

# SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B EUR February 2025 Monthly Report

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## INVESTMENT OBECTIVE

SKAGEN Kon-Tiki is a highly active, global emerging market equity fund which seeks to generate long-term capital growth through a high conviction portfolio of companies which are listed in, or have significant exposure to, developing markets.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

Start date	27/09/2019
Benchmark	MSCI EM Index
ISIN	LU1932686501
Morningstar Category	Global Emerging Markets Equity
Fixed Fee	0.60%
Performance Fee	10%
SFDR Category	Article 8
Portfolio Managers	Fredrik Bjelland Cathrine Gether Espen Klette



Fredrik Bjelland, Cathrine Gether & Espen Klette

## Fredrik Bjelland, CFA

- ✤ Joined SKAGEN in 2017
- Former Head of China, Special Mandates, NBIM

## **Cathrine Gether**

- Joined SKAGEN in 2009
- Former Portfolio Manager at Millennium Capital Partners in London

### Espen Klette

- Joined SKAGEN in 2019
- Former Equity Research Analyst at Pareto Securities

### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Emerging market equities significantly outperformed developed markets in February, mainly driven by strong performance in Chinese equities. Geopolitics and technology advancements remained in focus. At the end of February, President Trump announced additional tariffs on Chinese imports to the US, and China responded by warning it would take all necessary measures. After DeepSeek's AI model announcement shook the tech world in January, the market has been reminded of the capabilities of the Chinese tech industry. A high-profile meeting between President Xi Jinping and top executives from leading Chinese tech firms, where he pledged policy support, regulatory easing, and incentives for AI and semiconductor innovation signalled a shift towards a more business-friendly environment, further boosting investor confidence. On the opposite side of the performance spectrum, Indian equities continued to underperform. A combination of elevated valuations, decelerating economic growth and uncertainties regarding trade tensions have weighed on performance.

SKAGEN Kon-Tiki performed well during February and outperformed its benchmark index. The fund's main contributors for the month were Alibaba, Prosus & Naspers, and Ping An Insurance, all benefitting from the strong performance in Chinese equities. Alibaba gained as it reported strong results well above market expectations. Accelerating revenue growth in its two main engines, the core e-commerce and cloud segments, were well received by the market. Alibaba announced an ambitious investment plan to further advance its cloud computing and Al infrastructure. Alibaba's release of its most recent Al model in January (discussed in our last monthly report) was followed by an announcement that Apple has chosen Alibaba as its partner to integrate Al factures in its iPhones in China. In combination, this resulted in a significant positive re-rating of the share price narrowing the discount to what we consider a fair value. We trimmed our position in Alibaba on the back of this performance and to manage the weight of the position. Prosus and Naspers benefited from their underlying exposure to the robust performance in the listed food delivery group Just Eat Takeaway at a significant premium. We have reduced our positions in Prosus and Naspers on the back of this strong performance and to manage the combined weight in the portfolio. Ping An benefited from the broad strong performance in the Chinese equities market, which positive line strong performance in the back of this performance in spin-generative share the protobal.

On the negative side, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) reported January sales and guided first quarter sales at the lower end of its guidance range due to the impact of an earthquake. However, TSMC maintained its 2025 full-year outlook of "mid-206" percent growth in revenues year over year in US dollar terms. The US threat to put tariffs on semiconductors negatively impacted the sentiment for the entire semiconductor supply chain. We took advantage of the pull-back by adding to our position in TSMC. LG Electronics was soft following its weak results reported at the end of January. Suzano was weak during the month despite reporting better than expected results and we continue to see an attractive upside.

We did not initiate any new positions during the month. However, we continued to tweak positions relative to expected forward returns. Based on this, we added to several of our positions during the month. Powszechny Zakład Ubezpieczeń (PZU), is one of the largest financial groups in Poland and CEE, with a core business in life and property and casualty insurance in Poland. After dismissing its CEO last month, PZU confirmed that its interim and former CEO will take over permanent. We consider this positive as he has promised a strong focus on value creation and shareholder returns. Indian crop protection supplier UPL LId reported better than expected results and gained market share. This was an early sign of recovery following a tough period of oversupply for the crop protection industry. Management is increasingly confident that UPL can deliver on its full-year targets, something that is supportive of our investment case. We continued to take advantage of the negative sentiment in the indian market to increase our investment in Axis Bank, the third largest private sector bank in India. We added to Samsung Electronics after the share price traded down following weak Q4'24 results and a cautious near-term outlook. However, increasing shareholder returns, a high net cash position and potential to catch up to its closest peers support an attractive upside to our mid-cycle-based target price. Walmex, the locally listed Maxican subsidiary of Walmart, reported Q4'24 results below expectations and guided slightly below market expectations for 2025. We believe the risk/reward is attractive levels as Walmex has a robust operating model, which has allowed it to consistently take market share and deliver attractive function in Nazailian integrated of and gas producer Petrobras after the share sold-off when the company announced higher than expected investments, which resulted in lower-than-expected querty dividends for shareholders. However, management explained that this was an acceleration in the ramp-up of production it

At 10x reported earnings and 8x our 2025 expectations, we believe the portfolio is attractively valued. Not only does this represent a c40% discount to the MSCI Emerging Markets benchmark but it also comes with a 3% trailing dividend yield and a growing number of our holdings taking shareholder friendly actions on their capital structure. shareholder friendly actions on their capital structure.





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.

## **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.

<sup>1</sup> Performance in EUR, net of fees



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# **PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>**

## Largest contributors $\uparrow$

Holding	Weight	Contribution
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	8.8%	3.5%
Prosus NV	4.1%	0.6%
Naspers Ltd	4.0%	0.5%
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	7.3%	0.4%
Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen SA	2.1%	0.2%

# **COUNTRY EXPOSURE<sup>3</sup>**



# SECTOR EXPOSURE



## Largest detractors $\downarrow$

Holding	Weight	Contribution
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	8.3%	-0.8%
LG Electronics Inc	3.2%	-0.2%
Suzano SA	1.8%	-0.2%
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	0.9%	-0.2%
Yara International ASA	3.3%	-0.2%

# **PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>**

No. of holdings	46
Top 10 weighting	48.2%
Active Share	85%
Turnover ratio	31%
Investment horizon	5 years+

# **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR	8.4 %
PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	7.6 %
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	7.6 %
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO	5.1 %
PROSUS NV COMMON STOCK	3.7 %
NASPERS LTD COMMON STOCK	3.6 %
YARA INTERNATIONAL ASA	3.1 %
WH GROUP LTD COMMON STOCK	3.1 %
LG ELECTRONICS INC	3.0 %
PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA	2.9 %
Total	48.2 %

<sup>1</sup> Absolute monthly contribution based on EUR returns at fund level for SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B. <sup>2</sup> Active Share and turnover ratio figures for Norwegian-domiciled fund. Investment horizon for guidance purposes only. <sup>3</sup> Fund exposure based on country of risk.



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication, and this document is intended for professional investors only. Except otherwise stated, the source of all information is Storebrand Luxembourg SICAV as at 28/02/2025.

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. 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 depends on the individual circumstances of each investor and may imply the payment of additional taxes. Before any investment is made in the Sub- 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 SICAV, (RCS Registration Number: B 234106) is an investment company with variable capital (société d'investissement à capital variable) incorporated under the form of a société anonyme in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It qualifies as a UCITS and falls under the supervision of the Luxembourg financial supervisory authority, Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "CSSF"). Storebrand SICAV has appointed Fund Rock Management Company S.A. to act as its designated management company and further FundRock has appointed Storebrand and SKAGEN AS as its investment managers. The SICAV has appointed Storebrand Asset Management as Global Distributor and Storebrand Asset Management has appointed SKAGEN AS as Global Sub-Distributor.

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 Act. 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 shares can be made or accepted prior to receipt by the offeree of the Sub-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 <u>https://www.skagenfunds.lu/funds</u>

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: <a href="https://www.skagenfunds.lu/contact/investor-rights/">https://www.skagenfunds.lu/contact/investor-rights/</a>

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The Sub-fund takes sustainability risk and ESG characteristics into account as part of its selection process. In that respect the Sub-fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Art 8 of SFDR. For the assessment areas like corporate strategy, corporate governance, transparency and the product and service range of a company are taken into account. Further information about sustainability-related aspects of the Sub-fund, including the sustainability disclosure summary in English, can be found here: <a href="https://www.skagenfunds.lu/sustainability/sustainable-investing/">https://www.skagenfunds.lu/sustainability/sustainable-investing/</a>

The decision to invest in the Sub-fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the Sub- fund as described in its prospectus https://www.skagenfunds.lu/funds/

The Storebrand SICAV has registered its 7 Sub-Funds (SKAGEN Kon-Tiki Lux, SKAGEN Focus Lux, SKAGEN Global Lux, SKAGEN m2 Lux, Storebrand Global Solutions Lux and Storebrand Global ESG Lux) for public distribution in Luxembourg, the UK, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

### Important Information for Luxembourg Investors

Storebrand SICAV has appointed Fund Rock Management Company S.A. to act as its designated management company. FundRock Management Company S.A.'s offices are located at: 33, rue de Gasperich, 5826 Hesperange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

#### Important Information for UK Investors

The Storebrand SICAV has appointed SKAGEN AS UK Branch to act as Facility Agent in the UK. SKAGEN's London Office is located at 15 Stratton Street, London, W1J 8LQ. The SKAGEN AS UK Branch is authorised by Finanstilsynet and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct authority. Details about the extent of the authorisation and regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority are available on request. The SKAGEN AS UK Branch has temporary permission from the UK FCA to carry out its authorised activities under the UCITS Directive.

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#### Important Information for German Investors

The Storebrand SICAV has appointed SKAGEN AS Branch Germany to act as Information Agent in Germany. SKAGEN AS's German Office is located in Barckhausstrasse 1, 60325 Frankfurt, Germany. The SKAGEN AS Branch in Germany acts as local market representative.

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#### Important Information for Belgian Investors

The Storebrand SICAV has appointed Caceis Belgium SA/NV to act as the Financial Service Provider for the SICAV. Caceis Belgium SA/NV's offices are located at: Avenue du port 86C B320, 1000 Brussels Belgium.

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#### Important Information for French Investors

The Storebrand SICAV has appointed CACEIS Bank as the Centralizing Correspondent for the SICAV. CACEIS Bank's offices are located at 1-3 Place Valhubert, F-75013 PARIS, France.

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#### Important Information for Austrian Investors

The Storebrand SICAV has appointed Raiffeisen Bank International AG to act as Local Paying, Information and Contact Agent for the SICAV. Raiffeisen Bank International AG's offices are located at Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Vienna, Austria.

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