

# SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B EUR Q1 2025 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**

I OND IN ORMATION			
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**

Emerging Markets equities continued to outperform Developed Markets equities in March and for the quarter as a whole. While the near-term outlook for risk assets is clearly dependent on the recently announced US 'reciprocal' tariffs and any subsequent responses from USA's larger trading partners, the structural backdrop continues to look favourable for Emerging Markets equities, in our view. Economic data has been robust, and valuations look reasonable in a historical context and at a significant discount to Developed Markets.

There has been a wide divergence in performance by market this year, partly reversing some of the larger moves of 2024. On the positive side, both Brazil and Mexico have performed relatively well, while China continues to outperform, as it has done since 2023. Southeast Asia has been hit by political turbulence, especially in Indonesia, while Taiwan has sold off in line with the US tech sector and India's underperformance has continued.

SKAGEN Kon-Tiki enjoyed another good month on a relative basis and outperformed the benchmark by a wide margin in the first quarter, partly driven by a rebound in our Brazilian holdings and relative underweights in India and Taiwan. The top contributors in March were South African gold and platinum groups (PGMs) producer Sibanye-Stillwater, Hong Konglisted pork producer WH Group and our Brazilian holdings in logistics and transport infrastructure conglomerate Simpar and cash & carry retailer Assai. Sibanye-Stillwater has benefitted from improved prices in its commodity basket, and we see material upside to PGM prices, especially palladium, which is trading some 70% below its 2021 level. WH Group reported good FY24 results on better margins in its upstream pork business, especially in the US. We have also seen increased interest in the Group after it completed the listing of its US subsidiary Smithfields on the NASDAQ stock exchange in January. The market rebound has benefitted most of our Brazilian holdings, with both Simpar and Assai seeing outsize gains due to somewhat higher financial leverage. Assai was also a top 3 contributor for the first quarter alongside Banco do Brasil and Chinese internet company Alibaba. Alibaba has seen a material re-rating in 2025 on the back of improved performance from its cloud computing division and associated AI capabilities. On the negative side, the main detractors in March and for the guarter as whole were our Taiwanese technology companies TSMC and Hon Hai as well as Chinese insurance company Ping An, which reported weaker-than-expected FY24 results, mainly due to assumption changes in its investment portfolio.

We made no new investments or divestments in March. As previously communicated, we exited our holdings in Chinese state-owned enterprises China Mobile and CNOOC in February and initiated positions in Indian Axis Bank, Walmart Mexico and Petrobras in January. We have continued to increase our positions towards our target weightings in these holdings during the quarter. We have also taken advantage of the recent market volatility to increase our exposure to the Information Technology sector through our investments in Samsung Electronics and TSMC. This has been funded through further reducing our exposure to China, which has performed strongly over the last 18 months.

The current market backdrop presents a number of challenges and the macro-outlook could therefore be perceived to be unusually uncertain. Fortunately, our long-term, value-based and bottom-up investment philosophy does not rely heavily on macro predictions and certainty. We continue to look for undervalued companies with clear company-specific triggers for a revaluation, while maintaining a diversified and balanced portfolio across geographies, sectors and fundamental drivers. The fund's long-term track record suggests that some of its best investments have been made at times of significant uncertainty. Our long-term focus and contrarian disposition remain the key ingredients in uncovering these opportunities. With the SKAGEN Kon-Tiki portfolio trading at less than 8x this year's expected earnings and at a discount to book value, we believe that it offers a compelling risk/reward proposition and see no fundamental reason why it should not close its significant valuation gap to the MSCI EM index.



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FUND PERFORMANCE				
	Q1 2025	1-Year	3-Year	Since Start
SKAGEN Kon-Tiki LUX B EUR	2.3%	1.1%	4.7%	4.1%
MSCI EM Index	-1.3%	8.1%	2.4%	4.2%
Relative Return	3.6%	-7.0%	2.3%	-0.1%



As at 31/03/2025 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	48.0%
Active Share	87%
Turnover ratio	46%
Investment horizon <sup>1</sup>	2 years+

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

Largest contributors

Holding	Weight	Contribution
WH Group Ltd	3.4%	0.4%
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd	0.9%	0.3%
Sendas Distribuidora S/A	2.2%	0.2%
SIMPAR SA	2.9%	0.2%
Axis Bank Ltd	2.3%	0.2%

# Largest detractors ▼

Holding	Weight	Contribution
TSMC Co Ltd	8.2%	-1.5%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co	3.2%	-0.7%
Ping An Insurance Group	8.0%	-0.2%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	7.1%	-0.2%
Hyundai Motor Co	2.6%	-0.2%

## PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

COUNTRY EXPOSURE3			
	Fund	Benchmark	
South Korea	21,4%	9,0%	
China	16,0%	28,4%	
Brazil	13,6%	4,4%	
Taiwan	10,6%	16,8%	
India	5,6%	18,5%	
Hong Kong	5,0%	1,1%	
South Africa	4,8%	2,8%	
Mexico	3,5%	1,9%	
Netherlands	3,4%	0,1%	
Norway	3,3%	0,0%	

SECTOR EXPOSURE			
	Fund	Benchmark	
Financials	22,2%	24,3%	
Consumer Discretionary	20,3%	14,6%	
Information Technology	16,9%	21,7%	
Consumer Staples	11,1%	4,8%	
Materials	9,8%	5,9%	
Energy	7,8%	4,5%	
Industrials	2,7%	6,3%	
Health Care	1,4%	3,3%	
Communication Services	0,4%	10,3%	
Real Estate	0,0%	1,7%	

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
TSMC	7.9%
PING AN INSURANCE	7.7%
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	6.3%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING	6.0%
WH GROUP LTD COMMON	3.5%
PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA	3.5%
PROSUS NV COMMON	3.4%
NASPERS LTD COMMON	3.4%
YARA INTERNATIONAL ASA	3.3%
HANA FINANCIAL GROUP	3.3%
Total Weight	48.0%



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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 31.03.2025.

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.

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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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