



## Fund facts

**ISIN:** NO0008000445

**Launch date, share class:** 01.12.1993

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**Domicile:** NO

**NAV:** 439.24 EUR

**AUM:** 1,056 MEUR

**Benchmark index:** MSCI Nordic/MSCI AC ex. Nordic

**Minimum purchase:** 50 EUR

**Fixed management fee:** 1.00 %

**Performance fee:** 10.00 % (see prospectus for details)

**Ongoing charge:** 1.00 %

**Number of holdings:** 53

**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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YTD RETURN

14.06 %

28.06.2024

ANNUAL RETURN

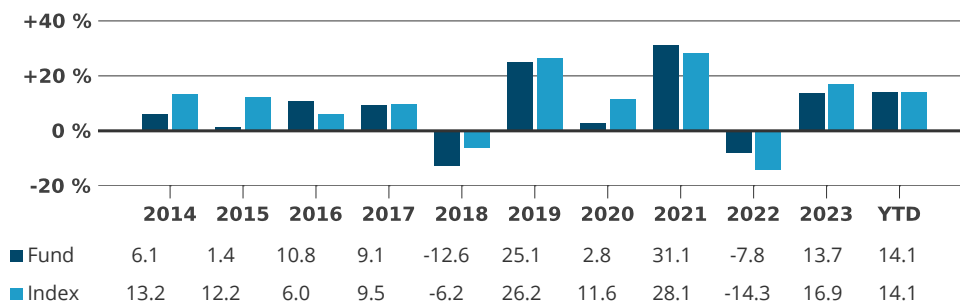
11.61 %

Average last 5 years

Monthly report for June as of 30.06.2024. 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](http://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	1.06	2.19	Standard deviation	-	-	-
Year to date	14.06	14.09	Standard deviation index	-	-	-
Last 12 months	23.29	25.54	Tracking error	-	-	-
Last 3 years	9.02	7.91	Information ratio	-	-	-
Last 5 years	11.61	12.22	Active share: 82 %			
Last 10 years	7.75	10.10				
Since inception	12.50	9.96				

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

## Q2 commentary 2024

**Global equity markets continued to power ahead in June, fuelled by the continued strong performance among technology companies. SKAGEN Vekst delivered a decent absolute return during the month but lagged the benchmark somewhat. The fund also delivered a strong absolute return for the second quarter as a whole and was comfortably ahead of the benchmark driven, in large part, by the strong performance of our Chinese holdings.**



The largest positive contributor to absolute return in June was Broadcom as the company reported solid Q2 numbers and the AI-powered tech rally continued. The Q2 report was well received and came in ahead of consensus driven by strong AI-related revenues. Broadcom also raised its revenue guidance for the year fuelling upward revisions of expectations. We see the recent sharp upward moves in the share price as driven partly by non-fundamental fear-of-missing-out buyers and we took advantage of this to reduce our holding substantially during the month. Novo Nordisk was once again among the top positive contributors in the period as the stream of positive news from the company continued. The main takeaway for June was the approval of Wegovy in China which is one of the main growth markets in the world for obesity drugs. The company also announced several additional capacity-expanding investments in the US to be able to meet the growing demand for its drugs. The stock hit an all-time high in June as it crossed the 1000 DKK per share mark. The Chinese oil and gas company CNOOC was another strong , moving higher as the oil price rebounded from an early June dip. The company also announced a major gas discovery in the Western South China sea capable of producing 10 million cubic metres of natural gas per day. We continued to take some profit on strength in CNOOC and recycled the capital into other positions.

ISS was the largest negative contributor for the period. June saw no major news around company fundamentals but there has been some negative sentiment around the stock so far this year as the company has struggled to relieve investor concerns following the loss of a few large contracts in Q1. UPM was another weak performer as pulp prices fell back on concerns of Chinese oversupply, and lack of demand weighed on the share price. We took advantage of the stock price weakness and bought back some of the stock we had sold on higher prices earlier in the quarter. After a very strong run, Boliden also fell back in June, driven by falling metals prices as fears of an economic slowdown reemerged.

We initiated one new position in June by participating in a private placement ahead of the IPO of the John Fredriksen backed oil service company Paratus. Paratus is made up of a 100% ownership stake in offshore drilling company Fontis, a 50% stake in pipe laying vessel owner Seabras and a 24% stake in drilling and well services provider Archer. Fontis is currently under contract with the Mexican state-owned oil company Pemex and Seabras is under contract with Brazilian state-controlled Petrobras. From 2025, the company will start rolling its vessels/rigs onto new contracts with significantly higher rates, thus improving earnings strongly in the coming years. The company is currently listed on Euronext Growth but intends to move the listing to the main exchange as soon as possible which should improve the free float and liquidity. We acquired our shares at a very attractive valuation whereby the company should be able to deliver around 20% per year free cash flow yield to equity holders on its firm backlog alone. Given the small deal size, it is currently a minor position in the fund, but this can increase with the uplisting to the main exchange in Oslo. We also continued to add to our positions in Lerøy Seafood and TGS on days of stock price weakness during the month.

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 the recent 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 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 continues to surprise on the upside, the fund should provide much better downside protection than the benchmark – similar to what we saw in 2022, in the autumn of 2023, and again in April this year.

## Contribution last month

 Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	 Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Broadcom Inc	2.87	0.77	ISS A/S	3.07	-0.32
Novo Nordisk A/S	8.84	0.72	UPM-Kymmene Oyj	2.97	-0.22
Cnooc Ltd	3.20	0.37	Boliden AB	3.02	-0.22
SK Square Co Ltd	0.88	0.24	Carlsberg AS	1.98	-0.20
Hyundai Motor Co	1.14	0.22	Yara International ASA	2.92	-0.15

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	9.0	Denmark	20.1	Financials	19.6
KB Financial Group Inc	3.8	United States	15.7	Industrials	15.4
Nordea Bank Abp	3.7	South Korea	11.5	Health care	11.1
Telenor ASA	3.3	Norway	11.3	Communication Services	10.4
Cnooc Ltd	3.2	Finland	10.1	Information technology	10.3
Shell PLC	3.1	China	9.1	Materials	9.5
Yara International ASA	3.0	Sweden	8.8	Energy	7.6
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	2.9	Brazil	3.0	Consumer Staples	6.8
Boliden AB	2.9	Guatemala	2.1	Real estate	2.5
Essity AB	2.9	United Kingdom	1.9	Consumer discretionary	2.4
<b>Total share</b>	<b>37.7 %</b>	<b>Total share</b>	<b>93.5 %</b>	<b>Total share</b>	<b>95.5 %</b>

## 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.

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.

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