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# **Performance Commentary**

SKAGEN Vekst experienced a challenging month in absolute and relative terms as fears of a global pandemic spread through global markets. After the largest weekly fall in US indexes in over a decade, it has become clear that the outbreak of this aggressive new virus may not only impact victims but also the global economy and growth. Although it is still unclear what the full effects will be, equity markets are starting to price in a fairly severe impact and we can likely expect prolonged negative growth in commodities and energy. We entered 2020 with the optimism that global growth would reinforce the positive trends we had started to see in 2019. We now see a different scenario panning out, where the biggest perceived threat to global growth is no longer a trade war but lower global growth due to precautions put in place to halt a potential global pandemic. SKAGEN Vekst used the commotion in the market to increase positions where we see strong potential from direct yield return combined with strong value backing. We have therefore increased our positions in Equinor, SK Telecom and Millicom. We sold out of Lundin Petroleum following strong returns and reduced our exposure to global trade by selling out of Maersk and FLSmidth.

# Historical performance (net of fees)

| Period        | SKAGEN Vekst A | Benchmark index |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Last month    | -9.4%          | -8.6%           |
| Year to date  | -12.0%         | -8.0%           |
| Last year     | 1.3%           | 5.2%            |
| Last 3 years  | -0.1%          | 4.6%            |
| Last 5 years  | 1.9%           | 4.4%            |
| Last 10 years | 4.5%           | 9.3%            |
| Since start   | 12.1%          | 9.3%            |

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

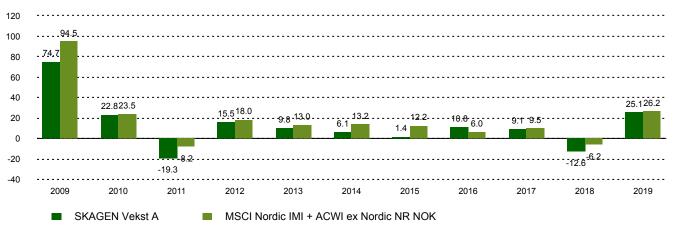
The objective is to provide the best possible risk adjusted return.

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

#### **Fund Facts**

| Туре                       | Equity                                     |
|----------------------------|--|
| Domicile                   | Norway                                     |
| Launch date                | 01.12.1993                                 |
| Morningstar category       | Global Flex-Cap Equity                     |
| ISIN                       | NO0008000445                               |
| NAV                        | 239.86 EUR                                 |
| Fixed management fee       | 1.00%                                      |
| Total expense ratio (2019) | 1.00%                                      |
| Benchmark index            | MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR<br>NOK |
| AUM (mill.)                | 655.08 EUR                                 |
| Number of holdings         | 52   |
| 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<br>Golar LNG Ltd    | Weight (%)<br>0.96 | Contribution (%) 0.32 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Applied Materials Inc       | 2.11               | 0.06                  |
| Wilh Wilhelmsen Holding ASA | 1.21               | 0.04                  |
| Yara International ASA      | 4.41               | 0.03                  |
| Bank of China Ltd           | 0.50               | 0.02                  |

Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level

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# Largest detractors

| Holding                          | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Bonheur ASA                      | 4.52       | -0.66            |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC            | 3.37       | -0.54            |
| Citigroup Inc                    | 4.12       | -0.52            |
| Kinnevik AB                      | 2.53       | -0.39            |
| American International Group Inc | 2.65       | -0.37            |

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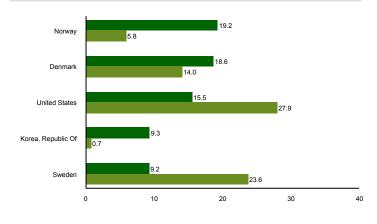
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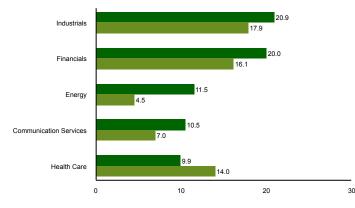
#### Top ten investments

| Holding                            | Sector                 | Country            | %    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Novo Nordisk A/S                   | Health Care            | Denmark            | 7.8  |
| Yara International ASA             | Materials              | Norway             | 4.5  |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         | Information Technology | Korea, Republic Of | 4.5  |
| Bonheur ASA                        | Industrials            | Norway             | 4.4  |
| Citigroup Inc                      | Financials             | United States      | 3.8  |
| CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd          | Industrials            | Hong Kong          | 3.7  |
| Vestas Wind Systems A/S            | Industrials            | Denmark            | 3.5  |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC              | Energy                 | Netherlands        | 3.2  |
| CASH                               | CASH                   |                    | 3.0  |
| China Mobile Ltd                   | Communication Services | China              | 2.8  |
| Combined weight of top 10 holdings |                        |                    | 41.1 |

# Country exposure (top five)

# Sector exposure (top five)





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