand with a limited supply of new ships in the coming years which is pushing charter rates higher. Eneti has two new vessels coming into operation soon and is thus well positioned to benefit from this trend. In addition, it was recently announced that Eneti will merge into competitor Cadeler in an all-share takeover. This seems to be a strong deal for both companies, but the market has doubts as Eneti has continued to trade at a ca. 20% discount to the implied offer. We took advantage of this and increased our position further given the attractive risk reward.

It is important to remember that the strong performance in stocks over the past decade has been very unevenly distributed. Even after the correction last year, quality growth stocks generally continue to trade at an elevated valuation, while more capital-intensive industries trade at more reasonable prices. We think the odds of sustainably higher inflation and higher interest rates have risen significantly over the past 18 months. While sanctions against Russia have increased the short-term pressure on commodities, we also see long-term second order effects through a reversal of the globalisation we have become accustomed to. We are therefore comfortable with our current exposure towards companies that do well in an environment with higher inflation and interest rates – such as financial and energy-related companies. We also see several emerging market stocks trading at very attractive levels following ten years of underperformance. This is particularly compelling as several Asian economies have not yet fully benefited from the reopening in China.

Contribution last month

 Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	 Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Nordea Bank Abp	3.85	0.23	H Lundbeck A/S	2.32	-0.31
ISS A/S	2.70	0.19	Novo Nordisk A/S	8.64	-0.27
Volvo AB	2.59	0.19	Bonheur ASA	3.20	-0.26
Yara International ASA	3.38	0.17	Millicom International Cellular SA	1.69	-0.22
DSV A/S	3.23	0.16	Telenor ASA	3.81	-0.18

Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level.

Portfolio information

Top 10 investments	Share (%)	Country exposure	Share (%)	Sector exposure	Share (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	8.8	Denmark	20.7	Financials	18.1
Broadcom Inc	3.9	United States	13.7	Industrials	16.6
Nordea Bank Abp	3.9	Norway	10.9	Information technology	12.9
Telenor ASA	3.8	Finland	10.1	Health care	11.0
Yara International ASA	3.5	South Korea	10.0	Communication Services	10.7
Essity AB	3.4	China	9.5	Materials	9.1
DSV A/S	3.4	Sweden	8.1	Consumer Staples	7.5
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.4	Brazil	3.5	Energy	6.0
Cash equivalent	3.3	CASH	3.5	Cash, not invested	3.5
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	3.2	Netherlands	3.2	Consumer discretionary	2.3
Total share	40.6 %	Total share	93.2 %	Total share	97.8 %

Sustainability

SKAGEN's approach to sustainability

Our ESG approach is built on four pillars. In keeping with SKAGEN's active investment philosophy, our sustainability activities centre on active engagement with our holding companies, which is where we believe we can have the greatest impact. We recognise, however, that the full potential of a sustainable investment strategy is best realised when combining the following four pillars.

- ✓ Exclusion
- ✓ Enhanced due diligence
- ✓ ESG factsheet
- ✓ Active ownership

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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SKAGEN AS has appointed Svenska Handelsbanken as Paying Agent.

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