

SKAGEN Focus

Exploiting market inefficiencies in global small and mid-caps

SKAGEN Focus is a high conviction equity fund that seeks to generate long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of global companies with a bias towards small and mid-cap companies. The fund is managed by Jonas Edholm and David Harris.

Investment Strategy

SKAGEN Focus is a global equity fund tilted towards small and mid-cap companies. The portfolio managers target stocks they believe to be materially undervalued and find the greatest mispricing opportunities in smaller companies where they believe the market is inefficient. In recent years market and regulatory factors have driven analyst coverage towards larger, more liquid stocks at the expense of smaller ones, which are increasingly under-researched.

The portfolio managers therefore believe they possess an informational advantage, resulting in a portfolio which typically trades at a steep discount to the broader market based on traditional valuation metrics and with a strong bias towards small and mid-cap companies, diversified by country and sector.

SKAGEN Focus is actively managed and expected to deviate substantially from underlying global equity markets over time. The portfolio managers apply a contrarian and price-driven investment process, built on the following pillars:

Small / mid-cap focus – The fund has a broad mandate with the flexibility to accommodate companies across the market capitalisation spectrum, but the majority of portfolio exposure is to small and mid-cap companies. The portfolio managers believe that market inefficiencies related to smaller companies create mispricing opportunities that can be exploited to create value for unitholders over time.

High conviction – The portfolio is constructed upon a number of core positions with the top 10 holdings typically representing 30-50 percent of assets. This high conviction investment approach results in an extremely high active share and substantial deviations from the underlying market over time.

Independent thinking – The portfolio managers believe that all companies are potentially attractive at the right valuation. They are unafraid to invest in deeply undervalued and unpopular companies, provided they can identify a clear pathway to a re-rating. This contrarian, price-driven investment approach means that they don't discriminate against any investment opportunity on the grounds of sector, geography or perceived market quality.

Price discipline – A minimum 50 percent share price upside is targeted for every investment. The portfolio managers avoid stocks trading at or above their estimate of fair value and any revision to their original investment thesis requires substantial and fundamental change in the company's prospects.

'Buy vs. Build' valuation framework – The fund applies a strict bottom-up equity valuation framework. Each stock is valued using a balance sheet-focused, private equity-type approach with an economic return estimate based on steady state or normalised earnings power.

Investment horizon – Clear and viable catalysts are identified as part of each company's investment case. The portfolio managers' investment horizon is typically 2-3 years, but companies may be held for longer, consistent with SKAGEN's long-term approach.

* All information as at 31 December 2022

¹ Percentage of stocks in the portfolio that differs from the benchmark index

² Portfolio turnover is calculated by taking either the total amount of new securities purchased or the amount of securities sold (whichever is less) over the previous 12-month period, divided by the total net asset value (NAV) of the fund



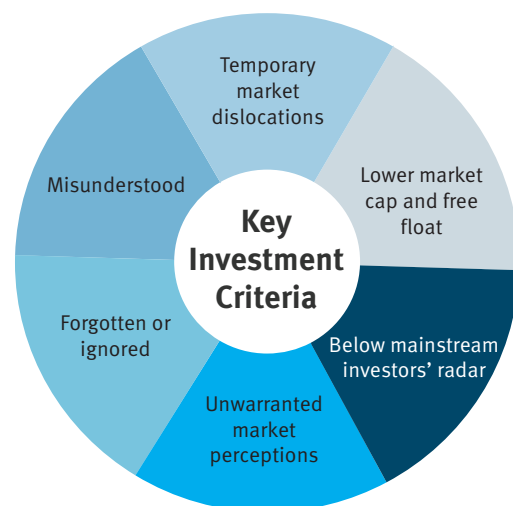
Fund Strategy

Portfolio managers	Jonas Edholm David Harris
Equity strategy	Global Small / Mid-Cap
Benchmark	MSCI AC World Index
No. of holdings	30-50
Active Share ¹	100%
Market cap bias	Small / mid
Investment horizon	2-3 years
Portfolio turnover ratio ²	70%
Launch date	26 May 2015

Portfolio Managers



Jonas Edholm & David Harris



Painting: P. S. Krøyer, "Rap", 1898. This painting is manipulated and belongs to The Art Museums of Skagen.



Michael Ancher, *Viggo Johansen in his studio*, 1875. This painting is manipulated and belongs to The Art Museums of Skagen.

Investment Philosophy

SKAGEN's investment philosophy is centred on active, value-based fund management; a combination we believe ensures the best results for clients.

SKAGEN portfolio managers aim to outperform the broader stock market, enabled by unconstrained mandates and the freedom to invest with conviction in their best ideas. They are agile when selecting the companies with the greatest potential to create value and how it can be achieved. We also believe that engagement with companies is key to delivering sustainable risk-adjusted returns.



Value

All SKAGEN portfolio managers invest bottom-up by selecting the companies they believe will deliver the most value for clients. Investment decisions are based on detailed analysis and deep knowledge of companies, irrespective of their inclusion or position in an index. We strive to beat the market and create portfolios that diverge from conventional benchmarks to achieve this.

- **Unconstrained:** Unconstrained mandates give us the freedom to search for the best opportunities from across the globe. They also enable us to create diversified portfolios by geography, sector and investment theme to control risks for clients.
- **Conviction:** We are high conviction investors who build concentrated portfolios of our best ideas. We act quickly and decisively when price targets are reached, or if an investment case deteriorates, and redeploy capital into more attractive ideas to optimise the funds' returns.



Active

We invest in companies whose assets or earnings potential isn't fully reflected in their share price and take a broad view of value creation. Portfolio managers typically identify businesses with clear catalysts to correct their mispricing and those with an underappreciated ability to compound value over time.

- **Agility:** We often look beyond traditional metrics to uncover value hidden on company balance sheets or within revaluation triggers. Agile thinking can also lead us to businesses whose intrinsic earnings capacity or growth potential is underestimated by the market.
- **Engagement:** Releasing value can require engagement and patience to maximise long-term results. We are active owners and engage with our portfolio companies on key business, financial, environmental, social and governance issues, using performance indicators to drive sustainable returns and revaluation over time.



History

SKAGEN was originally founded in Stavanger, Norway in 1993 with the goal of generating long-term growth for clients' assets. From investing solely on behalf of friends and family, SKAGEN grew into a leading Scandinavian fund manager with a broad European footprint.

SKAGEN became part of Storebrand Asset Management (SAM) in 2017 and subsequently merged into SAM in November 2023. As part of the merger, SKAGEN Funds are now owned and administered by SAM which has outsourced their management to a newly established legal entity - named SKAGEN AS - an investment firm that operates as an independent boutique with its own Board.

The portfolio managers have significant co-investment in the SKAGEN Funds. This serves to align interest with clients, and SKAGEN is committed to maintaining its culture of independent thinking and high performance.



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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: <https://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.

Storebrand Asset Management AS may terminate arrangements for marketing under the Cross-border Distribution Directive denotification process.

For further information about sustainability-related aspects of the Fund, including the sustainability disclosure summary in English, please refer to: <https://www.skagenfunds.com/sustainability/sustainable-investing/>. The sustainability disclosure 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.

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

Important information for UK Investors

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Important Information for German Investors

Bei der Entscheidung, in den Fonds zu investieren, sollten alle Merkmale oder Ziele des Fonds, wie sie in seinem Prospekt beschrieben sind, berücksichtigt werden <https://www.skagenfunds.de/funds>.
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