SKAGEN Focus

Taking the road less traveled

September 2024

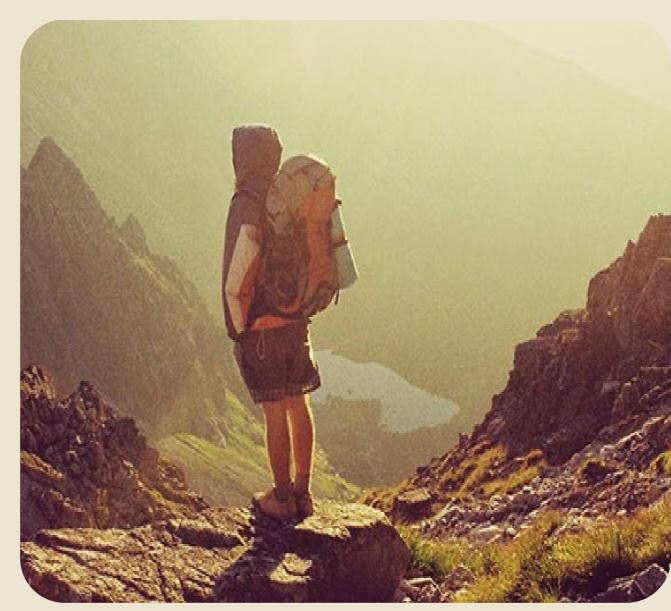


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Mission statement

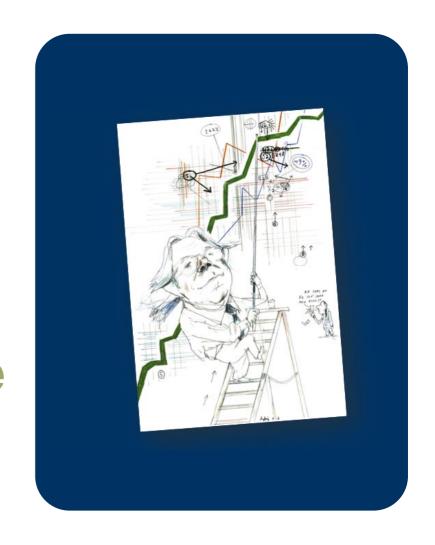
- Focus on global small and mid-cap companies
- Deep absolute discount is key
- Contrarian and price-driven investment process
- Strict bottom-up and common-sense framework
- Benchmark agnostic
- Green transition investing is a natural building block

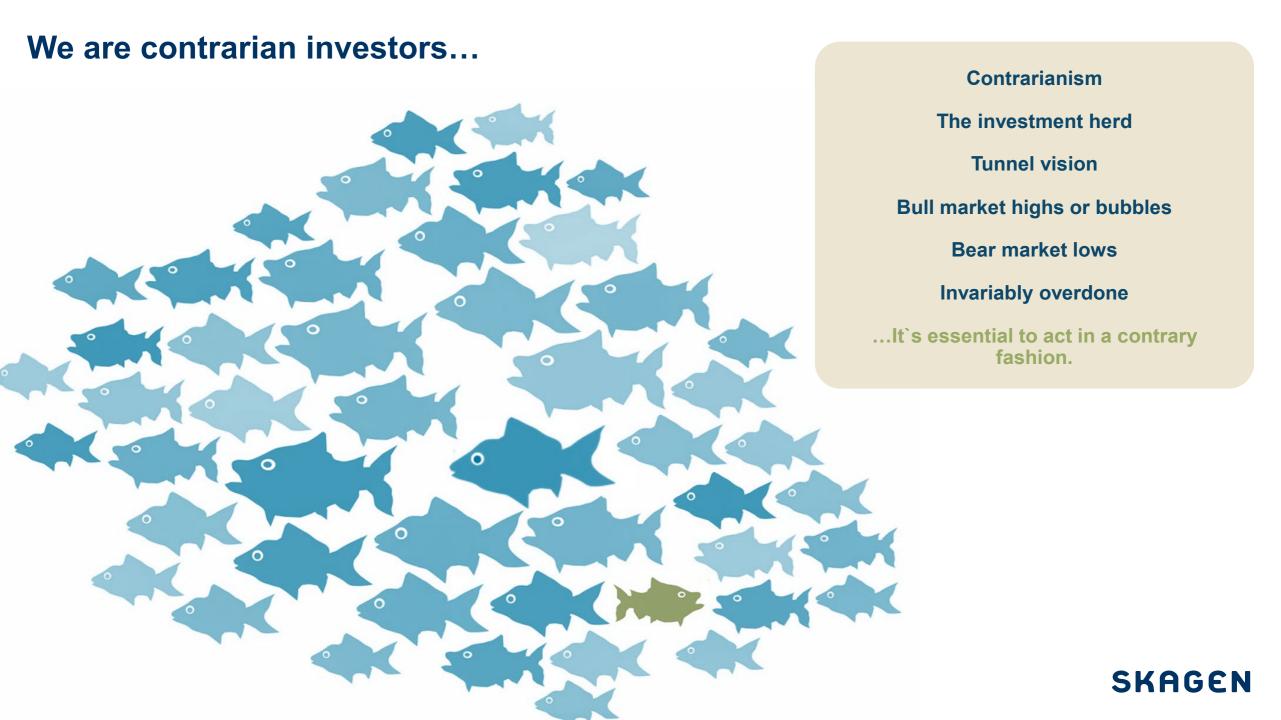


Investment Process and Team



Cheapness
Change
Common sense



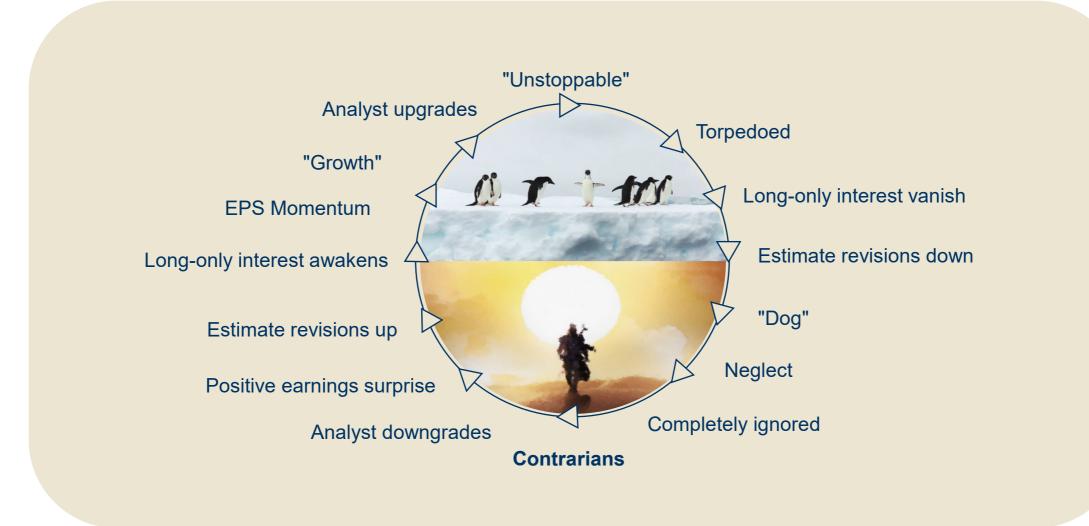


Our contrarian path

Being contrarian means identifying many different market phenomena

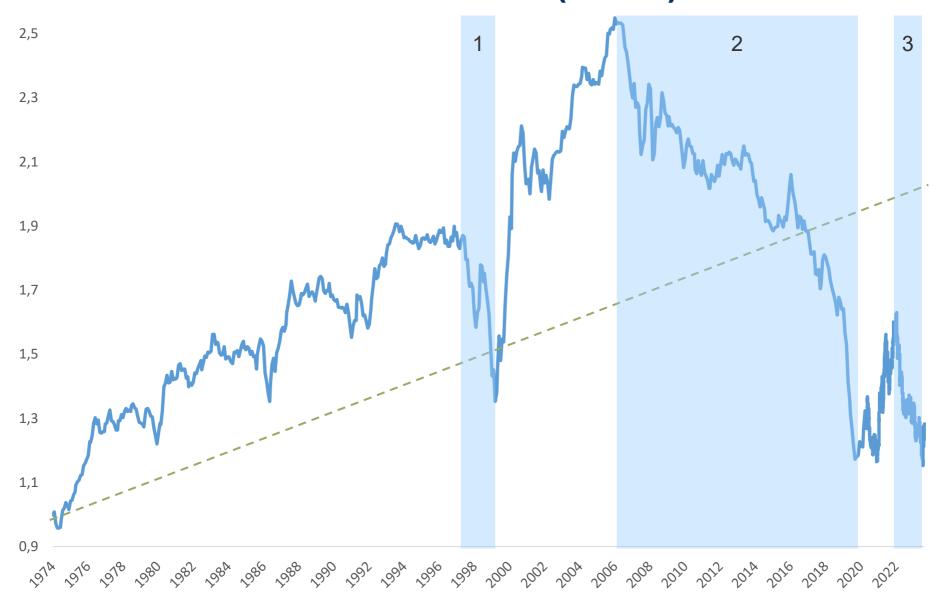


Our contrarian investment clock





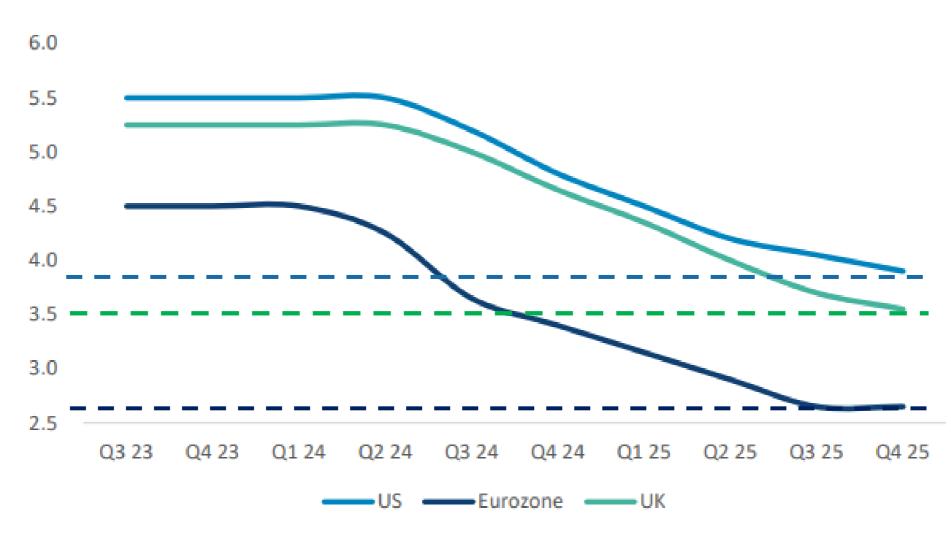
Value versus Growth since 1975 (MSCI)





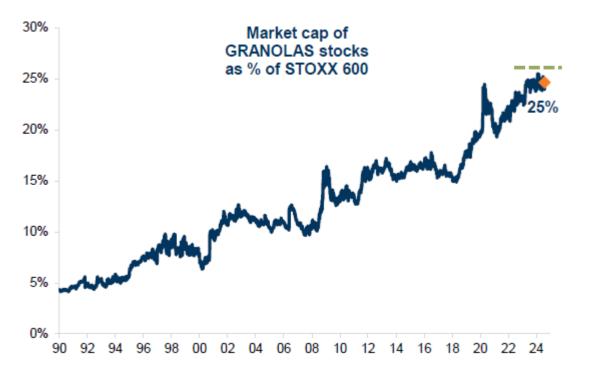
Rate cuts are coming







Is the era of the giants finally maturing?



"GRANOLAS": GSK, Roche, ASML, Nestle, Novartis, NovoNordisk, L'Oreal, LVMH, Astrazeneca, SAP, Sanofi



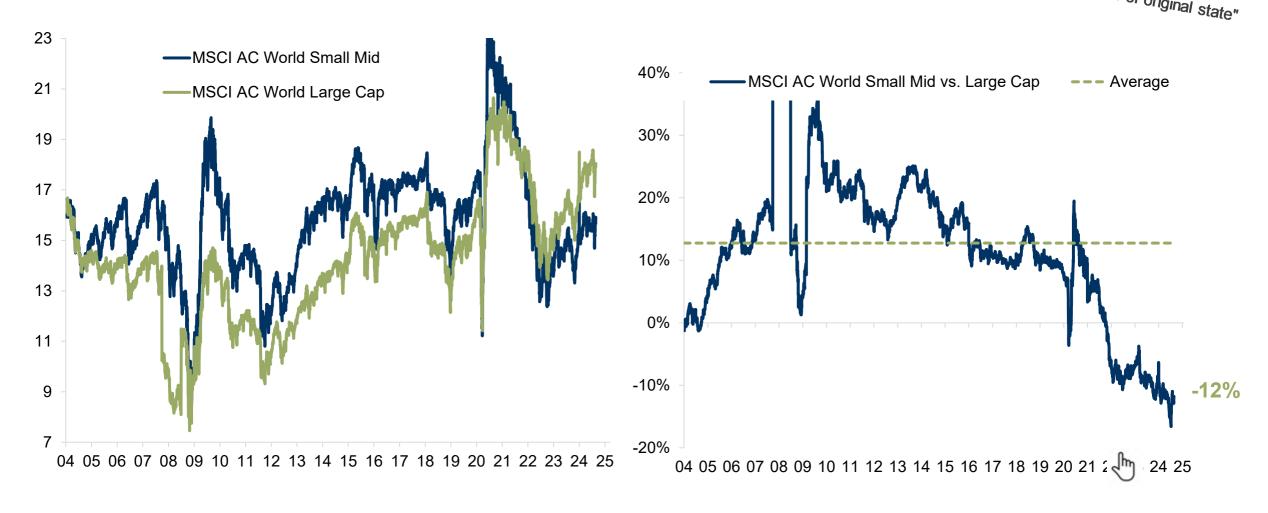
"Mag 7": Meta's Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet's Google, Tesla, NVIDIA



A market distortion?

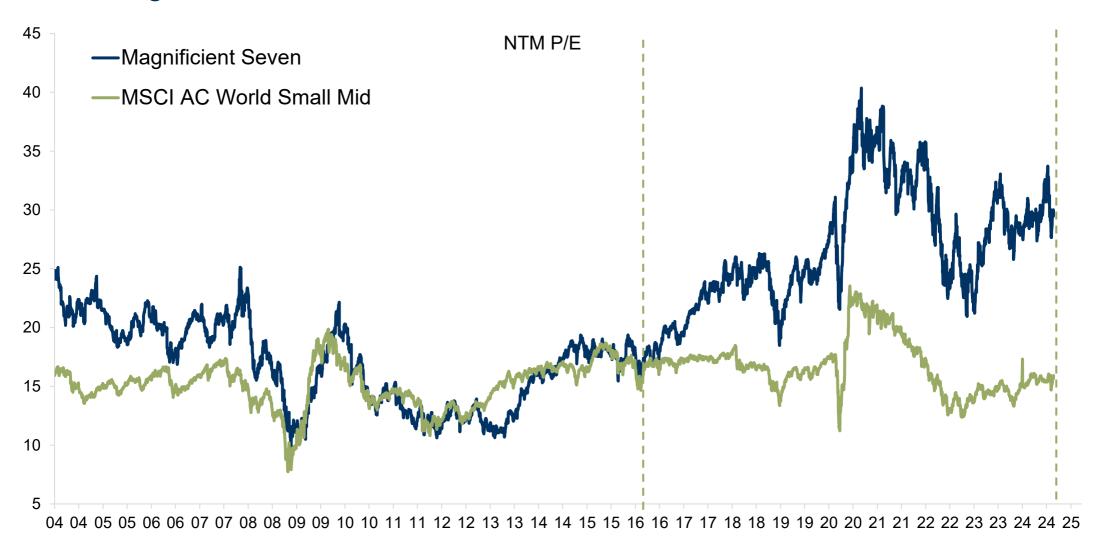
Price to Earnings

"The act of twisting or altering something from its true, natural or original state"



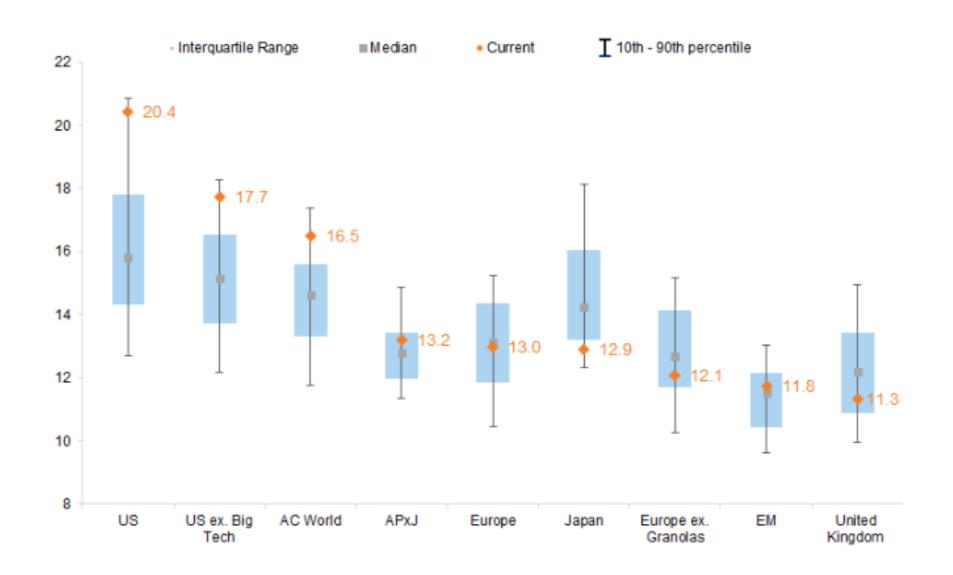
The Magnificent Gap

Price to Earnings



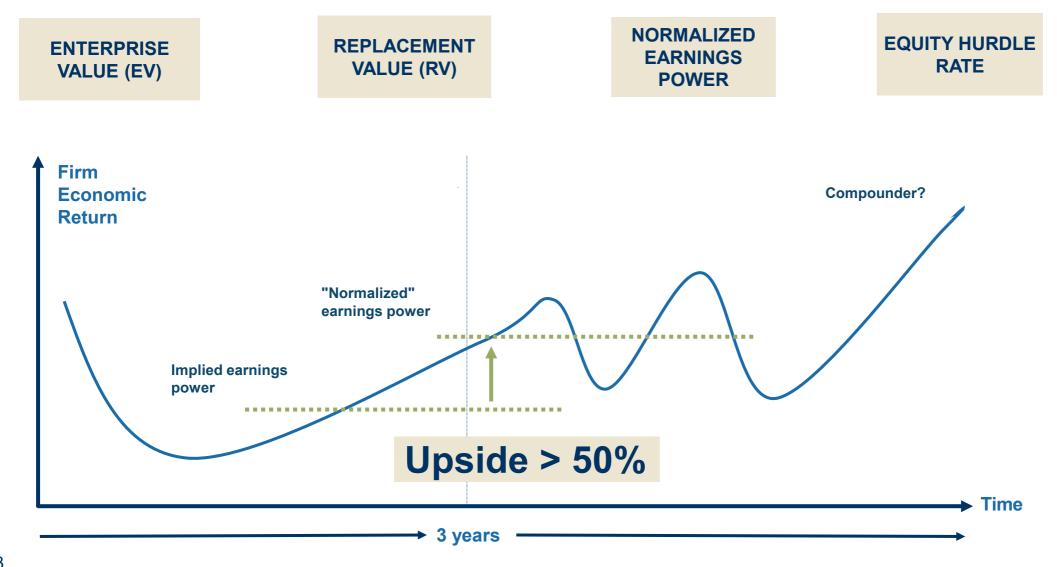


Geographical valuation versus history





Valuation framework and price target dynamics



Our value spectrums

Mean Reversion Value

Tendency for fundamental variables to revert to mean, in absence of structural change



Economic Return Value

Above average economic return on assets due to a sustainable competitive advantage not accurately priced in



Cyclical /
Commodity Value

Temporary cycle dislocations and trading below mid-cycle normalized earnings potential



Restructuring / Break-up Value

Fundamental potential of restructured unit



Asset-backed Value

Hidden value / tangible assets



Discount on Discount Value

Several layers of undervaluation

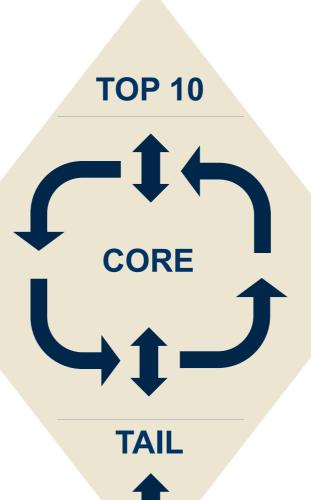


Degree of risk/reward

Portfolio "diamond" build-up

TOP 10

High conviction Catalysts near-term Protected downside 30-50% portfolio weight



Total Portfolio

- 35-50 positions
- At least 50% upside to PT as positions enter the fund
- Diversified fundamental risk factors

CORE

Strong conviction
Catalysts near-term
Build-up phase
0-70% portfolio weight

TAIL

Great value but catalyst timing uncertain
Positions to be increased
Positions to be exited
0-15% portfolio weight



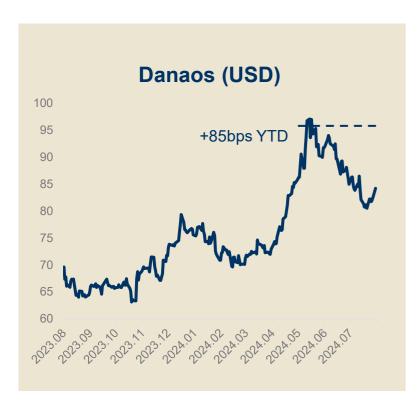
Price discipline is key in investment process

of positions hitting price target:

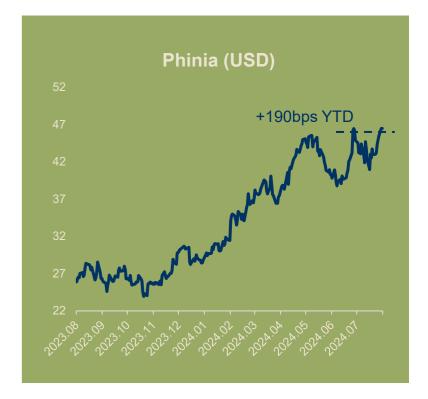
2024: 8 (YTD)

2023: 14 2022: 12

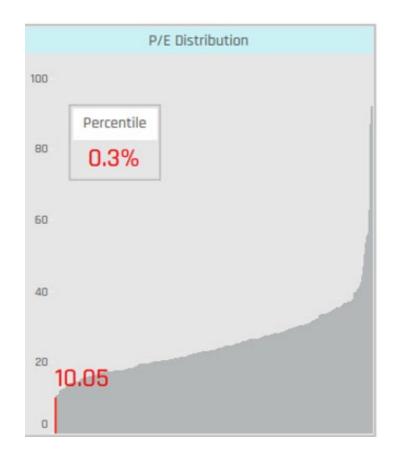
2024 – a few examples of equities hitting price target

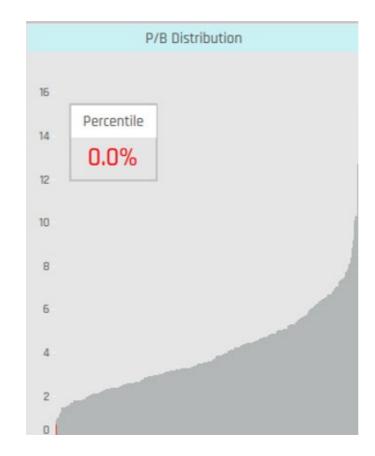


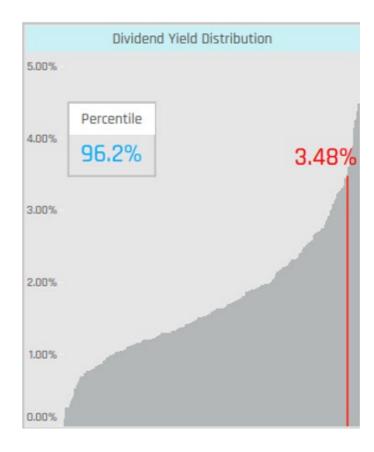




Valuation versus global active peers







Geographical deviation from active peers



2024 Winners and Losers

Largest contributors



Total return YTD (EUR): 1,8%

Largest detractors



Performance from the "Big Reset" (EUR)



SKAGEN Focus +130,7%

MSCI ACWI

MSCI ACWI SMID

MSCI ACWI Value

3 year return (EUR): SKAGEN Focus: 10,7%

MSCI ACWI: 26.4% MSCI ACWI SMID: 10.2% MSCI ACWI Value: 29,6%

5 year return (EUR):

SKAGEN Focus: 61,2% MSCI ACWI: 76,3% MSCI ACWI SMID: 53,9% MSCI ACWI Value: 55,7%

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South Korea – taking lessons from Japan

Some 69% of Kospi is trading below book, highlighting the need for reforms

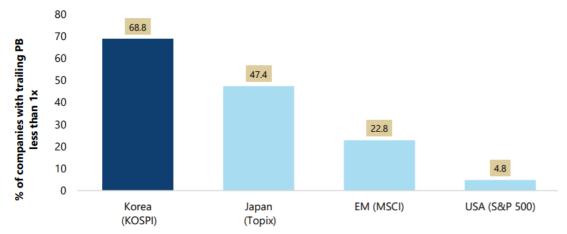
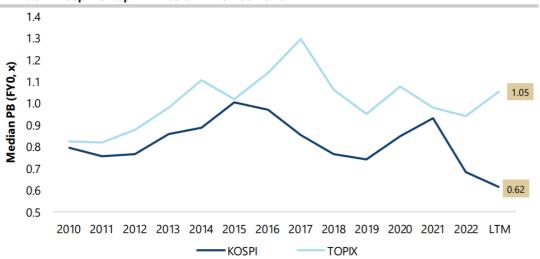


Exhibit 2: Kospi vs Topix - Median PB since 2010



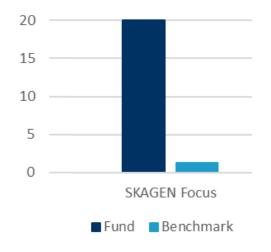








Portfolio exposure to South Korea %







Kalmar (KALMAR FH)

- Company spun off from Cargotec in July 2024 a new unknown entity for equity markets
- Producer of forklift trucks, empty container handlers, reach-stackers, straddle carriers, terminal tractors,.
- The company also has a vast aftermarket and service division (28% of sales)
- Kalmar operates an asset-light business model and only produces a few key components in-house.
- Global leader with #1 or #2 position in most niches

EBIT margin

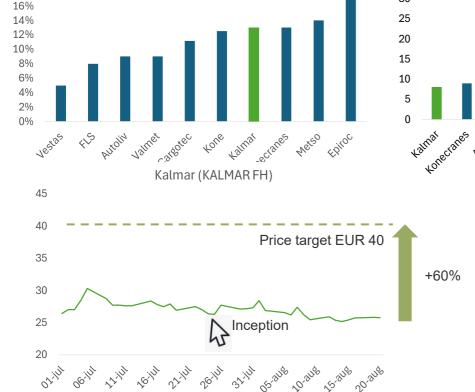
20%

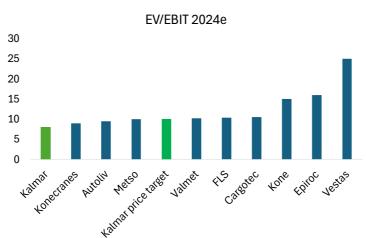
18%

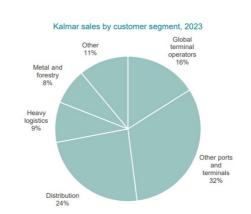
- Margins cyclically pressured in 2024, but most probably the low point in the cycle
- Strong balance sheet with only 0,5x net debt/ EBITDA with high cash conversion operating model.
- Valuation highly attractive on an absolute and relative basis.

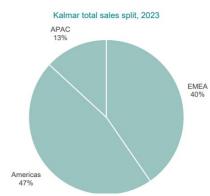












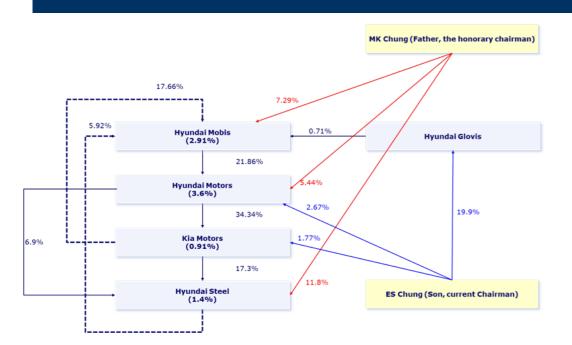
Catalysts

- Exceeding currently depressed expectations 2024/2025.
- Gradually moving towards company targets of 15% operating margin
- Strong potential for positive capital allocation events given the strong balance sheet
- Capital allocation events as company in net cash position
- Consolidation activity



Hyundai Mobis (012330 KS)

- Mkt cap USD 15 bn
- Key automotive supplier to Hyundai and Kia.
- At current levels, we believe that the market underestimates the underlying cash flow ability of the company, especially its stable cashflow from its high-margin aftermarket business.
- · Non-captive revenue is growing. Margin recovery in the making.
- In essence a holding company with significant stake is in HMG (21,4%), controlled by the Chung family through direct ownership and its position in Kia (which holds a 17,4% stake) owns 33% of Hyundai Mobis.
- Adjusting its EV for its crossholdings and the significant net cash position, core operations shares trades below 1x EV/EBITDA.
- We think it is unlikely that HMG eventually would propose a restructuring plan that would be unfavorable for Mobis shareholders, as it needs minority shareholders support and would not want to repeat the unsuccessful restructuring attempt of 2018.







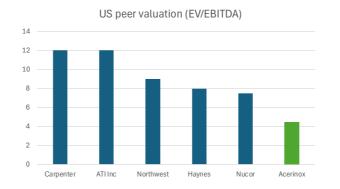
Catalysts

- Operating margin recovery, mainly driven by lower logistic costs and cost pass-through.
- Continued volume recovery / growth for its main customers.
 Penetration within electrification and ADAS with long-term scale benefits.
- Improved capital allocation, through higher shareholder returns and cancellation of treasury shares
- Group restructuring: Potential spinoff of modules and components, potentially a as a part of a corporate governance reform.



Acerinox (ACX SM)

- Stainless-steel producer listed in Spain
- Market cap of 2b EUR
- 80% of revenues from US and specialty steel market
- US steel companies valued higher than European operators
- Trading on 3x forward EV/EBITDA vs US companies at 6-8x
- Structural EBITDA potential of 700-800m EUR



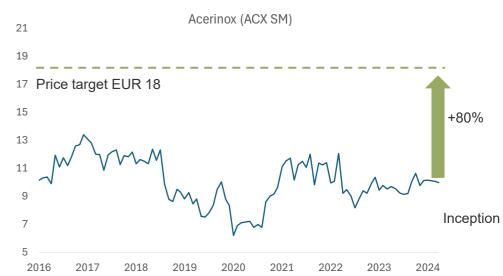




Catalysts:

- Final approval and synergies of Haynes acquisition
- Resolvement of the current strike in Europe.
- A cyclical recovery in the European steel operation
- Listing of stock in US equity market
- A Trump win could propel US profitability positively beyond expectations







Akatsuki (3932 JP)

Asset backed Value

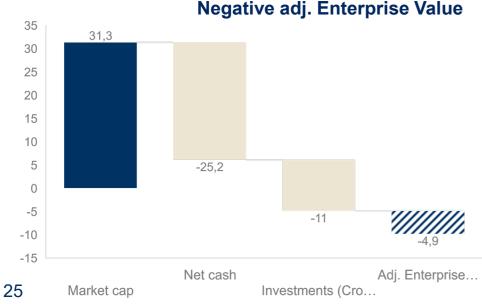
- Small cap mkt cap USD 0,2bn
- Gaming developer for mobile applications listed in Japan
- Market cap JPY 31 bn, net cash position of JPY 25bn
- Investment position of JPY 11bn book value (market value JPY 27bn)
- Major franchises: Dragon Ball Z Battle (350m downloads, 70% overseas)
- Stake recently acquired by Sony (9,8%) and Tecmo (8%)
- In the middle of 4-year investment period with two major titles next two years
- Internal earnings potential estimate is operating profit JPY 15bn (midterm)

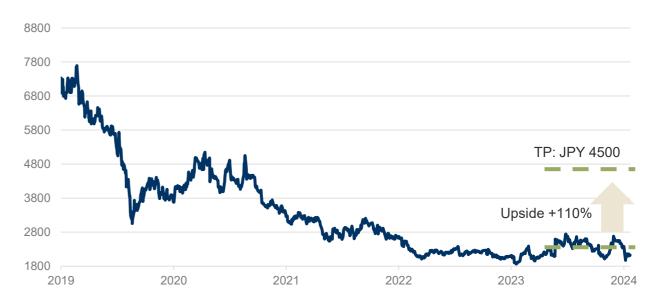




Catalysts

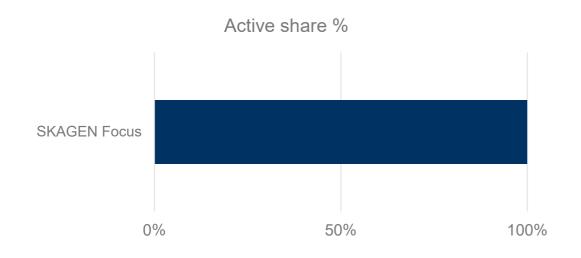
- · Continued monetization of existing titles
- · Successful new game releases
- · Capital allocation increased dividend distributions and share buybacks
- · Monetization of Venture capital investments





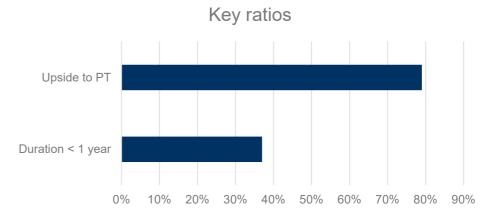
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Portfolio highlights











SKAGEN Focus composition highlights

- 49 positions
- 85% small and mid-cap
- 33% in top 10
- 76% weighted upside to price target
- 39% of positions less than one year from inception

0.7x Price/Book (ACWI 3,1)9,6x P/E (ACWI 17,8x)7,8% Return on Equity

Holding	Country	Sector	%	P/B	P/E FY2	Upside to PT
First Horizon Corp	United States	Regional Banking	4,0	1,1	13,5	33%
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd	South Korea	Automotive Supplier	3,8	0,5	5,5	101%
KB Financial Group Inc	South Korea	Banking	3,7	0,6	7,9	28%
Methanex Corp	Canada	Methanol Producer	3,4	1,6	11,0	93%
China Communications Services	China	Communication Services	3,1	0,6	6,9	38%
Acerinox SA	Spain	Steel Producer	3,1	0,9	7,0	110%
Japan Post Holdings Co	Japan	Investment Company	3,1	0,5	13,5	27%
Old Republic International	United States	Specialty Insurance	2,8	1,5	12,6	25%
Siltronic AG	Germany	Silicon Wafers	2,8	1,1	20,0	62%
Samsung Fire & Marine	South Korea	Diversified Insurance	2,8	0,9	7,1	50%
Top 10 aggregated			32,5%			57%



Lipper Fund Awards – best small and mid-cap fund 5 years





Summary Investment process anchored to Solid idea generation **Cheapness, Change and Common** Strong relative and absolute sense performance since the "Big Reset" The return of small caps – is the Unusually large upside to price balance finally turning? targets at 75%+ across the portfolio Fund awarded best global small/midcap fund 5-years by Lipper



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The art of common sense

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2023 winners and losers

Largest contributors



Total 2023 return (EUR): 19,0%

Largest detractors



Japanese flash crash















