

## Report date: 27 March 2024

Fund: Pareto Nordic Equity  
Umbrella fund: Pareto SICAV  
Inception date: 31 October 2018  
AUM: NOK 1352 million  
Benchmark: VINX Nordic Equity Index  
PRIIPs KID risk score from 1 (low) to 7 (high): 4

Category: equity fund  
Legal structure: UCITS  
Dealing days: all coinciding banking days in Norway, Sweden and Luxembourg

Domicile: Luxembourg  
Management company: FundRock Management Comp. S.A.  
Investment manager: Pareto Asset Management AS  
Custodian:  
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch

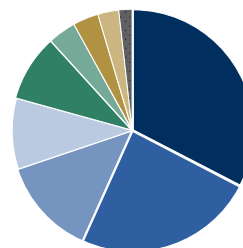
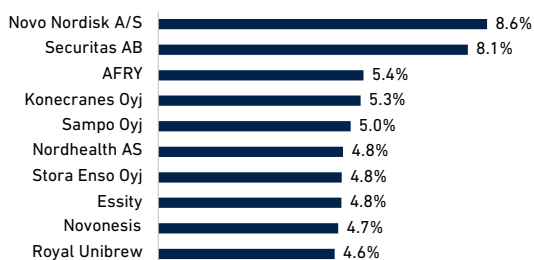
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Launch date: 31 October 2018  
NAV as at 27 Mar 2024: 1 697.92  
NAV currency: NOK  
Minimum investment: 50 000 000  
ISIN: LU1653072915  
Bloomberg ticker: PANEQDN LX

**Nordic equity fund with quality bias and high active share on both company and industry level**

### Investment criteria:

- Good growth and cash flow
- Strong capital return and balance sheet
- Attractive valuation

## Top ten holdings and sector allocation



## Key figures since inception

	Fund	Index
Accumulated returns	69.8%	116.1%
Annualised returns	10.3%	15.3%
Best month	13.1%	7.9%
Weakest month	-18.1%	-9.1%
Positive months	44	44
Negative months	21	21

## Risk figures since inception

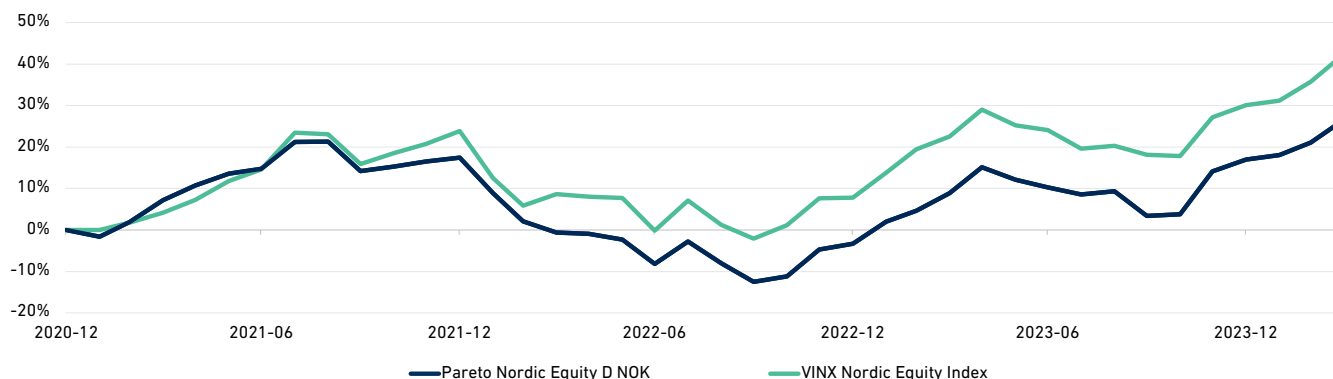
	Fund	Index
Standard deviation (annualised)	17.2%	13.1%
Tracking error (annualised)	10.3%	n.a.
Information ratio	-0.4	n.a.
Sharpe ratio (SOL1X)**	0.6	1.1

\*\*ST1X was used until 29.01.21

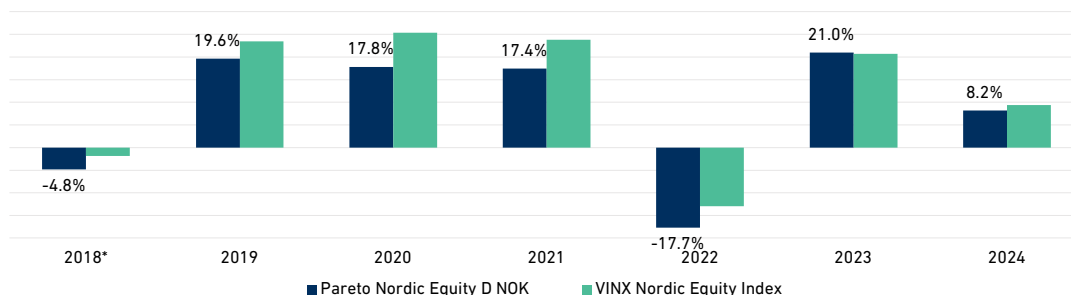
## Performance by periods

	Fund	Index
Last month	4.6%	4.9%
Year to date	8.2%	9.4%
Last 12 months	16.2%	16.2%
Since inception (annualised)	10.3%	15.3%
Since new management team (01.01.21)	26.6 %	42.3 %

## Performance history of current management team (since 1 Jan 2021)



## Annual returns



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\*From launch of the share class. All figures are based on internationally recognised standards for publishing performance data. Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on, market developments, the portfolio manager's skill, the fund's risk profile, as well as fees for subscription, management and redemption. Returns may become negative as a result of negative price developments. The performance data do not take account of the fees incurred on subscription and redemption of units/shares.

By the portfolio management team: Christian Nygaard and Frida Hauge (analyst)

March was another good month for the fund. We got the remaining reports for the fourth quarter of 2023, confirming the firm profit development of our companies.

Novo Nordisk continued its strong run and contributed the most to the fund's value appreciation. The company held a capital markets day with encouraging news on progress of the development of new medication and production capacity of obesity drugs.

The weight of Novo Nordisk in the benchmark index is about ten per cent, and we have maintained a stake close to that level. Because of the increase in the share price we had to sell shares in order not to exceed the allowed ten per cent limit of one single issuer in the fund. In another Nordic equity index which is not capped but based on free float (that is the ratio of shares assumed to be fairly liquid), Novo Nordisk accounts for approximately a quarter of the aggregate value. In terms of the index appreciation over the past three years, the company constitutes 90 per cent. In other words, the rest of the Nordic market has not increased very much, suggesting that the potential is strong. The fact that we seem to be exiting a period of destocking in a large number of industries, after an order binge following covid, adds to the potential of Nordic equities.

Stora Enso, the Finnish forest owner and producer of wood-based packaging and construction materials, also did well in March. The mentioned destocking has hit these industries as well, but signs of more orders and higher production are positive.

Also worth mentioning is Essity, the Sweden-based manufacturer of hygiene products, which contributed well to the fund. The company has now sold its Chinese subsidiary, which has been a drag on the group along several dimensions.

We also welcome Frida Hauge to the management team of Pareto Nordic Equity, as Ole Jørgen Grøneng Nilsen has left.

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