

## Performance Commentary

SKAGEN Vekst and the global equity markets continued their upward trajectory as the robust rebound that we saw in January continued through February. Cautious optimism from global leaders regarding progress in trade talks meant that markets were willing to overlook some disappointing global macro data and cautious company outlooks for 2019. SKAGEN Vekst lagged the combined index due to the fund's lower exposure to IT companies and conservative guidance from companies within the material sector. The problematic outlook in the Brazilian mining sector in particular added to the negative sentiment around the aluminium producer Norsk Hydro.

Our top performers during the month were pharma company Novo Nordisk and brewery Carlsberg. Both Danish companies delivered solid quarterly and annual figures as well as an optimistic outlook for 2019. Our Hong Kong listed conglomerate CK Hutchison was also a positive contributor as increased confidence in Asia and emerging markets once again lifted the share price. We sold out of our UK listed mining company Anglo American as our price target was reached following a strong run in metal prices and share price. The stock gained 50% in value over our 18-month holding period.

## Historical performance (net of fees)

Period	SKAGEN Vekst A	Benchmark index
Last month	3.0%	4.9%
Year to date	12.4%	14.2%
Last year	-1.2%	6.5%
Last 3 years	12.0%	13.2%
Last 5 years	6.7%	11.9%
Last 10 years	9.6%	14.7%
Since start	13.0%	9.9%

The fund selects low-priced, high-quality companies in the Nordic region and from around the world.

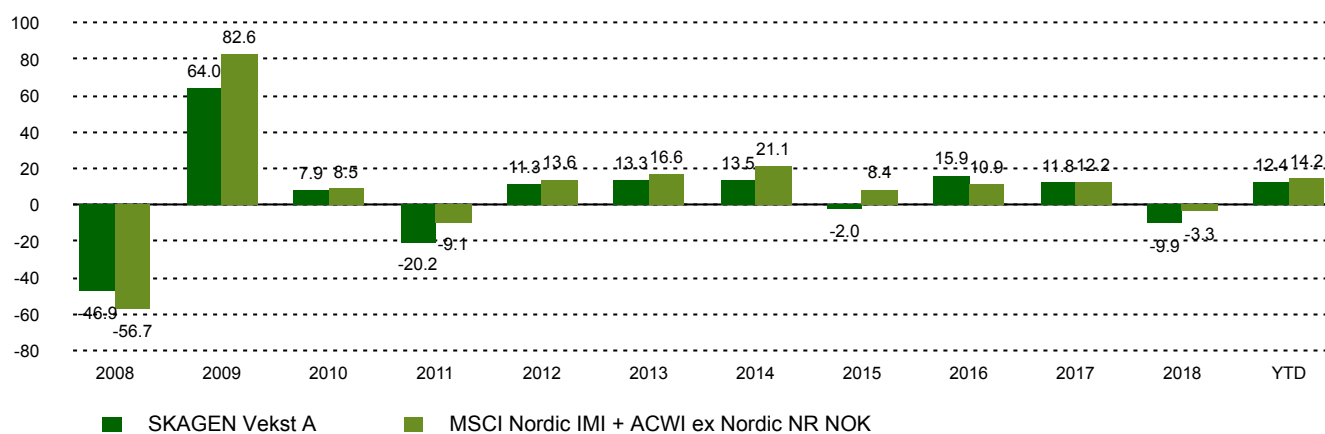
The objective is to provide the best possible risk adjusted return.

The fund is suitable for those with at least a five year investment horizon.

## Fund Facts

Type	Equity
Domicile	Norway
Launch date	01.12.1993
Morningstar category	Global Flex-Cap Equity
ISIN	NO0008000445
NAV	2482.47 SEK
Fixed management fee	1.00%
Total expense ratio (2018)	1.00%
Benchmark index	MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR NOK
AUM (mill.)	7409.59 SEK
Number of holdings	46
Portfolio manager	Søren Christensen

## Performance last ten years



See next page for info about fund's mandate change.

## Contributors in the month



### Largest contributors

Holding	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	6.92	0.43
Carlsberg A/S	3.82	0.30
CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	3.51	0.26
Lonza Group AG	2.35	0.18
DSV A/S	3.57	0.17



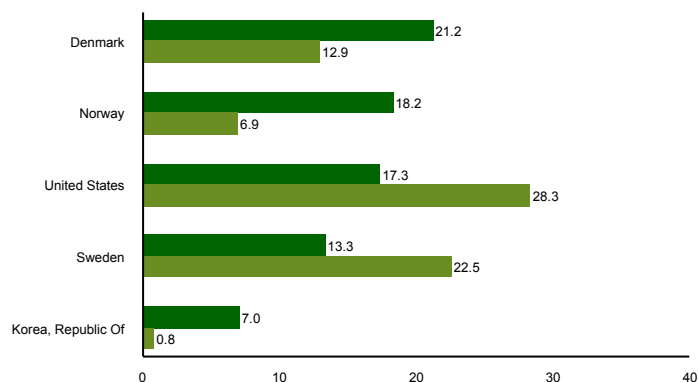
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Holding	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Norsk Hydro ASA	2.05	-0.20
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.22	-0.15
FLEX LNG Ltd	2.14	-0.10
Hyundai Motor Co	1.87	-0.07
Baidu Inc	1.10	-0.06

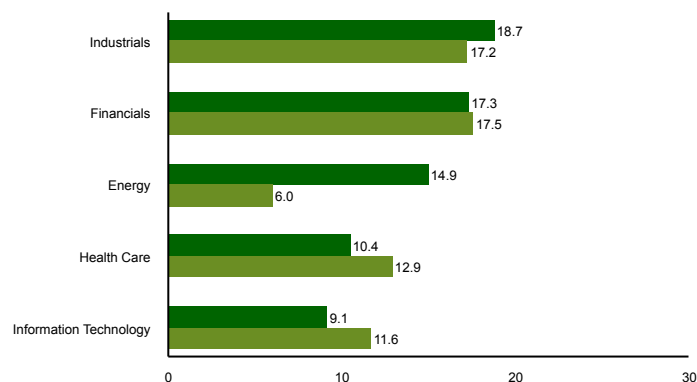
## Top ten investments

Holding	Sector	Country	%
Novo Nordisk	Health Care	Denmark	6.9
Citigroup	Financials	United States	4.6
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	Korea, Republic Of	4.1
CK Hutchison Holdings	Industrials	Hong Kong	3.6
DSV	Industrials	Denmark	3.6
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	Energy	Netherlands	3.6
Carlsberg	Consumer Staples	Denmark	3.6
Bonheur	Energy	Norway	3.2
Vestas Wind Systems	Industrials	Denmark	3.2
Kinnevik	Financials	Sweden	3.0
Combined weight of top 10 holdings			39.5

## Country exposure (top five)



## Sector exposure (top five)



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