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#### Fakta om fondet

ISIN: NO0008000445

Startdato, andelsklasse: 01.12.1993

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Domisil: NO

Andelskurs (NAV): 5 378.60 NOK Forvaltningskapital: 12 604 MNOK Referanseindeks: MSCI Nordic/MSCI

Minste tegningsbeløp: 250 NOK Fast forvaltningshonorar: 1,00 % Variabelt forvaltningshonorar: 10,00 % (se detaljer i prospektet) Løpende kostnader: 1,00 % Antall investeringer: 51

SFDR: Artikkel 8



Søren Milo Christensen Forvaltet fondet siden 09. april 2018



Sondre Solvoll **Bakketun** Forvaltet fondet siden 08. november 2022

## Investeringsstrategi

SKAGEN Vekst investerer i selskaper som er lavt priset i forhold til forventet lønnsomhet og vekst. Fondet investerer hovedsakelig i Norden og sekundært i resten av verden. Fondet passer til investorer som har minst fem års investeringshorisont. Det tegnes i fondsandeler, og ikke direkte i aksjer eller andre verdipapirer. Referanseindeksen reflekterer fondets investeringsmandat. Siden fondet er aktivt forvaltet vil imidlertid porteføljen avvike fra indeksens sammensetning. Fondets investeringsmandat ble endret med virkning fra 01.01.2014 fra at fondet investerte minst 50 % av sine midler i Norge til at fondet investerer minst 50 % av sine midler i Norden. Dette betyr at avkastning før endringen ble oppnådd under andre omstendigheter enn i dag.

# **SKAGEN Vekst A**

RISIKO AVKASTNING I ÅR ÅRLIG AVKASTNING 6.18 % 16.22 % 

29.08.2025 Gjennomsnitt siste 5 år 3 av 7

Månedsrapport for August 31.08.2025. Alle tall er i NOK etter avgifter.

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## Historisk avkastning NOK



Før 01.01.2014 var referanseindeksen en likt sammensatt referanseindeks av Oslo Børs Hovedindeks (OSEBX) og MSCI All Country World. Referanseindeksen før 01.01.2010 var Oslo Børs Hovedindeks (OSEBX).

Periode	Fond (%)	Indeks (%)
Måned	1,69	1,23
Hittil i år	6,18	1,10
12 måneder	5,04	1,12
3 år	15,79	15,46
5 år	16,22	12,31
10 år	11,32	11,45
Siden start	13,37	10,79

Nøkkeltall	1 år	3 år	5 år	
Standardavvik	10,71	9,98	10,43	
Std.avvik indeks	13,17	11,20	11,83	
Tracking error (TE)	4,92	5,52	6,77	
Information ratio (IR)	0,85	0,10	0,58	
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Avkastninger over 12 måneder er årlige.

## Monthly commentary, August 2025

August was a strong month for global equity markets, supported by generally solid earnings and renewed optimism around potential rate cuts in the US. However, Norwegian-based investors did not fully benefit from the market strength, as the Norwegian krone appreciated during the period. SKAGEN Vekst delivered a strong performance, both in terms of absolute return and relative to its benchmark. This positive development was primarily driven by robust performance by several of the fund's largest holdings.

Novo Nordisk was the largest positive contributor to the fund's absolute return in August, driven by a series of favourable developments: i) Early signs of positive momentum in new prescriptions for Novo Nordisk's key obesity product in the US market. ii) New clinical data showing that Novo Nordisk's oral obesity treatment outperformed Eli Lilly's equivalent - both in terms of weight loss efficacy and a lower incidence of adverse side effects. iii) FDA approval of Wegovy for the treatment of adults with MASH (metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis). iv) Competitor data from Viking Therapeutics revealed a significantly higher-than-expected rate of side effects in their potential new oral weight-loss product. v) New findings demonstrated that Novo Nordisk's existing obesity treatment significantly reduced the risk of heart attack, stroke, or death in overweight individuals vs. Eli Lilly's obesity product. Despite these positive developments, the market currently appears to be pricing Novo Nordisk as an exgrowth company - a view we do not share. We maintain strong conviction that the issue with compounders in the US will be resolved. Moreover, we continue to see robust growth potential both in the US market and internationally. It is also worth noting that Novo Nordisk plans to launch an oral version of its obesity treatment in early 2026. Additionally, the company is expected to release initial Phase III trial data for semaglutide in Alzheimer's disease, which - if successful - could unlock a substantial new market opportunity. H. Lundbeck, the fund's other Danish pharmaceutical holding, also

delivered a strong performance in August, supported by a solid second-quarter result and a substantial upgrade to full-year guidance. The better-than-expected sales were primarily driven by the company's key products, Rexulti and Vyepti. Notably, profit margins expanded significantly, thanks to more efficient use of R&D and SG&A resources. Despite this strong operational and financial performance, the stock continues to trade at levels typically associated with a company in structural decline – a view we strongly disagree with. While Lundbeck does have a portfolio of older products, its strategic brands now represent a substantial portion of the business, and overall growth is clearly inflecting upwards. Although we do not hold a strong view on the potential success of the company's pipeline, it is worth noting that the market currently prices in no pipeline success, while still forecasting significant R&D costs. As such, any positive news from the pipeline - or a reduction in R&D spending - could act as a catalyst for the share price. The Swedish metals and mineral company Boliden was another strong performer in August largely driven by strong developments in metal prices. Strong end market demand together with large inventory drawdowns indicate a tight market, driving prices higher. Record high gold and silver prices also continue to support the future earnings outlook as these are important by-products in Boliden's operations. The stock has been trading cheaply on asset values, and we have taken the opportunity to add to our position.

Our Korean bank holdings, Hana Financial Group and KB Financial Group, were among the largest detractors from the fund's absolute return in August, primarily due to increased regulatory uncertainty following the appointment of Lee Chan-jin as the new head of Korea's Financial Supervisory Service. Unlike many of his predecessors, Lee lacks direct experience in financial regulation and is widely seen as having a close relationship with the president. While we agree that this development introduces a degree of uncertainty, we do not believe it materially alters the long-term investment case for these companies. Both banks have delivered strong performance since being added to the portfolio, but we continue to see substantial upside. Historically, Korean banks have traded at a significant discount to global peers, largely due to a focus on growth over profitability and limited attention to shareholder value. That dynamic is changing. With return on equity now around 10%, we believe these banks should trade closer to 1x book value, implying a potential upside of nearly 100% from current levels. We've seen similar revaluation stories play out successfully in the U.S. and European banking sectors over the past decade. When banks - or any company - begin to address undervaluation by shifting focus from growth to capital return through buybacks, the market typically responds with a meaningful re-rating. Yara was also among the worst performers in August as signs of increased Chinese fertilizer exports together with the return of volumes from Egypt and Iran put a dent in investor confidence. While high fertilizer prices in the Middle East signal solid earnings for Yara currently, this has also induced a spike in exports from China as the spread between Chinese prices and the price in foreign markets has widened. However, low European gas prices coupled with the high fertilizer prices should bode well for Yara's near term earnings. We also note that Yara announced that they would shelve a planned blue ammonia project in the US due to poor project economics. We view this as another positive step in Yara's efforts to improve returns on capital, even if it was overshadowed by the weak sentiment due to Chinese exports.

We took advantage of share price softness in Bakkafrost and B3 to increase our positions in both companies. Conversely, we trimmed our holdings in Broadcom, Vestas, Citigroup, and SKF, following strong share price performance that has reduced the fundamental upside relative to our target prices.

Over the past 18 months, we have reduced our exposure to the US equity market, which we view as overvalued - both relative to global peers and to its own historical norms. Within the US, growth stocks in particular appear priced at levels that have historically led to poor future returns. In contrast, many markets outside the US are trading near historical averages, offering more compelling opportunities. We are especially optimistic about Korea, where depressed valuations stand in stark contrast to the potential for positive structural change. At the sector level, we have gradually reduced our exposure to IT. While AI represents a transformative long-term opportunity, much of this potential is already reflected in elevated share prices. The recent surge in capital investment has largely been driven by fears among major IT players of losing their competitive moats. Over time, these investments will need to deliver tangible economic returns to justify current valuations. We also see rising risks that the market may begin to question the core investment thesis of dominant IT companies - namely, their ability to generate highmargin, low-capital-intensity earnings growth. We continue to favour attractively valued companies in the financial, industrial, and energy sectors, which we believe are better positioned in an environment where inflation remains above post-pandemic lows. From a macroeconomic perspective, we think markets are underestimating the likelihood of persistently higher inflation and interest rates – particularly in the US, where factors such as large budget deficits, tighter immigration policies, and increased tariffs on foreign goods make a meaningful decline in inflation unlikely. We are also surprised that the stubbornly high, and rising, 30-year bond yields in the US and other developed markets have not received more attention from equity investors. We have positioned the fund to offer strong downside protection should the US market's "Goldilocks" scenario – or similarly optimistic expectations for the IT sector – fail to materialize. However, if consensus forecasts of declining inflation, steady economic growth, and robust IT sector profits prove accurate, we expect the fund may underperform the broader market but still deliver solid absolute returns over the next 12 months.

## Bidragsytere forrige måned

✓ Største bidragsytere	Vekt (%)	Bidrag (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	5,66	0,81
H Lundbeck A/S	2,05	0,32
Boliden AB	3,01	0,26
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	3,20	0,20
Skf AB	2,90	0,20

🔌 Største negative bidragsytere	Vekt (%)	Bidrag (%)
Hana Financial Group Inc	3,59	-0,20
Yara International ASA	3,29	-0,16
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3,41	-0,15
KB Financial Group Inc	3,13	-0,14
Bonheur ASA	2,61	-0,12

Bidrag til fondets avkastning NOK

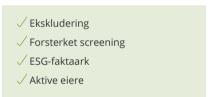
## Innhold

Største beholdninger	Andel (%)	Landfordeling	Andel (%)	Sektorfordeling	Andel (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	6,1	Danmark	18,9	Finans	24,4
Nordea Bank Abp	4,0	Sverige	12,9	Industri	17,8
ISS A/S	3,8	Sør-Korea	12,4	Råvarer	10,4
Ping An Insurance Group Co of	3,8	USA	12,2	Konsumentvarer	10,2
China Ltd		Finland	10,1	Helse	8,3
Hana Financial Group Inc	3,5	Norge	9,1	Teknologi	7,6
Citigroup Inc	3,4	Kina	5,6	Eiendom	4,9
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3,3	Brasil	5,1	Kommunikasjon	4,2
Yara International ASA	3,2		•	•	•
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	3,2	Storbritannia	2,2	Energi	4,1
Boliden AB	3,1	Hongkong SAR Kina	2,1	Forbruksvarer	3,0
-		Total andel	90,8 %	Total andel	94,8 %
Total andel	37,4 %				

## Bærekraft

#### SKAGENs tilnærming til bærekraft

Vår ESG-strategi er basert på fire tilnærminger. Våre bærekraftaktiviteter dreier seg om aktivt engasjement i våre porteføljeselskaper, i tråd med SKAGENs aktive investeringsfilosofi, der mener vi at vi har størst gjennomslag. Det fulle potensialet i en bærekraftig investeringsstrategi fungerer best når man kombinerer de følgende fire tilnærmingene.



## VIKTIG INFORMASJON

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En oversikt over investorrettigheter er tilgjengelig på www.skagenfondene.no/kontakt-oss/investorers-rettigheter/

Beslutningen om å investere i et fond må hensynta alle karakteristika ved fondet. Informasjon om bærekraft i SKAGEN Fondene finnes på www. skagenfondene.no/barekraft/barekraftige-investeringer/

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