# Monthly Report SKAGEN Vekst A



All data in EUR as of 31/05/2022 unless otherwise stated

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### Performance Commentary

May started off on a weak note driven by fears of higher interest rates combined with a worsening Covid situation in China and earnings misses from some of the largest US consumer and tech companies. Stocks then made a strong recovery towards the end of the month following signs of inflation peaking and hopes of China re-opening. Despite this turmoil, SKAGEN Vekst had a strong month, delivering a solid absolute return and comfortably beating its benchmark index. The strong performance was mainly driven by our energy-related companies such as Bonheur, Shell, and CNOOC, which benefited from continued high oil, gas, and electricity prices. Shell also reported numbers in May that ticked all the key boxes of our investment thesis: free cash flow is growing, debt is going down, while dividends and buy-backs are moving north. On the negative side, the Danish pharma company Novo Nordisk had a difficult month despite the data illustrating the continued strong growth of its new products, such as Ozempic. In the current environment, we continue to favour companies that should perform well in an environment of higher inflation and interest rates - such as financial and energy-related companies.

Historical performance (net of fees)

| Period        | SKAGEN Vekst A | Benchmark index |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Last month    | 0.8%           | -2.0%           |
| Year to date  | -1.7%          | -10.0%          |
| Last year     | 9.1%           | 1.9%            |
| Last 3 years  | 14.4%          | 14.0%           |
| Last 5 years  | 8.4%           | 9.2%            |
| Last 10 years | 8.5%           | 11.1%           |
| Since start   | 12.7%          | 9.8%            |

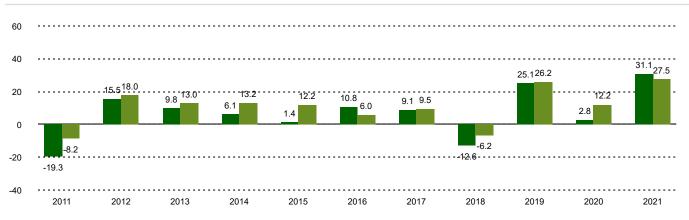
SKAGEN Vekst invests in companies that are attractively priced relative to expected profitability and growth. The majority of the fund is invested in the Nordic region and the remainder worldwide. The objective is to provide the best possible risk adjusted return. The fund is suitable for those with at least a 5 year investment horizon. Subscriptions are made in fund units and not directly in stocks or other securities. The fund has risk profile 6. The benchmark reflects the fund's investment mandate. Since the fund is actively managed, the portfolio will deviate from the composition of the benchmark.

## Fund Facts

| Туре                       | Equity                                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Domicile                   | Norway                                  |
| Launch date                | 01.12.1993                              |
| Morningstar category       | Global Large-Cap Blend Equity           |
| ISIN                       | NO0008000445                            |
| NAV                        | 361.43 EUR                              |
| Fixed management fee       | 1.00% + performance fee*                |
| Total expense ratio (2021) | 2.80%                                   |
| Benchmark index            | MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR NOK |
| AUM (mill.)                | 881.73 EUR                              |
| Number of holdings         | 52                                      |
| Portfolio manager          | Søren Christensen                       |

\*10.00% performance fee calculated daily and charged annually if the fund's return exceeds 6% p.a. The unit class has a high watermark. The performance fee may only be charged if the unit value as of 31.12 exceeds the unit value at the previous charge. The performance fee may be charged even if the fund's units have depreciated in value if the value development is better than the benchmark.

## Performance last ten years



SKAGEN Vekst A MSCI Nordic IMI + ACWI ex Nordic NR NOK Effective 1/1/2014, the fund's investment mandate changed from investing a min. of 50% in Norway to a min. of 50% in the Nordics. Returns prior to this date were therefore achieved under different circumstances than today. Prior to 1/1/2014, the benchmark was an evenly composed index consisting of Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index (OSEBX) and MSCI All Country World. The benchmark prior to 1/1/2010 was OSEBX.

Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on market developments, the fund manager's skill, the fund's risk profile and management fees. The return may become negative as a result of negative price developments. There is a risk associated with investing in the fund due to market movements, currency developments, interest rate levels, economic, sector and company-specific conditions.



#### Contributors in the month

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#### Largest contributors

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|------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Holding                | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) | Holding                   | Weight (%) | Contribution (%) |
| Bonheur ASA            | 5.13       | 0.50             | Novo Nordisk A/S          | 8.70       | -0.29            |
| Shell PLC              | 3.40       | 0.37             | Norse Atlantic ASA        | 0.73       | -0.18            |
| CNOOC Ltd              | 3.07       | 0.35             | Millicom International    | 1.46       | -0.08            |
| Citigroup Inc          | 2.96       | 0.32             | Alibaba Group Holding Ltd | 1.03       | -0.06            |
| Yara International ASA | 4.68       | 0.27             | SK Square Co Ltd          | 0.69       | -0.06            |

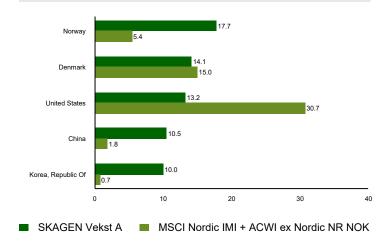
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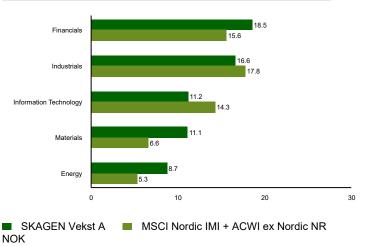
Weights shown are the average for the period. Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level.

#### Top ten investments

| Holding                                 | Sector                 | Country            | %    |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Novo Nordisk A/S                        | Health Care            | Denmark            | 8.7  |
| Bonheur ASA                             | Industrials            | Norway             | 5.4  |
| Yara International ASA                  | Materials              | Brazil             | 4.8  |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd              | Information Technology | Korea, Republic Of | 3.7  |
| Broadcom Inc                            | Information Technology | United States      | 3.7  |
| Nordea Bank Abp                         | Financials             | Finland            | 3.6  |
| Shell PLC                               | Energy                 | Netherlands        | 3.5  |
| Cnooc Ltd                               | Energy                 | China              | 3.4  |
| Telenor ASA                             | Communication Services | Norway             | 3.4  |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd | Financials             | China              | 3.1  |
| Combined weight of top 10 holdings      |                        |                    | 43.3 |

#### Country exposure (top five)





#### Important information

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Sector exposure (top five)

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