

## Performance Commentary

The market continued to be volatile in November, as the markets tried to make up their mind around the growth outlook for China, the severity of the trade war, and the magnitude of further interest rate hikes in the US. The biggest contributor to SKAGEN Vekst's absolute return came from Danish wind turbine manufacturer Vestas, as the market gained further conviction around easing price pressure.

Our two oilrig companies Borr Drilling and Northern Drilling were the biggest detractors as the lower oil price has reduced the market's confidence in the magnitude and timing of an improved demand environment. We initiated a new position in Avenir LNG in November. In our view, Avenir is in a unique position, as they should be able to take advantage of the growing global market for LNG at the same time as being an important contributor to the continuous development of new market expenses. We used the market concern around the global trade war to increase our exposure to the diversified protein company Tyson Foods. Similarly, market concern around Chinese growth enabled us to add to our position in the global hotel operator Shangri-La at very attractive levels. To fund these, we reduced our position in the specialty pharma company Lonza, as strong share price performance has reduced the upside.

## Historical performance (net of fees)

| Period        | SKAGEN Vekst A | Benchmark index |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Last month    | -0.4%          | -0.4%           |
| Year to date  | -5.6%          | -0.2%           |
| Last year     | -4.2%          | 0.4%            |
| Last 3 years  | 3.0%           | 3.6%            |
| Last 5 years  | 4.0%           | 8.1%            |
| Last 10 years | 9.7%           | 14.9%           |
| Since start   | 12.7%          | 9.4%            |

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

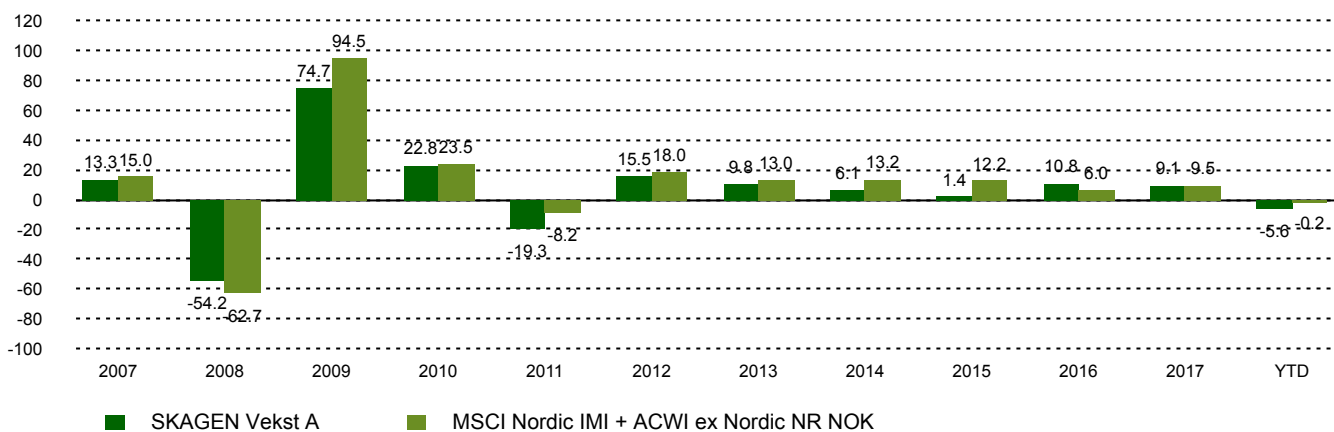
The objective is to provide the best possible risk adjusted return.

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

## Fund Facts

|                            |   |
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| Type                       | Equity                                  |
| Domicile                   | Norway                                  |
| Launch date                | 01.12.1993                              |
| Morningstar category       | Global Flex-Cap Equity                  |
| ISIN                       | NO0008000445                            |
| NAV                        | 235.55 EUR                              |
| Fixed management fee       | 1.00%                                   |
| Total expense ratio (2017) | 2.13%                                   |
| Benchmark index            | MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR NOK |
| AUM (mill.)                | 736.73 EUR                              |
| Number of holdings         | 47                                      |
| 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 (%) |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Vestas Wind Systems A/S   | 3.72       | 0.74             |
| Novo Nordisk A/S          | 6.17       | 0.58             |
| AP Moller - Maersk A/S    | 2.65       | 0.36             |
| China Mobile Ltd          | 3.02       | 0.25             |
| CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd | 3.50       | 0.21             |

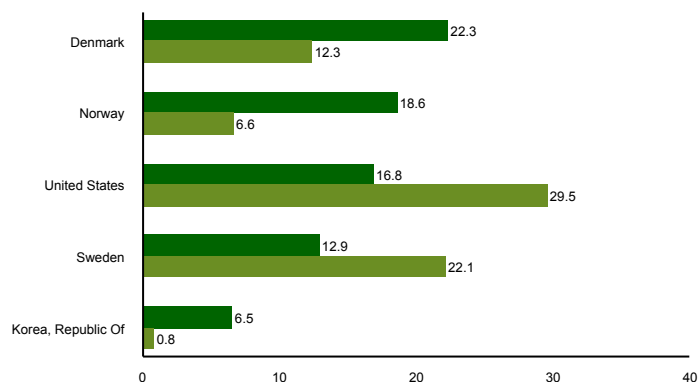
### Largest detractors

| Holding               | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|
| Borr Drilling Ltd     | 1.31       | -0.26            |
| Northern Drilling Ltd | 1.88       | -0.24            |
| Norsk Hydro ASA       | 2.44       | -0.19            |
| Kinnevik AB           | 2.83       | -0.18            |
| HitecVision AS        | 0.72       | -0.16            |

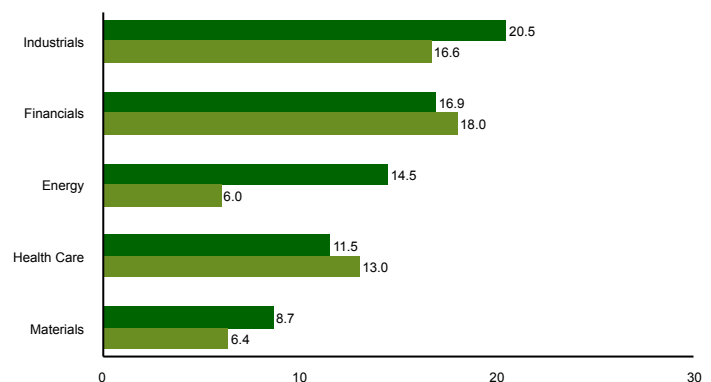
## Top ten investments

| Holding                            | Sector                 | Country            | %    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Novo Nordisk                       | Health Care            | Denmark            | 6.5  |
| Citigroup                          | Financials             | United States      | 4.6  |
| Vestas Wind Systems                | Industrials            | Denmark            | 4.0  |
| Carlsberg                          | Consumer Staples       | Denmark            | 3.9  |
| DSV                                | Industrials            | Denmark            | 3.9  |
| Samsung Electronics                | Information Technology | Korea, Republic Of | 3.8  |
| CK Hutchison Holdings              | Industrials            | Hong Kong          | 3.6  |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC              | Energy                 | Netherlands        | 3.5  |
| Lonza Group AG                     | Health Care            | Switzerland        | 3.5  |
| China Mobile                       | Communication Services | China              | 3.1  |
| Combined weight of top 10 holdings |                        |                    | 40.3 |

## Country exposure (top five)



## Sector exposure (top five)



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