

# SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B EUR Q3 2024 Quarterly 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.

The Luxembourg SICAV was launched in 2019.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

TOTAL INTOTAL			
Start date	27/09/2019		
Benchmark	MSCI EM Index		
ISIN	LU1932686501		
Morningstar Category	Global Emerging Markets Equity		
Fixed Fee	0.60%		
SFDR Category	Article 8		
Portfolio Manager	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 and Partner at Pareto Securities in Oslo

## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

We leave an eventful month of September behind us. Despite increased tensions in the Middle East, emerging market equities outperformed global markets both in September and the third quarter. SKAGEN Kon-Tiki outperformed emerging markets in September and ended the month at a new all-time-high.

As growth continues to be resilient and US inflation hovers around the Fed's target, a US easing cycle without signs of a recession has helped fuel global markets. As we approach the US election in November, we may see continued volatility. The results could also have major implications for EM and global trade given the uncertainty regarding potential new tariffs and trade policy. Emerging markets' strength in September was driven by a huge rotation of flows into China. After resisting major stimulus for so long, China made a big turnaround with The People's Bank of China leading the charge to revive sentiment through a televised press briefing with a strong message they are now opening their coffers to stock markets and making money cheaper to borrow. Fiscal spending is being boosted and they are offering cash handouts and new subsidies for jobless graduates, amongst other things. They have also announced measures to halt the property price decline. The efforts now seem more coordinated and the market reacted accordingly.

Therefore, and not surprisingly, the fund's top contributors for the month and third quarter were all China-related companies. Ping An's share price took a sharp U-turn, as did that of other insurance companies. Ping An can be seen as a beneficiary of some of the measures announced, and as a result, we saw a reversal in the negative sentiment towards its property market exposure. Over the past few years, Chinese internet stocks like Alibaba and Tencent – companies that contribute significantly to the market value of Prosus and Naspers – have faced headwinds due to regulatory challenges, geopolitical tensions, and recession concerns. As a result, their share prices have underperformed that of their global counterparts. However, this trend shifted towards the end of the month. With strong earnings growth, attractive valuations, and solid liquidity, these stocks are now drawing the attention of investors who are beginning to worry they may be underexposed to the Chinese market.

Among the month's and quarter's negative contributors, CNOOC experienced a slight decline due to oil price weakness, following a strong performance over the past two years. Samsung's setback was driven by weakness in consumer electronics and concerns about its positioning and outlook for High Bandwidth Memory (HBM). The stock is now trading near recent down-cycle lows on a price-to-book basis, presenting what we believe to be an attractive opportunity. Assai's shares dropped following concerns that Brazilian tax authorities listed some of its assets in connection with disputed tax liabilities related to GPA, its former parent company. However, GPA has reaffirmed its responsibility for these liabilities, meaning there should be no negative impact on Assai.

We exited three companies in the period and added one new position. Shell has been a strong contributor and, as it had reached our price target, we exited the company, also reducing our overall energy exposure. Second, we exited from Gree Electric after a good run and finally, we sold the remainder of our shares in Atlantic Sapphire. In September, we initiated a new position in Wuliangye Yibin, a company that Kon-Tiki has successfully owned in the past. Wuliangye is a leading brand in baijiu, a traditional Chinese distilled spirit made from grains, known for its strong alcohol content and cultural significance. The brand enjoys strong recognition, with two-thirds of its revenue coming from the RMB 1,000 price segment, which targets corporate and middle-class customers. With stable growth, strong free cash flow, and a 5% dividend yield, Wuliangye presents a very attractive investment opportunity.

The portfolio is trading in aggregate on 8.5x 2024 earnings and 0.9x price to book despite recent strong performance. The valuation discount relative to the broader EM index remains at more than 40% on price to earnings and at half the price based on book values. This is despite displaying similar aggregate fundamentals in terms of projected returns and growth. The fund therefore continues to provide a very attractive risk-reward proposition.



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FUND PERFORMANCE					
	Q3 2024	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	Since Start
SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B EUR	3.5%	13.7%	12.1%	2.2%	5.3%
MSCI EM Index	4.4%	15.7%	19.6%	1.7%	5.0%
Relative Return	-0.9%	-2.0%	-7.4%	0.5%	0.3%



#### As at 30/09/2024 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.

#### 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	50
Top 10 weighting	49.0%
Active Share	87%
Turnover ratio	46%
Investment horizon¹	2 years+

## PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION<sup>2</sup>

Largest contributors A

Holding	Weight	Contribution
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	7.0%	2.5%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	6.8%	2.3%
Prosus NV	3.9%	0.7%
Naspers Ltd	3.8%	0.6%
Zhongsheng Group Holdings Ltd	0.9%	0.5%

## Largest detractors ▼

Holding	Weight	Contribution
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.0%	-0.6%
CNOOC Ltd	4.1%	-0.6%
Sendas Distribuidora S/A	1.5%	-0.3%
SIMPAR SA	2.4%	-0.2%
Hyundai Motor Co	3.5%	-0.1%

## PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

COUNTRY EXPOSURE			
	Fund	Benchmark	
Korea	25.7%	10.4%	
China	18.6%	25.4%	
Brazil	12.2%	4.8%	
Taiwan	8.9%	17.5%	
Hong Kong	6.9%	1.1%	
South Africa	5.3%	2.9%	
Netherlands	4.5%	0.1%	
Norway	3.4%	0.0%	
France	3.3%	0.0%	
Mexico	2.5%	1.9%	

SECTOR EXPOSURE			
	Fund	Benchmark	
Consumer Discretionary	27.9%	14.0%	
Financials	19.5%	22.8%	
Information Technology	12.4%	22.2%	
Materials	10.8%	6.6%	
Consumer Staples	8.4%	5.2%	
Energy	7.6%	4.8%	
Industrials	4.4%	6.8%	
Communication Services	2.6%	9.4%	
Health Care	2.5%	3.6%	
Real Estate	0.0%	1.6%	

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
Ping An Insurance Group	8.5%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	7.5%
Taiwan Semiconductor	6.3%
Lg Electronics Inc	4.6%
Prosus Nv Common Stock	4.5%
Naspers Ltd Common Stock	4.4%
Samsung Electronics Co	3.6%
Yara International Asa	3.4%
Totalenergies Se Common	3.3%
Kb Financial Group Inc	2.9%
Combined weight	49.0%



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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.

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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 <a href="https://www.skagenfunds.lu/funds">https://www.skagenfunds.lu/funds</a>

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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.

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