# SKAGEN Global LUX B EUR Q1 2024 Quarterly Report

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## INVESTMENT OBECTIVE

SKAGEN Global is a high conviction, active equity fund which aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing in undervalued companies from across the globe.

The Luxembourg SICAV was launched in 2019.

### FUND INFORMATION

Start date	27/09/2019
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI
ISIN	LU1932715532
Morningstar Category	Global Large- Cap Blend Equity
Fixed Fee	0.55%
SFDR Category	Article 8
Portfolio Managers	Knut Gezelius Chris-Tommy Simonsen



Knut Gezelius & Chis-Tommy Simonsen

- Knut Gezelius CFA joined SKAGEN in May 2014.
- Previously Executive Director, Global Equity, Goldman Sachs Asset Management in London.
- Chris-Tommy Simonsen joined SKAGEN in 2006.
- Previously a Settlement Manager for Christiania Securities ASA in Oslo.

### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

The global equity market delivered strong returns in the first quarter and hit all-time-highs in several regions. A major driving force behind these figures is the general expectation that central banks have slain the inflation ghost and interest rates should therefore begin to tick down again over the course of the year. Japan finally ended its era of negative interest rates and its peculiar practice of having the Bank of Japan buy exchange-traded funds (ETFs) on the Japanese stock market. In Argentina, President Javier Milei is vigorously trying to implement his promised shock therapy on the economy to bring the country's rampant inflation under control after years of mismanagement.

SKAGEN Global outperformed its benchmark index MSCI AC World in the first quarter. The fund also finished the quarter ahead of its benchmark as measured over 3 years. 5 years and since inception. The fund's three best performers in the first quarter measured by absolute return contribution were Brown & Brown, ASML and JP Morgan. Brown & Brown is the familycontrolled insurance broker based in Daytona Beach, Florida. Founded in the late 1930s, the company has grown steadily over the ensuing 80 years with the aim of driving a performance culture and providing value for customers. Acting primarily as a middleman between the buyer and seller of insurance products, it avoids taking on underwriting risk on its balance sheet, thus eliminating a risk factor that is often difficult to assess for outside investors. The stock continues to look undervalued even after the strong start to the year. The Dutch chip equipment manufacturer ASML surprised the market with a much stronger than expected order intake. The state-of-the-art lithography machines that ASML sells to chipmakers is a must-have for the advanced semiconductor industry. Considering the avalanche of new digital applications developing across the globe and taking up an ever-increasing share of everyday life, the demand is likely to increase for many years to come. Our only bank in the fund, JP Morgan, has taken leadership position in many areas of financial services. The company is a meritocracy and pays for performance to attract the best talent in the industry. Moreover, it maintains a robust balance sheet and has avoided the banking turmoil that hit the US regional banks in 2023. In fact, JP Morgan benefited from the demise of several smaller competitors last year by acquiring parts of them at bargain prices.

The fund's three largest detractors in absolute terms were Nike, DSV and Mainfreight. Nike has struggled to regain its footing in the post-pandemic inflationary environment that has dampened consumers' appetite for discretionary spending. The brand remains strong and recently became the key sponsor of the German national football team, thereby ousting its rival Adidas that had held that sponsor position for 77 years. The freight market in which DSV and Mainfreight are active has had a rather lacklustre start to 2024. There is a cyclical element to this sector and these holdings are likely to perform better when there are more green shoots in the global economy.

SKAGEN Global did not initiate any new positions or exit any holdings during the quarter. However, we adjusted the size of several positions to better reflect their updated risk-reward profiles. For example, Microsoft has been one of the fund's largest positions over the past couple of years, but we have now scaled back the name to an average-size position. This does not mean we have any less conviction in Microsoft's long-term investment case, but rather reflects our view that valuation has become more stretched as the share price has risen handsomely. Maintaining valuation discipline is key. In a similar vein, we increased Visa, Mastercard and TMX Group where our proprietary analysis shows a more pronounced upside.

Given the outsized focus in the market currently on when and by how much central banks will begin to lower interest rates, we think it is worth reminding our investors that SKAGEN Global applies a bottom-up investment approach rather than trying to predict macroeconomic forecasts such as interest rates. Over the past couple of decades, we have not seen any market forecaster who has a long and consistent track-record of accurately predicting interest rates, although media headlines on this topic undoubtedly attract attention. In our view, investing based on macro predictions is more akin to speculating. Our time-honoured approach is to build a portfolio of carefully selected undervalued assets that over time can delivered attractive returns under most macroeconomic scenarios. SKAGEN Global's portfolio currently looks undervalued, despite the strong start to the year.

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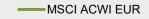
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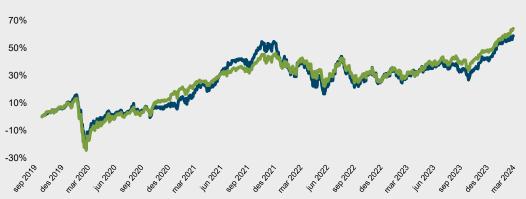
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FUND PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>	Q1 2024	1-Year	3-Year	Since Start
SKAGEN Global LUX B EUR	11.1%	20.8%	10.5%	11.0%
MSCI ACWI	10.6%	23.9%	10.0%	11.8%
Relative Return	0.5%	-3.1%	0.5%	-0.8%

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### As at 31/03/2024 in EUR, net of fees

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.

# PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION<sup>2</sup>

### Largest contributors

Holding	Weight	Contribution
ASML Holding NV	3.0%	0.9%
Brown & Brown Inc	4.1%	0.8%
Waste Management Inc	3.6%	0.6%
Microsoft Corp	0.3%	0.6%
Mastercard Inc	3.5%	0.5%

## PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

COUNT	RY EXI	POSURE	

	Fund	Benchmark	
United States	73.3%	62.5%	
United Kingdom	4.5%	3.3%	
Canada	3.9%	2.9%	
France	1.5%	2.8%	
Switzerland	0.0%	2.5%	
Netherlands	3.8%	1.4%	
Korea, Republic Of	0.0%	1.3%	
Denmark	9.7%	0.9%	
Sweden	1.8%	0.7%	
New Zealand	1.0%	0.1%	

SECTOR EXPOSURE			
	Fund	Benchmark	
Information Technology	37.2%	23.7%	
Financials	12.9%	15.8%	
Health Care	10.6%	10.9%	
Consumer Discretionary	17.5%	10.8%	
Industrials	9.6%	10.8%	
Communication Services	4.4%	7.8%	
Consumer Staples	6.3%	6.4%	
Energy	0.0%	4.8%	
Materials	0.0%	4.3%	
Utilities	0.0%	2.5%	

### **RISK PROFILE**

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level. Other risks not included in the summary risk indicator but materially relevant: Event risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, counterparty risk, derivatives risk. Be aware of currency risk. You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

## **PORTFOLIO STATISTICS**

No. of holdings	31
Top 10 weighting	46.2%
Active Share	88%
Turnover ratio	47%
Investment horizon <sup>1</sup>	5 years

### Largest detractors V

Holding	Weight	Contribution
DSV A/S	5.0%	-0.3%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	1.4%	-0.1%
NIKE Inc	3.3%	-0.1%
Mainfreight Ltd	1.0%	-0.04%
Moody's Corp	4.6%	-0.03%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS		
Cdn Pac Kans	6.1%	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	5.0%	
Mastercard Inc CI A	4.6%	
Moodys Corp Com	4.5%	
DSV A S	4.5%	
Brown & Brown	4.5%	
Abbott Lab Com	4.4%	
Alphabet Inc	4.4%	
Visa Inc Com	4.4%	
Intercontinental Exchange	4.1%	
Combined weight	46.5%	

<sup>1</sup> For guidance purposes only <sup>2</sup> Contribution to absolute return year-to-date

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