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#### **Fund facts**

ISIN: NO0010735129

Launch date, share class: 26.05.2015

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Domicile: NO **NAV:** 18.84 EUR AUM: 263 MEUR

Benchmark index: MSCI All Country

World Index

Minimum purchase: 50 EUR Fixed management fee: 1.60 % Performance fee: 10.00 % (see prospectus for details)

Ongoing cost: 1.60 % Number of holdings: 47

SFDR: Article 8



Ionas Edholm Managed fund since 25 May 2015



**David Harris** Managed fund since 30 June 2016

## Investment strategy

SKAGEN Focus is a high conviction equity fund that seeks to generate long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of global companies across the market capitalisation spectrum, with the majority of exposure invested in small and midcap companies. 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.

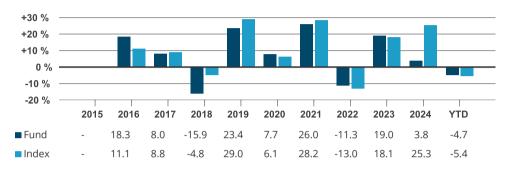
# SKAGEN Focus A

RISK PROFILE YTD RETURN ANNUAL RETURN -4.73 % 16.76 % 31.03.2025 Average last 5 years

Monthly report for March as of 31.03.2025. 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)



Period	Fund (%)	Index (%)
Last month	-6.70	-7.53
Year to date	-4.73	-5.41
Last 12 months	-6.18	7.48
Last 3 years	1.03	7.97
Last 5 years	16.76	15.44
Last 10 years	-	-
Since inception	4.80	8.73

Key figures	1 year	3 years	5 years
Standard deviation	10.95	15.62	16.50
Standard deviation index	12.02	13.82	13.46
Tracking error	7.44	8.80	9.46
Information ratio	-1.84	-0.79	0.14
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Active share: 100 %

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

# Q1 commentary, March 2025

Has the Great Rotation finally begun? In the first quarter of 2025, concerns over US trade tariffs and government firings, which could disrupt US economic growth, have fuelled increased volatility in global equity markets. US stocks have fallen, and investors are growing anxious that Trump may be willing to tolerate economic and market weakness in pursuit of other objectives, such as tariffs and a smaller government. The selloff has been especially hard on US mega-cap tech stocks, which entered the year with stretched valuations and overly ambitious expectations. The initial negative impact on US equity markets is likely due to a sharp and dramatic rise in the political country risk premium for US equities. A wave of anti-US sentiment is emerging in Europe, Canada, and potentially in other nations. The unpredictable policy communication from the US administration is creating uncertainty and potentially stalling corporate decision-making. As a result, equity markets are forecasting a negative impact on the aggregated earnings of US

Meanwhile, in Europe, several interesting developments are catching the attention of financial markets. European equity markets now appear particularly well positioned to benefit from capital outflows from the US. We all remember Mario Draghi's "whatever it takes" statement during the euro crisis in 2011, which paved the way for a massive rescue package. In a similar vein, Germany's new Chancellor, Merz, has pledged to do "whatever it takes" to restart and defend the European economy. The German government has made a historic move, announcing a plan for an unprecedented fiscal package, including billions of euros in additional spending on defence and infrastructure. This could mark the beginning of a new era of economic growth. The package includes measures such as exempting defence spending above 1% of GDP from the national debt brake, creating a special infrastructure fund to modernize Germany's outdated infrastructure (also exempted from the debt brake), and accelerating planning and permits for new defence projects to allow for the rapid deployment of these new defence funds. We

believe these investment packages will not only support the German industry but also inject growth into various value chains across Europe, including the construction, industrial, and automotive sectors.

Against this backdrop, SKAGEN Focus slightly outperformed both its benchmark index and a global small and mid-cap index during the quarter. Guided by a value strategy, the fund maintains a relatively modest 10% exposure to US equity markets, while significantly focusing on deeply discounted European small and mid-cap equities, which stand to benefit from the evolving market conditions. The strongest contributor to fund performance was our Italian-based cement producer, Cementir. The stock reached our price target late in the quarter, and we exited the position after a very profitable three-year holding period. Another notable contributor was our largest position, Spanish stainless-steel producer Acerinox, which benefits from high margins in its US operations, while a normalisation of margins in Europe appears to be taking shape. Additionally, Japanese financial conglomerate Japan Post Holdings made a solid contribution, reaching our price target and exiting the fund after a three-year holding period. On the downside, methanol producer Methanex experienced an outage at a key asset, temporarily disrupting production and negatively impacting the stock's performance. Vale Indonesia, our integrated nickel producer, saw a decline as the government considers higher mining taxes, while nickel prices remain depressed.

We have increased our position in Austrian brick producer Wienerberger, which stands to benefit from rising construction activity in Europe and the potential rebuilding of Ukraine. The stock is trading at a substantial discount to our price target. We have also built positions in Japanese construction machinery makers Takeuchi Manufacturing and South Korea's Doosan Bobcat. Both are listed in Japan and Korea but have significant exposure to Europe and seem to be underappreciated by the market. Another sector that has caught our attention is European chemicals, which are trading at a substantial discount to their normalised earnings potential. We have taken fresh positions in Belgium's Solvay and Germany's Wacker Chemie. Additionally, we have directly acquired Mexican assets, including transportation company Traxion and the highly discounted regional bank Banco del Bajío. From a broader perspective, we believe there could be positive surprises regarding the severity of tariffs in the coming months, potentially removing an overhang and boosting these stocks from their rock-bottom valuation levels. Furthermore, we have increased our position in US homebuilder Beazer Homes, which is currently trading well below its conservative book value. While this position has been a negative contributor so far this year, we find it attractive at these price points.

At the end of the quarter, our portfolio consists of 47 positions, with the top 10 holdings accounting for 32% of the total concentration. Almost ninety percent of the portfolio is invested in small and mid-cap stocks, and we see a substantial weighted upside to our aggregate price target, which is approximately 87%. The fund's valuation multiples remain highly attractive, trading at around 0.6 times book value and 9 times price/earnings. If the current environment persists ("the Great Rotation"), with capital flowing out of the US into discounted sectors abroad, particularly in Europe, the fund is well-positioned to generate significant value for unitholders in 2025 and beyond.

# Contribution last month

✓ Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Befesa SA	2.25	0.18
Cementir Holding NV	1.35	0.13
Kalmar Oyj	0.15	0.02
Hyakugo Bank Ltd/The	1.98	0.01
Takuma Co Ltd	2.96	0.00

<b>◯</b> Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Methanex Corp	2.32	-0.66
Vale Indonesia Tbk PT	1.56	-0.52
Interfor Corp	2.49	-0.49
Acerinox SA	5.59	-0.39
Norma Group SE	1.95	-0.39

Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level.

# Portfolio information

Top 10 investments	Share (%)	Country exposure	Share (%)	Sector exposure	Share (%)
Acerinox SA	5.7	South Korea	17.9	Industrials	28.6
Albertsons Cos Inc	3.5	Japan	12.1	Materials	24.4
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd	3.2	United States	11.4	Financials	18.0
CNH Industrial NV	3.1	France	9.2	Consumer discretionary	12.3
Takuma Co Ltd	3.1	Spain	8.2	Consumer Staples	6.4
DL E&C Co Ltd	2.9	Germany	7.2	Information technology	3.7
Korean Reinsurance Co	2.7	Canada	6.9	Real estate	2.6
Mazda Motor Corp	2.7	United Kingdom	4.1	Communication Services	2.3
Nexity SA	2.6	Mexico	3.5	Total share	98.4 %
Interfor Corp	2.6	Hong Kong SAR China	2.6		
Total share	32.0 %	Total share	82.9 %		

# 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.

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: 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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The decision to invest in the Fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the Fund as described in its prospectus.

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