

# **Norron Sustainable Equity** ISIN for Swiss Investors: LU2436693597

# MONTHLY REPORT

# **FEBRUARY 2024**

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#### Return in %

	1 month	Year to date	1 year
Norron Sustainable Equity RC SEK Acc	1,32	0,71	-7,84

#### **Investment Manager Report**

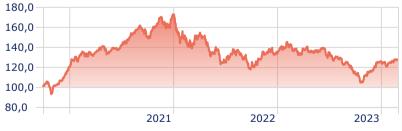
In the month of February, Norron Sustainable Equity delivered a performance of 1.3 percent, while Carnegie Nordic Small Cap experienced a gain of 1.2 percent. The VINX Benchmark Cap Net Index saw an uplift of 2.2 percent, marking a robust month in the equity markets.

The period was characterized by a bustling earnings season that maintained its momentum from January, showcasing significant volatility among numerous reporting entities. A standout performance came from the deposit system manufacturer Tomra, whose quarterly outcomes surpassed analyst expectations, thereby standing out as a top performer for the fund. On the positive ledger, Novo Nordisk continued its upward trajectory, alongside ChemoMetec, which saw its shares surge significantly in February. Conversely, developments in SOBI, Scatec, and Nordic Semiconductor detracted from the fund's performance, moving it towards a negative direction. Furthermore, during the month, Renewcell filed for bankruptcy as the company failed to secure its financing. Even though the exposure at the time constituted a very small fraction of the fund, it presents a setback from both a financial and sustainability standpoint. Although the company, to our understanding, has a viable product and the industry as a whole is facing a crucial sustainability transition, Renewcell's challenges in scaling demand to profitable levels were notable.

Looking ahead, the portfolio's composition is compelling, anchored on attractive valuations and promising earnings growth prospects in the coming years. A noteworthy portfolio inclusion is Medicover, active in the diagnostics and healthcare services sector. After a period of observation during which Medicover undertook significant expansionary investments, we now assess its positioning as favorable. The company is poised for enhanced operational efficiency and higher utilization rates, anticipated to positively influence future earnings. From a sustainability perspective, Medicover is a social investment that enables improved health and well-being.

In terms of the fund's sustainability objectives, Healthy & prosperous societies and Innovative & sustainable solutions contributed 0.5 percent each, constituting an average weight of 34 and 25 percent of the fund, respectively. In the former theme, Novo Nordisk, ChemoMetec, and Securitas performed strongly, while SOBI, AstraZeneca, and Getinge contributed negatively. As for the latter theme, ABB, Hexagon, and Addtech were good contributors, unlike Nibe, Fabege, and Castellum, which drove the fund in the opposite direction. Climate & Environment contributed the least with a return of 0.1 percent and constituted an average weight of 6 percent. Tomra was, as mentioned earlier, the main contributor, while the development in Scatec and Renewcell was less pleasing.

### NAV growth since inception



#### Norron Sustainable Equity RC SEK Acc

#### Monthly returns in % - Norron Sustainable RC SEK

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2024	-0,60	1,32											0,71
2023	4,43	-1,38	0,83	-1,53	-0,55	-0,52	-3,63	-3,79	-7,74	-6,65	8,14	7,90	-5,75
2022	-12,51	-2,75	2,49	-3,93	-4,44	-9,97	10,78	-5,45	-8,42	6,95	5,53	-1,06	-22,80
2021	4,50	4,14	2,79	4,45	-1,23	1,32	6,47	6,01	-4,85	6,33	2,25	5,31	43,79
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6,33	13,73	12.73	_

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# NameNorron Sustainable Equity RC SEK AccInception Date2020-09-30Fund Size in mSEK598Month End Price126,53Management Fee1,50%ISINLU1982817865EU SFDR classArticle 9SRRI4

#### Management Team:

Information

Johan Solini (PM), Jesper Laudon Meyer (Sustainability Manager)

#### Sustainability Data (explaination on the last page)

Taxonomy Aligned	8,70%
Green/Low Carbon	4,00%
Enabling	4,70%
Transition	0,00%
Sustainable Investments	96,90%
UN Global Compact	82,50%
ESG Risk Reporting	88,20%
Science Based Target	40,60%

#### **Sustainability Commitments**

Norron is a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investments (UN PRI) and the UN Global Compact. We are also committed to the Science Based Targets initiative and have set validated climate targets. Norron is also a member of Swesif, a network for organizations working with sustainable investments in Sweden, and reports data for its funds in Hållbarhetsprofilen. For more information, please visit www.norron.com.





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Equity Country Exposure		Sector Exposure						
	Sweden	56,4	Basic Materials				2,7%	
	Denmark	16,1	Consumer Cyclical				4,1%	
	• Finland	11,6	Financial Services				0,0%	
	• England	5,8	Real Estate					
			Consumer Defensive					
	Total	100,0						
			Utilities				0,0%	
			Communication Services Energy					
			Industrials			46,9%		
			Technology		11			
Largest positions in % of NAV			Attribution winners during month in %					
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B		8,64		Vikt	Α	vk	Bidrag	
AstraZeneca PLC		5,69	Tomra Systems ASA	1,67	31,	08	0,53	
Hexagon AB Class B		4,15	Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	8,12	5,	54	0,46	
ABB Ltd		3,85	ChemoMetec A/S	1,27	30,	27	0,39	
Beijer Ref AB Class B		3,41	Rockwool AS Class B	2,31	16,		0,39	
Essity AB Class B		3,25	ABB Ltd	4,07		28	0,34	
Securitas AB Class B		2,95				20	0,54	
KONE Oyj Class B		2,95	Attribution loosers durin	g month	in %			
Huhtamäki Oyj		2,88			Vikt	Avk	Bidrag	
NIBE Industrier AB Class B		2,80	Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB		3,02	-12,81	-0,40	
			NIBE Industrier AB Class B		3,20	-7,91	-0,26	
			Scatec ASA Ordinary Shares		1,41	-17,48	-0,25	
			Nordic Semiconductor ASA		1,49	-16,34	-0,25	
			AstraZeneca PLC		5,92	-3,95	-0,24	

SDG Allocation 2023 (weighted average fund proportion)



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#### About Norron

Norron Asset Management, founded in 2010, is a Nordic asset manager with offices in Stockholm and Oslo. The company manages six funds with a focus on the Nordic capital markets. The fund offering includes absolute return funds as well as actively managed equity funds and fixed income funds. Norron is owned by the founders, staff and the Norwegian listed industrial investment company Aker ASA. The funds are distributed mainly by market-leading Nordic savings platforms with a focus on occupational pension capital. Norron's geographical focus is the Nordic region and the managerial style is characterized by flexibility, openness and transparency. The company's combined expertise with well-defined guidelines combined with a healthy approach to management, which includes a rigorous approach to risk-taking, a sophisticated use of derivatives and a careful stock selection process, benefits our unit holders through a historically very competitive return. To read more about the company, we refer to the website www.norron.com.

#### **EU Taxonomy Explanation**

The EU taxonomy is a classification framework that determines whether a specific economic activity is environmentally sustainable. The purpose of the framework is to accelerate the transition towards a more sustainable economy. The taxonomy framework currently includes six environmental objectives, which are: 1. Climate change mitigation, 2. Climate change adaptation, 3. Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, 4. Transition to a circular economy, 5. Pollution prevention and control, and 6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity ecosystems. For an economic activity to be considered environmentally sustainable ("aligned"), it must significantly contribute to one of the above environmental objectives. The activity must also not cause significant harm to any of the other objectives. Additionally, the company must meet certain social minimum safeguards.

The taxonomy framework is an important tool for Norron in our assessment of sustainable investments. The fund's alignment indicates the proportion of the fund's investments that meet the established criteria for environmental sustainability according to the EU taxonomy regulation. The table also shows whether these activities are classified as "green", enabling, or transitional activities. For complete taxonomy data, we refer to the fund's sustainability report available on Norron's website, and Norron SICAV's annual report.

#### Sustainability Data Explanation

Norron invests towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030. For an investment to be considered sustainable, it must contribute to one of the SDGs as well as to one of Norron's sustainable investment objectives. The objectives are as follows: Climate & environment, Healthy & prosperous societies, Innovative & sustainable solutions, Sustainable clites & infrastructure, and Sustainable finance. Sustainable investments must also meet minimum social safeguards and must not cause significant harm on sustainability factors. The table on page one reports the fund's weighted average proportion of sustainable investments for the previous year.

Norron has also established three entity level sustainability goals extending to 2040, with sub-targets set for 2026. These goals state that by 2040, 100% of portfolio companies should 1) set climate goals validated by the Science Based Targets initiative, 2) sign the UN Global Compact, and 3) disclose material sustainability risks. The table on page one shows how the fund contributed (weighted average) to Norron's sustainability goals in the previous year.

Fund Informatio	n
Custodian	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Lux Branch
Fund Legal Structure	SICAV
Base Currency	Swedish Krona
Domicile	Luxembourg
Administrator	European Fund Administration S.A.
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à r.l.

#### **Investment Strategy**

Norron Sustainable Equity is an actively managed Nordic sustainability fund, classified as Article 9 under SFDR. Investments aim to combine economic profitability with social and environmental responsibility. The fund invests in large, medium, and small companies. The fund's philosophy is to make sustainable investments. The companies we invest in should therefore contribute to one of the fund's four sustainability objectives: Climate & environment, Healthy & prosperous societites, Innovative & sustainable solutions, or Sustainable cities & infrastructure.

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