



Fund facts

ISIN: NO0008000445

Launch date, share class: 01.12.1993

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Domicile: NO

NAV: 385.07 EUR

AUM: 915 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: 49

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.

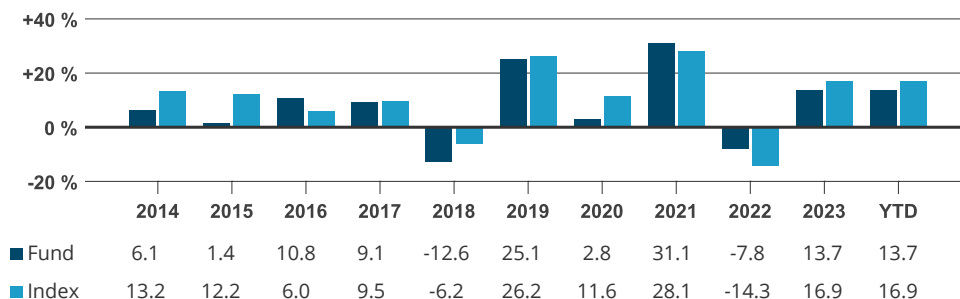
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RISK PROFILE	YTD RETURN	ANNUAL RETURN
4 of 7	13.69 % 31.12.2023	12.04 % Average last 5 years

Monthly report for December as of 31.12.2023. 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	5.41	4.95	Standard deviation	-	-	13.32
Year to date	13.69	16.90	Standard deviation index	-	-	14.71
Last 12 months	13.69	16.90	Tracking error	-	-	7.48
Last 3 years	11.16	8.68	Information ratio	-	-	0.36
Last 5 years	12.04	12.56	Active share: 81 %			
Last 10 years	7.21	9.59				
Since inception	12.22	9.68				

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

Quarterly commentary, Q4 2023

Global stock markets ended the year on a strong note driven by higher confidence that inflation and interest rates will fall significantly over the coming 12 months. SKAGEN Vekst also delivered a solid absolute return in December, although Norwegian-based investors did not see that due to a significant strengthening of the currency. The fund outperformed the benchmark in the month, driven by strong performance from several of our large holdings. While SKAGEN Vekst delivered solid absolute returns for both the fourth quarter and 2023 as a whole, the return lagged the benchmark in both periods. This was mainly due to a lower weighting in the large US IT stocks, that drove most of the gains for the overall market.

Bonheur was the largest positive contributor to the fund's absolute return in December. The whole wind energy sector suffered from bad sentiment in 2023 as continued cost increases and project cancellations led to a repricing of project risk across the sector, but this negative trend turned in December. Renewed political support for wind energy development became apparent with signs of increased subsidies in several countries. In addition, general positive analyst updates highlighting the very attractive valuation helped push up the share price. Even after the solid short-term performance, we still find Bonheur very attractive at only around 8 times earnings, which is far below what comparable assets trade for. At current pricing you only pay for the wind park assets and get the rest of Bonheur almost for free. The US IT company Broadcom was another strong performer driven by a solid earnings report for the last quarter. The company also gave updated guidance on its acquisition of the cloud computing and virtualization technology company VMware. Aside from taking out cost, management also believes they can drive much higher growth by cross selling to their existing client base. We continue to see significant



upside in the stock for several reasons: i) management should continue to deliver value accretion from M&A; ii) the continued expansion into software is leading to a much lower volatility in earnings; iii) the company is well positioned to benefit from the world's largest IT companies like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Microsoft increasing investments in artificial intelligence (AI); iv) despite all the above, the stock continues to trade at a significant discount to companies with similar characteristics. The Danish transport and logistics provider DSV was also a strong performer in December, as the market gained more confidence in a soft landing for the global economy and thus a lower risk of a sharp fall in global trade. We met with the company during the month to clarify issues around its new joint venture in Saudi Arabia. While we still have some ESG-related concerns around this new business, we came away more positive on the economic aspects of the project. The joint venture has the potential to be a significant earnings contributor, but more importantly, the company has safeguards in place that limit the downside risk from both operational and ESG issues.

The Danish pharma giant Novo Nordisk was the largest detractor to SKAGEN Vekst's absolute return in the month. There was no specific news, but the stock was hurt along with other defensive names as investors shifted money into more economically sensitive companies. We continue to see solid upside in the stock as the resolving of bottlenecks in the production of the company's blockbuster obesity drug should drive continued earnings growth in the coming years. While all eyes are on diabetes and obesity, we think the market is missing the potentially huge opportunity the company has in the treatment of Alzheimer's. Korean Reinsurance had a difficult month as falling rates hurt the sector in general. While lower rates are a headwind, the company is still able to reinvest capital at a higher yield than the current average of their investment book. The company also continues to benefit from higher prices in both its international and domestic markets, and still sees solid demand from co-insurance in the domestic market following the adoption of a new reporting standard the puts pressure on primary insurance capital adequacy; the company signed another large coinsurance agreement with Samsung Life this month. Thus, we continue to expect decent earnings and dividend growth over the coming years, which is difficult to square with the stock trading at three times earnings and an 8% dividend yield. The Swedish personal care company Essity was also a negative contributor in December. Like Novo Nordisk, the stock suffered from general investment flows out of typically defensive sectors. There was in fact positive stock-specific news during the month, as the company announced the sale of its Chinese business Vinda, at a better-than-expected price. This will reduce the cyclicality of the overall business and lead to a significant decline in the financial leverage. The company also announced that it will enter into a licence agreement for several of its brands in China, thereby retaining some of the current earnings. We believe the above development is very positive, and combined with continued opportunities to improve margins, we see significant upside from current levels.

The renewable company Eneti enjoyed strong performance in December as the merger with Cadeler was approved by shareholders and then promptly finalised. The new merged entity is the clear leader in offshore wind installation and benefitted from the same change in wind energy sector sentiment as Bonheur. In addition, part of the backlog was significantly de-risked with Ørsted's final investment decision on the development of the Hornsea 3 wind farm, where Cadeler will install wind turbines to the tune of EUR 500-700 million. We still see upside in the stock, as the wind turbine installation market is set to tighten further going forward. We sold the Canadian listed mining company Ivanhoe Mines as the stock reached our target price. We initiated the position during the peak of the COVID pandemic in March 2020 at around 2 Canadian dollars per share and sold the final shares in December of 2023 at almost 13 Canadian dollars per share. Combined with a strengthening of the Canadian dollar vs. the Norwegian kroner, the stock has been an exceptionally profitable investment for clients in SKAGEN Vekst.

Overall, we still favour attractively priced companies within the financial, industrial, and energy sectors. These are also sectors where earnings expectations and valuation will not be unduly hurt in an environment where inflation does not return to the abnormally low levels we saw in the aftermath of the pandemic. Following last month's rise, we again see substantial downside risk in a lot of highly priced growth companies, particularly in the US stock market. If the current consensus of sharply falling inflation and interest rates proves to be right, we expect the fund to lag the overall market, but still provide a decent absolute return in 2024. However, if inflation does not come down as fast as everyone expects, the fund should provide much better downside protection than the benchmark – similar to what we saw in 2022.

Contribution last month

 Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	 Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Cadeler A/S	0.14	1.03	Eneti Inc	0.44	-0.76
Bonheur ASA	2.71	0.75	Novo Nordisk A/S	8.55	-0.37
Broadcom Inc	4.21	0.53	Korean Reinsurance Co	2.05	-0.28
DSV A/S	2.58	0.24	Essity AB	3.41	-0.23
Boliden AB	2.30	0.21	Shell PLC	3.31	-0.19

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	8.5	Denmark	19.5	Financials	19.2
Broadcom Inc	4.3	United States	14.3	Industrials	17.4
Nordea Bank Abp	4.0	South Korea	10.8	Information technology	12.6
Telenor ASA	3.9	Finland	10.8	Communication Services	10.6
Yara International ASA	3.5	Norway	10.0	Health care	10.5
ISS A/S	3.4	Sweden	9.1	Materials	9.8
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.3	China	8.3	Consumer Staples	6.9
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	3.3	Brazil	3.5	Energy	6.2
Shell PLC	3.2	Netherlands	3.2	Consumer discretionary	2.3
Essity AB	3.2	Hong Kong SAR China	2.9	Real estate	1.9
Total share	40.7 %	Total share	92.5 %	Total share	97.4 %

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

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.

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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.

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