

Part of Storebrand

#### **Fund facts**

ISIN: NO0010735129

Launch date, share class: 26.05.2015

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**Domicile:** NO **NAV:** 15.12 GBP **AUM:** 235 MGBP

Benchmark index: MSCI All Country

World Index

Minimum purchase: 25 GBP Fixed management fee: 1.60 % Performance fee: 10 % (see prospectus for details) Ongoing charge: 1.60 % Number of holdings: 49

SFDR: Article 8



**Jonas Edholm** Managed fund since 25 May 2015



**David Harris** Managed fund since 30 June 2016

## Investment strategy

SKAGEN Focus is a high conviction equity fund that seeks to generate long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of global companies across the market capitalisation spectrum, with the majority of exposure invested in small and midcap companies. 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.

# **SKAGEN Focus A**

RISK PROFILE YTD RETURN ANNUAL RETURN

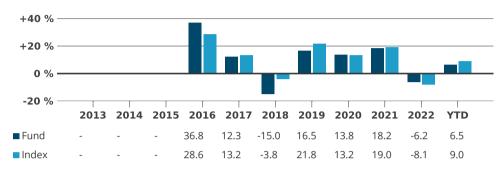
6.50 % 5.43 %

6 of 7 (SRRI) 31.08.2023 Average last 5 years

Monthly report for August as of 31.08.2023. All data in GBP 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 GBP (net of fees)



Period	Fund (%)	Index (%)
Last month	-2.58	-1.30
Year to date	6.50	8.98
Last 12 months	6.75	4.64
Last 3 years	12.33	9.04
Last 5 years	5.43	7.96
Last 10 years	-	-
Since inception	7.37	10.16

Key figures	1 year	2 years	3 years
Standard deviation	-	-	15.06
Standard deviation index	-	-	11.86
Tracking error	-	-	9.79
Information ratio	-	-	0.34
Active share: 100 %			

Returns over 12 months are annualised.

# Monthly commentary, August 2023

The SKAGEN Focus portfolio lagged the overall equity markets in August. The equity markets' relative resilience is supported by the slower pace of global inflation and the growing conviction that interest rates will peak during 2024.

US food retailer Albertsons was among the fund's top performing positions in the month as the stock is still trading at a substantial discount to the cash offer from Kroger. Our Japanese banks, including regional bank Shiga Bank and financial conglomerate Japan Post Holdings, also performed strongly in August, supported by the anticipated change in yield curve control in Japan. In addition, Japan Post Holdings launched a substantial share buyback program following its sale of Japan Post Bank.

Our mining positions were broadly negative contributors in the month due to a combination of weaker earnings and increased political uncertainty in operating domiciles.

We initiated a position in US regional bank First Horizon which we believe is trading at a substantial discount to fair value and has tangible catalysts for re-rating in the mid-term investment perspective.

### Contribution last month

✓ Largest contributors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Japan Post Holdings Co Ltd	3.72	0.37
Korean Reinsurance Co	2.20	0.34
Shiga Bank Ltd/The	2.79	0.27
Albertsons Cos Inc	3.29	0.27
lveco Group NV	1.90	0.21

<b>△</b> Largest detractors	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Nickel Asia Corp	1.69	-0.34
Fortuna Silver Mines Inc	2.50	-0.26
Eramet SA	1.28	-0.16
STMicroelectronics NV	2.01	-0.15
Endeavour Mining PLC	1.16	-0.15

Absolute contribution based on NOK returns at fund level.

## Portfolio information

Top 10 investments	Share (%)	Country exposure	Share (%)	Sector exposure	Share (%)
Japan Post Holdings Co Ltd	3.9	Japan	17.0	Materials	24.5
Kyocera Corp	3.8	South Korea	15.9	Financials	19.7
Methanex Corp	3.8	Canada	14.1	Industrials	18.0
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd	3.6	United States	12.6	Consumer discretionary	13.4
Albertsons Cos Inc	3.4	Germany	9.8	Information technology	9.5
Panasonic Holdings Corp	3.0	China	5.2	Consumer Staples	9.3
Shiga Bank Ltd/The	3.0	Spain	5.0	Communication Services	2.5
China Communications	2.8	France	4.0	Cash, not invested	1.7
Services Corp Ltd		Greece	2.8	Health care	1.4
Danaos Corp	2.8	Singapore	2.1	Total share	100.0 %
Phinia Inc	2.8	Total share	88.2 %	. ota. s.i.a. c	10010 70
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# 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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication. Except otherwise stated, the source of all information is SKAGEN 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.

SKAGEN AS is a management company authorised by the Norwegian supervisory authority, Finanstilsynet, for the management of UCITS under the Norwegian Act on Securities Funds. SKAGEN AS has its registered office at Skagen 3, Torgterrassen, 4006 Stavanger, Norway. SKAGEN AS is part of the Storebrand Group and owned 100% by Storebrand Asset Management AS. Storebrand Group consists of all companies owned directly or indirectly by Storebrand ASA.

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 https://www.skagenfunds.com/funds

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:

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### Important information for UK Investors

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### Important Information for Luxembourg Investors

SKAGEN AS has appointed Svenska Handelsbanken as Paying Agent.

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#### Important Information for Irish Investors

In Ireland, SKAGEN AS has appointed Caceis Ireland Limited, One Custom House Plaza, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin, to act as Paying Agent for Ireland. For more information, please contact SKAGEN's Stavanger based International team: international@skagenfunds.com

#### **Important Information for Dutch Investors**

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