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# **Performance Commentary**

SKAGEN Vekst had a fairly uneventful end to the summer and ended the month slightly behind the combined benchmark index. With much of the market also in a summer Iull, the month ended with the Federal Reserve Chairman offering reassurance that central banks will continue to support the markets through the uncertainty of the global pandemic. Some of the fund's largest holdings performed strongly in August. Novo Nordisk benefitted from the exceptionally strong launch of its new obesity drug Wegovy in the US. The rest of the business also continues to perform above expectations and R&D efforts are progressing nicely. Bonheur also had a strong month, following an uplifting quarterly presentation. The potential for alternative financing (i.e. listing) of their wind installation business was looked on favourably as this would continue to crystallise values within the holding structure. On the negative side, our exposure to China pulled down returns as regulators have tightened their regulatory stance. This impacted both our Chinese holdings, namely e-commerce giant Alibaba and insurer Ping-An. The autumn is historically the season for market commotion. While much of the market is trading at prices close to all-time highs, there are still several sectors and geographies that offer interesting return opportunities. We also continue to find good quality companies in the Nordics that should be able to handle market turmoil should it erupt.

Historical performance (net of fees)

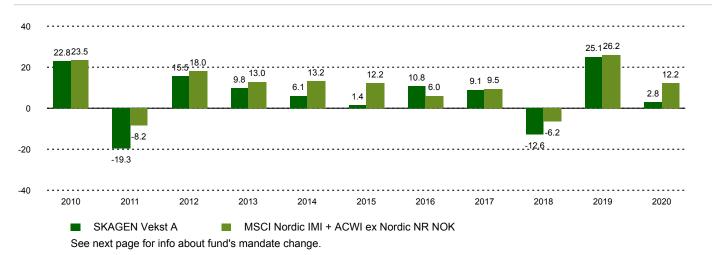
| Period        | SKAGEN Vekst A | Benchmark index |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Last month    | 1.9%           | 2.2%            |
| Year to date  | 22.7%          | 22.0%           |
| Last year     | 42.8%          | 34.1%           |
| Last 3 years  | 11.0%          | 15.1%           |
| Last 5 years  | 10.2%          | 13.3%           |
| Last 10 years | 8.3%           | 12.7%           |
| Since start   | 12.9%          | 10.4%           |

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 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 Large-Cap Blend Equity              |
| ISIN                       | NO0008000445                               |
| NAV                        | 344.16 EUR                                 |
| Fixed management fee       | 1.00%                                      |
| Total expense ratio (2020) | 1.25%                                      |
| Benchmark index            | MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR<br>NOK |
| AUM (mill.)                | 842.32 EUR                                 |
| Number of holdings         | 50   |
| Portfolio manager          | Søren Christensen                          |

# Performance last ten years



# Contributors in the month



## Largest contributors

| Holding                      | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Bonheur ASA                  | 4.24       | 0.61             |
| Novo Nordisk A/S             | 8.88       | 0.54             |
| FLEX LNG Ltd                 | 2.09       | 0.19             |
| American International Group | 1.51       | 0.18             |
| Citigroup Inc                | 3.37       | 0.15             |



# Largest detractors

| Holding                    | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd  | 1.66       | -0.28            |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co | 2.08       | -0.27            |
| Yara International ASA     | 3.76       | -0.24            |
| Norse Atlantic ASA         | 0.83       | -0.24            |
| Boliden AB                 | 1.56       | -0.20            |

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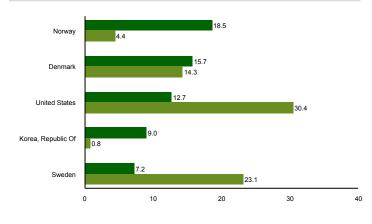
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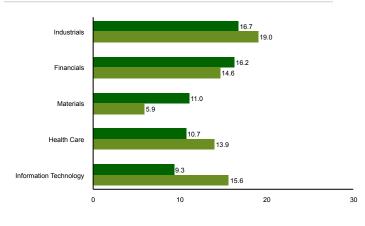
## Top ten investments

| Holding                            | Sector                 | Country            | %    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Novo Nordisk A/S                   | Health Care            | Denmark            | 8.6  |
| Bonheur ASA                        | Industrials            | Norway             | 4.6  |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         | Information Technology | Korea, Republic Of | 3.7  |
| Yara International ASA             | Materials              | Brazil             | 3.7  |
| Citigroup Inc                      | Financials             | United States      | 3.4  |
| Telenor ASA                        | Communication Services | Norway             | 3.1  |
| Nordea Bank Abp                    | Financials             | Finland            | 3.0  |
| Essity AB                          | Consumer Staples       | Sweden             | 2.8  |
| DSV PANALPINA A/S                  | Industrials            | Denmark            | 2.8  |
| Broadcom Inc                       | Information Technology | United States      | 2.7  |
| Combined weight of top 10 holdings |                        |                    | 38.2 |

#### Country exposure (top five)

# Sector exposure (top five)





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