

NORDEN

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Total net assets

NAV

478,54M€ 180,64 €

Inception date (unit) **ISIN Code**

2 janv. 1995

Bloomberg Code

FR0000299356 **VERNORD**

Country of registration







MANAGER(S)



INVESTMENT POLICY

The Norden portfolio has been managed by Lazard Frères Gestion since May 31st 2002. It was created in 1995 by the Vernes bank. Norden is the only French fund invested in companies of four Scandinavian countries: Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway. The portfolio doesn't have any benchmark, though over the recommended investment period the portfolio's returns are comparable with the MSCI Nordic index.

FUND MANAGERS COMMENT

After collapsing in March, European equity markets bounced back sharply in April, despite first earnings releases often combined with the withdrawal of annual targets, and WTI, the U.S. oil benchmark, plunging into negative price territory for the first time on record on April 20, reflecting the deep imbalance between supply and demand. Brent also lost another 30% over the period. But the Fed's generous announcements and the ECB's more accommodative stance, as well as the favorable evolution of the outbreak in Western countries, prevailed. In this context, Nordic stock markets rose more than the euro zone, and the fund outperformed the index. It benefited from the strength in Konecranes (Lifting equipment and maintenance services, Finland), Autoliv (Automotive equipment, Sweden), Valmet (Industrial machinery, Finland) and Saab (Aerospace-Defense, Sweden). It suffered though from the weakness in Tele2 (Telecoms, Sweden), GN (Hearing aids, Denmark) and Epiroc (Construction and mining machinery, Sweden). Over the course of the month, we have sold our shares in Demant (Hearing aids, Denmark).

RISK SCALE*



Recommended investment period of 5 years

BENCHMARK INDEX

MSCI NORDIC COUNTRIES Net Return EUR

FEATURES

calculation

SICAV Legal Form Legal Domicile France UCITS Ves

International equities AMF Classification

Yes

Eligibility to PEA (personal

equity savings plan)

Currency EURO Subscribers concerned No restriction 02/01/1995 Inception date 02/01/1995 Date of share's first NAV

Lazard Frères Gestion SAS Management company Lazard Frères Banque Custodian

CACEIS Fund Admin Fund administration

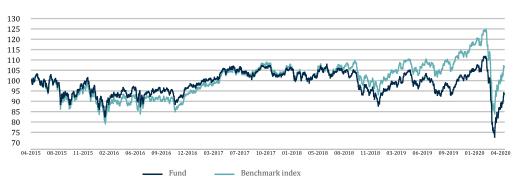
Frequency of NAV calculation On next NAV for orders placed Order execution

before 11:00 a.m D (NAV date) + 2 business day Subscritption terms

D (NAV date) + 2 business day Settlement of redemptions Share decimalisation Yes 1 share Minimum investment Subscription fees 4% max Redemption fees 0% Management fees 1.98% Performance fees Nil 2,61% **Current expenses**

*Risk scale : Derived from the historic volatility of the fund over a period of 5 years. The management company reserves the right to adjust the level of risk calculated according to the specific risk of the fund. This risk scale is supplied as a rough guide and may be modified without advance notice.

CHANGE IN NET ASSET VALUE (NAV)



Past performance is not a guarantee of current or future performance and increases at the end of the recommended investment period.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCES

| Cumulative | | | | | <u>A</u> | nnualized | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | 1 Month | 2020 | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| Fund | 10,48% | -10,72% | -9,98% | -10,35% | -6,70% | -3,58% | -1,38% |
| Benchmark index | 8,75% | -9,29% | -2,37% | 3,58% | 6,31% | 1,18% | 1,23% |
| Difference | 1,73% | -1,42% | -7,61% | -13,93% | -13,01% | -4,76% | -2,61% |

CALENDAR PERFORMANCES

| | Fund | Benchmark index |
|------|---------|-----------------|
| 2019 | 17,02% | 23,41% |
| 2018 | -13,28% | -8,28% |
| 2017 | 5,70% | 10,32% |
| 2016 | 0,14% | -1,06% |
| 2015 | 16,09% | 13,04% |
| | | |

TRAILING 1Y PERFORMANCES

| 2020 04 30 | -9,98% | -2,37% | |
|------------|--------|--------|--|
| 2019 04 30 | 2,33% | 6,01% | |
| 2018 04 30 | -2,68% | 0,08% | |
| 2017 04 30 | 10,78% | 12,97% | |
| 2016 04 30 | -6,05% | -9,15% | |

RISK RATIOS**

| KISK KATIOS | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| | 1 Year | 3 Years | | | |
| Volatility | | | | | |
| Fund | 28,35% | 19,61% | | | |
| Benchmark index | 28,20% | 19,46% | | | |
| Tracking Error | 5,33% | 4,44% | | | |
| Information ratio | -1,41 | -1,09 | | | |
| Sharpe ratio | -0,35 | -0,16 | | | |
| Alpha | -7,71 | -4,69 | | | |
| Beta | 0,99 | 0,98 | | | |
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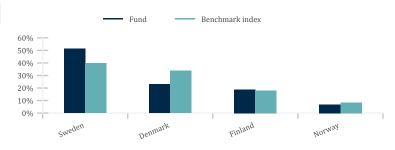
^{**}Ratios calculated on a weekly basis

MAIN HOLDINGS

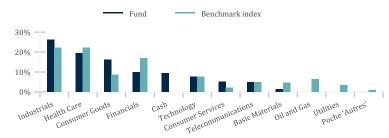
| Holdings | Country | Sector | Weigh | ıt |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Fund | Index |
| NOVO NORDISK B | Denmark | Health Care | 5,1% | 14,2% |
| SWEDISH MATCH | Sweden | Consumer Products & Services | 3,7% | 1,3% |
| ERICSSON LM B | Sweden | Technology | 3,3% | 3,4% |
| ELEKTA B | Sweden | Health Care | 3,2% | |
| VALMET | Finland | Industrial Goods & Services | 3,1% | |
| SAMPO A | Finland | Insurance | 3,1% | 1,8% |
| ESSITY B | Sweden | Consumer Products & Services | 3,1% | 2,5% |
| ATLAS COPCO AB -A- | Sweden | Industrial Goods & Services | 2,9% | 4,5% |
| KONE B | Finland | Industrial Goods & Services | 2,9% | 2,6% |
| TELENOR | Norway | Telecommunications | 2,8% | 1,4% |
| | | Total | 33,1% | 31,6% |

Positions sold

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN



SECTOR BREAKDOWN



MAIN TRANSACTIONS

New positions

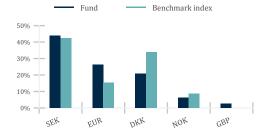
| Positions increased | Positions reduced |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ESSITY B | GN STORE NORD |
| SVENSKA HANDELSBANKEN A | KONE B |
| THILL COOLD | VALMET |

DEMANT

CAPITALIZATION BREAKDOWN



CURRENCY BREAKDOWN



OVER- AND UNDEREXPOSURE TO THE BENCHMARK INDEX

| Overexposur | es | Underexposures | | |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------|--|
| ELEKTA B | 3,2% | NOVO NORDISK B | -9,1% | |
| VALMET | 3,1% | INVESTOR B | -2,9% | |
| ASTRAZENECA PLC | 2,7% | DSV PANALPINA | -2,7% | |
| KESKO | 2,5% | NORDEA BANK ABP | -2,6% | |

RELATIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

| First positive contributors | | | First negative contributors | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | Absolute perf. | Relative contribution (bp) | | Absolute perf. | Relative contribution (bp) |
| KONECRANES ORD SHS | 26,9% | 39 | TELE2 B | -3,6% | -15 |
| AUTOLIV (SWEDISH DEPOSIT.REC.) | 28,2% | 36 | OTELLO CORPORATION ASA | -18,2% | -12 |
| VALMET | 16,8% | 27 | GN STORE NORD | 2,2% | -9 |
| | Total | 102 | | Total | -36 |

CONTACTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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