

# SKAGEN m<sup>2</sup> LUX B EUR Q2 2024 Quarterly Report

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## **INVESTMENT OBECTIVE**

SKAGEN m<sup>2</sup> is a long-only, actively managed equity strategy that seeks to generate long-term capital growth by investing in listed real estate companies from across the globe. A Luxembourg SICAV was launched in 2019.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

Start date	15/10/2019
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Real Estate IMI
ISIN	LU1932723478
Morningstar Category	Property – Indirect Global
Fixed Fee	0.60%
SFDR Category	Article 8
Portfolio Managers	Michael Gobitschek & Anne Line Kristensen Larsen



Michael Gobitschek & Anne Line Kristensen, CFA

## Michael Gobitschek

- Joined SKAGEN in 2005 with previous experience in M&A advisory
- Masters in Finance and Economics from Stockholm School of Business

## Anne Line Kristensen, CFA

- Joined SKAGEN in 2016
- Masters in Finance and International Business from Aarhus University

# INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

The expectations for the second quarter were fairly muted following a rather disappointing first quarter despite encouraging words from management teams that the worst is behind us. The real estate sector unfortunately continues to have a 'top-down' focus, which dictates the direction of travel. Major government yields have been up this quarter, hurting the sector. Although the ECB cut interest rates in June, we will likely have to wait until the tail end of summer for rate cut in markets like the UK and US. Elections have become a dominant factor, reminding us of the influence of political factors on the sector. In Sweden, we saw the first policy rate cut by the Riksbank as anticipated and there are expectations of another rate cut potentially in August. This was a long-awaited sign and we have most likely passed the peak for now. The ECB and the Fed are expected to follow suit in the near future, which will also be beneficial for local real estate markets. Investors are now pricing in two cuts by the Fed this year, one less than at the end of the first quarter. It is evident that macro news is still a major driver of the listed real estate sector. However, our thesis that when inflation falls, policy rates will likely follow still holds. Interest rates act like gravity on risky assets, meaning that real estate as an interest rate sensitive asset should benefit. There are many signs indicating that real estate values are bottoming and that the sharp slowdown in new construction in general is quite positive for long-term values.

SKAGEN m2 still holds an overweight in Scandinavia and Europe. The ability to move between geographies to take advantage of different micro and macro factors is a great benefit to SKAGEN m2. The first quarter results were solid which is unlikely to surprise as they arrived so shortly after a decent FY results season. The outlook is much rosier than a year ago although you wouldn't think so looking at some of the share prices.

The top performer for SKAGEN m2 in the quarter was the US multifamily housing operator Independence Reality Trust, mainly as a result of increased interest in the multifamily housing sector following aggressive acquisitions by private equity giants like Blackstone and KKR. There were a number of takeouts in the first half, most notably the USD 10bn public takeout of Air Communities in April. This gave the underpriced sector a much-needed boost. The second-best performing stock was the Spanish office operator Arima that received a takeout offer. Another positive contributor was the biggest detractor in first quarter, namely the pan Asian investment manager platform ESR. The company also received indications of interest in a takeout by a Starwood-led consortium, although the terms of the potential takeout have not yet been disclosed. The worst performer in the period was the yield sensitive digital real estate manager Digital Bridge. This was not due to any company specific news, but rather to increased bond yields weighing on the stock. The US logistics giant Prologis also lost ground for same reason but also due to local and temporary supply concerns.

In the guarter we added the undervalued and misunderstood Norwegian Public Property Invest after participating in the IPO. The company specialises in public tenant-based assets in Norway and holds a strong position in the Norwegian market. They have the opportunity to strengthen this further through acquisitions as unlisted Norwegian real estate syndicates will likely have to refinance and recapitalise. The company trades at a huge discount to underlying assets, mainly due to its main owner and interim CEO. We expect a permanent CEO to be appointed in the near future. Our second new holding in the portfolio, Swedish Prisma Properties, was also acquired through an IPO. Prisma is a fast-growing property owner and developer, specialising in modern, necessity-driven discount retail. Prisma has high, inflation adjusted and long yielding leasing contracts. The company has good upside potential both operationally with high growth and financially with lower interest rates. The assets are located in Scandinavia. We sold out of out our Madrid-based office operator Arima to finance our participation in the IPOs. Arima is in a pending takeout situation with an uncertain outcome, so we exited at a decent bid premium. In the quarter there was also a potential takeout proposal for the Asian investment manager ESR. This is also pending with an uncertain outcome as the details have not yet been disclosed. In both cases, the takeout proposals came from consortiums led by private equity, activity we have been arguing will increase due to low valuations and the fact that some of the larger buyers have called the bottom of the cycle. We sold out of the Brazilian residential developer MRV on elevated political risk.

SKAGEN m2 continues to focus on resilient companies in trend driven subsegments that are mispriced, can perform in various market conditions, have solid balance sheets, and are well positioned for inflation. After underperforming the wider equity market for another year, we believe the outlook for global real estate in 2024 – with a potentially more favourable interest rate environment as a backdrop – should bring with it lots of exciting opportunities for long-term stock pickers like SKAGEN m2. The portfolio has an overweight in high growth real estate segments like digital real estate and warehouses, which will be the main beneficiaries of a yield curve shift entering lower interest rate environments. We look forward to exciting times ahead.



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TOND PERFORMANCE		Q2 2024	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	Since Start
	SKAGEN m <sup>2</sup> LUX B EUR	-2.9%	-3.0%	5.9%	-3.6%	-1.0%
	MSCI ACWI Real Estate IMI	-2.2%	-1.1%	5.8%	-2.9%	-1.4%
	Relative Return	-0.7%	-1.9%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.5%



## As at 30/06/2024 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
Independence Realty Trust Inc	4.2%	1.1%
Helios Towers PLC	2.2%	1.0%
Arima Real Estate SOCIMI SA	2.3%	0.7%
Catena AB	6.4%	0.6%
Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd	1.9%	0.4%

# PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

COUNTRY EXPOSURE			
	Fund	Benchmark	
United States	38.1%	61.1%	
Sweden	11.7%	1.5%	
United Kingdom	9.2%	3.0%	
Belgium	7.5%	0.6%	
Japan	5.8%	7.5%	
Singapore	5.1%	2.5%	
Hong Kong	4.9%	4.2%	
Brazil	3.5%	0.2%	
Norway	2.6%	0.0%	
Canada	0.0%	1.7%	

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

## 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	36
Top 10 weighting	47.4%
Active Share	86%
Turnover ratio	43%
Investment horizon <sup>1</sup>	5 years

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Holding	Weight	Contribution
DigitalBridge Group Inc	5.2%	-1.0%
Shurgard Self Storage Ltd	4.5%	-0.9%
Prologis Inc	4.6%	-0.6%
Cellnex Telecom SA	3.6%	-0.6%
Castellum AB	3.2%	-0.4%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS		
Catena Ab Npv	6.8%	
Digitalbridge Group Inc Cl A New	5.4%	
Independence Rity Tr Inc Com	4.8%	
Equinix Inc Com Par \$0.001	4.7%	
Ctp N.V Eur0.16	4.7%	
American Tower Corp	4.7%	
Prologis Inc Com	4.3%	
Shurgard Sel Sto L Npv	4.2%	
Grainger Plc Ord Gbp0.05	4.0%	
Sun Communities Inc Com	3.8%	
Combined weight	47.4%	



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