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SKAGEN Kon-Tiki remains one of the best emerging-markets equity funds in our view, despite a recent comanager departure.

Comanager Ross Porter departed SKAGEN in June 2013. He had only been part of the emerging-markets team since Aug 2011 and was not a material factor in our positive view of the fund. The overall workload will increase for the others on the team, but it should be manageable—the fund draws on the work of a team of four people focused on emerging markets. The team is led by the highly capable Kristoffer Stensrud, who has been at the helm here since its 2002 launch, providing stability of leadership that is rare in the fund world.

The process remains the same. In keeping with the house style, Stensrud and team look for cheap companies that are underfollowed or out of favour. Managers are given plenty of flexibility and are willing to use it: For example, at the end of July 2013, the fund had half the MSCI EM weight in China and was a zero weighting in Taiwan (12% of MSCI EM); it also can and does hold developed-markets stocks. Although the fund's approach comes with risks, the team has executed it with aplomb.

One risk was on display in 2012, the first calendar year in which the fund underperformed its benchmark during Stensrud's tenure. This owed primarily to a single bet on Brazilian utility Eletrobras. Despite that blip, long-term results remain first-class. As of the end of July 2013, the fund ranked as the best-performing fund over 10 years in the Morningstar Global Emerging Markets Equity category and it is in the top decile for the year to date through July. While the largest outperformance was achieved when the fund was smaller, we don't think size should preclude it from continuing to deliver a high level of outperformance in the future—the size issue is mitigated to an extent by the managers' contrarian approach and low-turnover style. The fund does come with higher volatility of returns than peers and the MSCI EM benchmark, but investors have been well rewarded for this additional risk. The fund retains its Gold rating.

Morningstar Kvalitativ Rating™**★ Gold**

Portefølje rolle

The fund's focus on emerging markets makes it suitable as a supporting player in a portfolio.

Morningstar Søjler

Team

Ross Porter has left, but the remaining team is of high quality.

Forening

SKAGEN focuses on its core competencies.

Proces

The process is pragmatic, bottom-up and value-oriented.

Resultater

Relative performance has continued to be very strong.

Omkostninger

Expenses are still higher than the category median.

Morningstar Kvalitativ Rating

Morningstar evaluerer fonde ud fra fem grundsøjler. De er fundamentale i forhold til analytikerens vurdering af, hvilke fonde som skønnes i stand til at levere et attraktivt risikojusteret afkast over en lang horisont.