

Performance Commentary

February was a rollercoaster month for the global stock exchanges and SKAGEN Vekst. The month started with a correction, continuing the weakness from the last days of January, but quickly corrected upwards after the initial drop.

Strong performance was seen during the month in semiconductor equipment-maker Applied Materials, which rose nicely after reporting strong earnings and outlook. Vestas Wind also rose, having assuaged the worst market fears with a relatively upbeat outlook. Russian bank Sberbank and dry bulk shipping company Golden Ocean Group also performed well in the period.

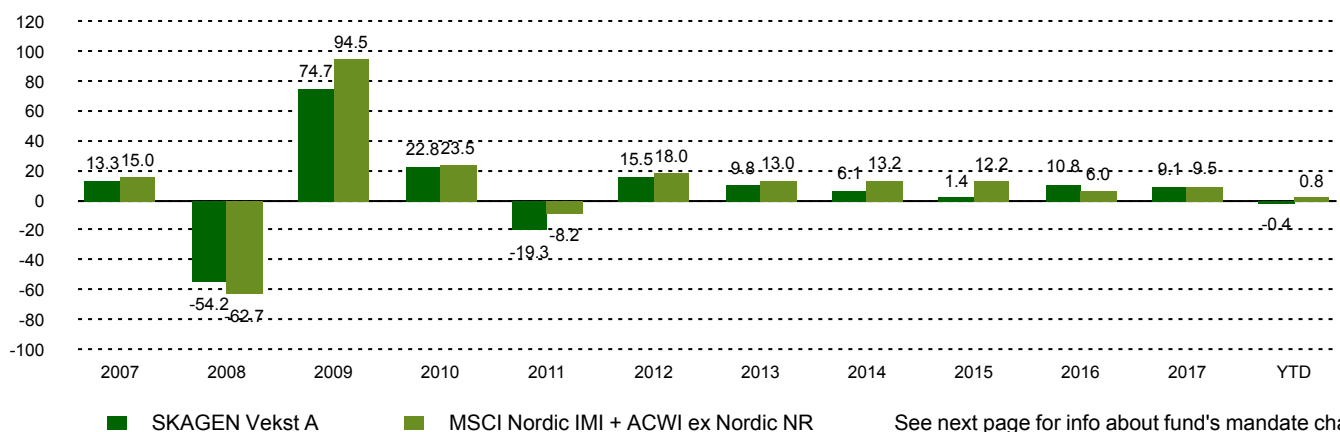
There were no clear underperformers during the month, but Lonza continues to be pummeled for weak communication and guidance after Q1-reporting. Samsung also performed below par due to some concerns on the memory cycle being close to peak and OLED-orders lagging after weak iPhone X-performance so far.

The fund sold out of Swatch after the stock reached our valuation target. Of other notable transactions, the fund added to Maersk during the period, taking advantage of short-term volatility to add to a stock trading at a low valuation, attractive dividend yield and exposure to a strengthening container-market.

Historical performance (net of fees)

Period	SKAGEN Vekst A	Benchmark index
Last month	-1.3%	-1.1%
Year to date	-0.4%	0.8%
Last year	3.3%	5.8%
Last 3 years	4.4%	4.7%
Last 5 years	6.7%	9.8%
Last 10 years	3.5%	6.4%
Since start	13.3%	9.8%

Performance last ten years



Contributors in the month

Largest contributors

Holding	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Applied Materials Inc	5.18	0.65
Vestas Wind Systems A/S	3.45	0.28
Sberbank of Russia PJSC	3.21	0.22
Golden Ocean Group Ltd	2.26	0.15
Kinnevik AB	3.89	0.14

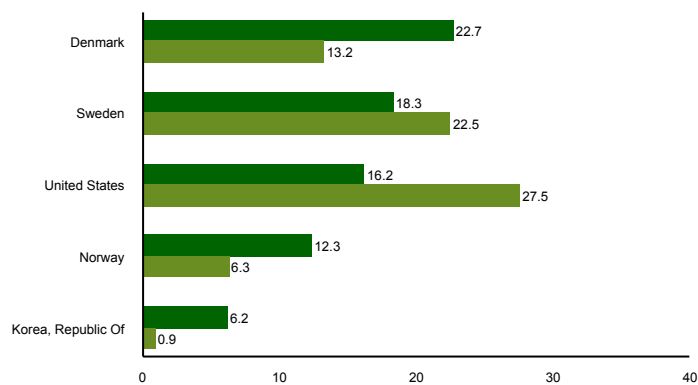
Largest detractors

Holding	Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Novo Nordisk A/S	7.79	-0.34
Volvo AB	4.75	-0.27
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.21	-0.26
Lonza Group AG	5.62	-0.24
Deutsche Lufthansa AG	4.23	-0.17

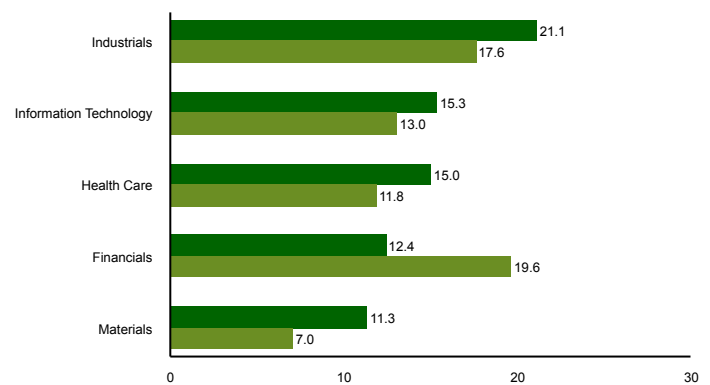
Top ten investments

Holding	Sector	Country	%
Novo Nordisk	Health Care	Denmark	7.8
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	Korea, Republic Of	6.2
Applied Materials	Information Technology	United States	5.7
Lonza Group AG	Health Care	Switzerland	5.5
Carlsberg	Consumer Staples	Denmark	4.8
DSV	Industrials	Denmark	4.8
Volvo	Consumer Discretionary	Sweden	4.6
Citigroup	Financials	United States	4.4
Deutsche Lufthansa AG	Industrials	Germany	4.2
Kinnevik	Financials	Sweden	4.0
Combined weight of top 10 holdings			52.0

Country exposure (top five)



Sector exposure (top five)



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