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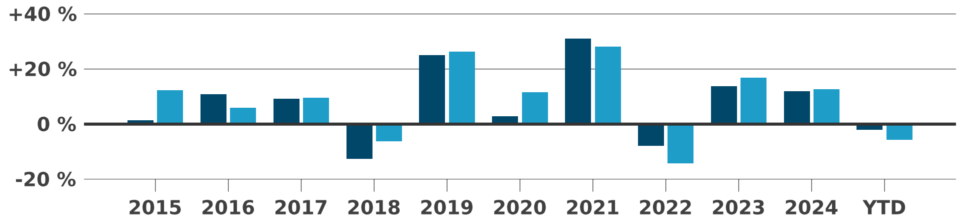
RISK PROFILE	YTD RETURN	ANNUAL RETURN
4 of 7	-2.03 %	14.22 %
	30.04.2025	Average last 5 years

Monthly report for April as of 30.04.2025. All data in EUR unless otherwise stated.

Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on market developments, the fund manager's skills, the fund's risk profile and subscription and management fees. The return may become negative as a result of negative price developments. The fund's Key Investor Information Document and prospectus are available on www.skagenfunds.com

Historical return in EUR (net of fees)



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Fund	1.4	10.8	9.1	-12.6	25.1	2.8	31.1	-7.8	13.7	11.9	-2.0
Index	12.2	6.0	9.5	-6.2	26.2	11.6	28.1	-14.3	16.9	12.6	-5.6

Prior to 01.01.2014, the benchmark index was an evenly composed benchmark index consisting of the Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index (OSEBX) and the MSCI All Country World. The benchmark index prior to 01.01.2010 was the Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index (OSEBX).

Period	Fund (%)	Index (%)
Last month	-2.52	-3.02
Year to date	-2.03	-5.63
Last 12 months	0.22	-1.18
Last 3 years	5.56	5.05
Last 5 years	14.22	10.88
Last 10 years	6.33	7.12
Since inception	12.00	9.43

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

Key figures	1 year	3 years	5 years
Standard deviation	8.13	12.59	13.00
Standard deviation index	12.12	14.49	13.85
Tracking error	5.16	6.25	7.00
Information ratio	0.27	0.08	0.48

Active share: 83 %

Fund facts

ISIN: NO0008000445
Launch date, share class: 01.12.1993
Launch date, fund: 01.12.1993
Domicile: NO
NAV: 421.97 EUR
AUM: 981 MEUR
Benchmark index: MSCI Nordic/MSCI AC ex. Nordic
Minimum purchase: 50 EUR
Fixed management fee: 1.00 %
Performance fee: 10.00 % (see prospectus for details)
Ongoing cost: 1.00 %
Number of holdings: 50
SFDR: Article 8

Søren Milo Christensen
Managed fund since 09 April 2018

Sondre Solvoll Bakketun
Managed fund since 08 November 2022

Investment strategy

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 fund is suitable for investors with a minimum five-year investment horizon. Subscriptions are made in fund units and not directly in stocks or other securities. The benchmark reflects the fund's investment mandate. Since the fund is actively managed, the portfolio will deviate from the composition of the benchmark. Effective 01.01.2014, the fund's investment mandate changed from investing a minimum of 50% of its assets in Norway to investing a minimum of 50% of its assets in the Nordic countries. This means that returns prior to the change were achieved under different circumstances than they are today.

Monthly commentary, April 2025

April was a turbulent month for global equity markets, largely driven by geopolitical uncertainty and shifts in trade policy. The most significant development was the US administration's announcement of sweeping reciprocal tariffs, which initially triggered a sharp sell-off across global equities. The S&P 500 briefly entered bear market territory before recovering partially as some tariffs were postponed. European markets outperformed their US counterparts, with investors seeking alternatives amid trade tensions. Meanwhile, emerging markets saw mixed results, with some economies benefitting from a shift in global trade flows while others struggled with volatility. In the Nordic region, equity markets demonstrated resilience despite global uncertainty. SKAGEN Vekst performed well over the month, delivering both positive absolute and relative performance.

The largest positive contributor to the fund's absolute return in April was the Korean Bank KB Financial Group, driven by a very strong earnings report for the first quarter of 2025. The bank continued to perform well with controlled growth and stable profitability, leading to healthy capital generation. Management also continued to deliver in line with our investment thesis, increasing both dividends and buy-backs. Thus, we continue to see significant upside in the stock. Trading at only 0.6x book despite delivering an ROE of 10%, the stock is clearly undervalued. With a changed strategy of prioritising profitability and capital return instead of growth, we also see a very clear trigger for a re-valuation – similar to what we have seen in other financial stocks we have successfully invested in over the past decade. The Danish facility service company ISS also had a strong month without any major news. We trimmed the position slightly towards the end of the month but still see attractive upside. Management has radically changed the strategy away from growth driven through acquisitions towards a path of controlled growth and instead using 100% of cash flow to buy back its own shares. This will drive significant EPS growth – something that is clearly not reflected in the current share price, trading at less than 10x earnings. The Danish logistics company DSV was also among the best contributors in April, following an upgrade to the expected synergies from the acquisition of Schenker. It continues to amaze us that the market constantly underestimates the synergies. DSV was built on acquisitions and has a consistent history of very conservative initial guidance on synergies. More impressively, the market still only incorporates management's newest guidance, despite the company's decade-long track record of continuously upgrading its synergy estimates as the integration progresses. We therefore continue to see healthy upside in the stock but used the strength to reduce our position.

The largest detractor to the fund's absolute return in April was Shell, driven by a weaker oil price. While this obviously reduces the company's earnings power, we continue to see management moving Shell in the right direction, with a focus on increasing capital efficiency and prioritising capital return. The soft oil price also hurt our seismic data service company TGS. The stock price dropped one-to-one with the oil price, reflecting the typical expectation that seismic capex budgets are first in line to be cut if oil prices stay low. We generally don't have a strong view on what the oil price will do in the short term but still believe there is potential for improved seismic demand in the longer term, as oil reserves are likely to continue to fall faster than oil demand. The Danish pharma giant Novo Nordisk also had a difficult month driven by a combination of a lack of growth in scripts in the US and strong data from Eli Lilly's competing weight loss medicine. We used the weakness to add to the position as we view the stock as significantly undervalued at these levels. The difference in performance between the products offered by Lilly and Novo is marginal, and we believe it is a matter of time before Novo resumes growth in the US market. We also believe the market underestimates the massive opportunity the company has outside the US – a region they have not targeted aggressively so far due to a lack of supply. Novo will launch an oral version of their popular weight loss treatment in early 2026, which should help drive further growth. Finally, by late 2025 we also expect the first phase III study for semaglutide in Alzheimer's disease, which could open a significant new market opportunity for Novo.

We took advantage of the significant volatility in April by adding to some of the stocks most affected by the turmoil such as Citigroup, KB Financial, Nordea, SKF, Alibaba, and DSV. Meanwhile, we trimmed our defensive names that had held up well, like Essity and Telenor. As many of these more economically sensitive stocks rebounded significantly towards the end of the month, we reduced them back down. We have decreased our exposure to the US stock market over the past 12 months, which we view as overvalued relative to both global markets and its own historical norms. Within the US, growth stocks in particular, appear priced at levels that have historically resulted in poor future returns. By contrast, many markets outside the US trade near historical averages, offering compelling opportunities. We are especially optimistic about Korea, where depressed valuations contrast sharply with the potential for positive change. On a sector level, we have reduced exposure to IT over the past year. While AI presents a remarkable opportunity, this is increasingly reflected in inflated share prices. The strong growth has largely been driven by concerns among major IT players that they will lose their competitive moat. The sustained capital investment will eventually need to deliver tangible economic benefits to justify current valuations. We also see rising risks of the market questioning the one key investment merit of the dominant IT companies – low capital-intensive earnings growth.

We continue to favour attractively valued companies in the financial, industrial, and energy sectors, which remain resilient in an environment where inflation does not revert to post-pandemic lows. From a macroeconomic perspective, we believe the market underestimates the likelihood of persistently higher inflation and interest rates. This is particularly evident in the US, where factors such as substantial budget deficits, immigration restrictions, and increased tariffs on foreign goods make a meaningful decline in inflation unlikely. We have positioned the fund to offer strong downside protection should the US market's "Goldilocks" scenario – or similar expectations for the IT sector – fail to materialise. However, if consensus predictions of declining inflation, steady economic growth, and robust IT sector profits prove accurate, we anticipate the fund may underperform the broader market but still deliver solid absolute returns over the next 12 months.

Contribution last month

Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
KB Financial Group Inc	2.84	0.45
ISS A/S	4.01	0.39
DSV A/S	3.60	0.31
Hana Financial Group Inc	2.82	0.28
Nordea Bank Abp	4.39	0.27

Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Shell PLC	2.75	-0.36
Novo Nordisk A/S	7.01	-0.29
TGS Nopec Geophysical Company ASA	0.91	-0.26
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2.18	-0.22
Boliden AB	3.09	-0.22

Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level.

Portfolio information

Top 10 investments	Share (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	7.0
Nordea Bank Abp	4.2
ISS A/S	4.0
DSV A/S	3.8
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	3.5
Yara International ASA	3.4
Essity AB	3.2
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	3.1
Boliden AB	3.0
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.0
Total share	38.3 %

Country exposure	Share (%)
Denmark	21.2
Sweden	13.2
South Korea	11.6
United States	11.5
Finland	10.7
Norway	9.6
China	5.6
Brazil	5.3
United Kingdom	2.0
Hong Kong SAR China	1.8
Total share	92.5 %

Sector exposure	Share (%)
Financials	23.6
Industrials	19.3
Materials	10.3
Consumer Staples	9.1
Health care	9.0
Information technology	8.4
Real estate	4.5
Communication Services	4.4
Energy	4.1
Consumer discretionary	3.3
Total share	96.0 %

Sustainability

SKAGEN's approach to sustainability
Our ESG approach is built on four pillars. In keeping with SKAGEN's active investment philosophy, our sustainability activities centre on active engagement with our holding companies, which is where we believe we can have the greatest impact. We recognise, however, that the full potential of a sustainable investment strategy is best realised when combining the following four pillars.

- ✓ Exclusion
- ✓ Enhanced due diligence
- ✓ ESG factsheet
- ✓ Active ownership

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