

DGB Auction preview

Debt Office to tap in the 10Y and old 30Y benchmarks

On Wednesday, the Danish Debt Management Office will tap in the 10Y benchmark DGB 2.25% 11/35 and the old 30Y benchmark DGB 0.25% 11/52. The Debt Office has already announced that it will sell up to DKK2bn in the DGB 0.25% 11/52. So far, the Debt Office has issued DKK43.4bn out of an issuance target of DKK65bn. Hence, it has fulfilled two-thirds of the issuance target for 2026 and is on track to meet the full-year target with 6-7 auctions left for the year (including the one on Wednesday).

We do not expect any revision of the issuance target for 2026 as the Danish economy is doing very well and last week the Ministry of Finance published an updated forecast on the borrowing requirement for 2026 and the first estimate for 2027 based on the economic assessment from the Ministry for Taxation and Economic Growth ([see here](#) – in Danish).

The gross borrowing requirement for 2026 was lowered from DKK120bn to DKK115, given a lower net financing requirement of DKK7bn and an increase in buybacks of DKK2bn. Furthermore, the first estimate of the borrowing requirement in 2027 was very low – DKK88bn as the ministry expects a negative net financing requirement of DKK40bn (which is a surplus), as shown below. This is due to a solid Danish economy including an increase in capital gains tax from the Danish Life Insurance companies and pension funds

The net and gross financing requirement for 2026 and 2027 (DKKbn)

	2026		2027
	May '26	Aug '26	Aug '26
Net financing requirement	16	9	-40
Repayment of LT debt[**]	48	51	66
Repayment of ST debt[***]	17	17	20
Net purchase of state owned funds	1	1	0
Net purchase of bonds for special purposes[****]	38	37	43
Gross finance requirement	120	115	88

Source: Danske Bank

[*] based on the changes in the Ministry of Economics budget update from December. [**] Incl. payments from the central government in cross-currency swaps and buybacks of long-term debt with maturity date beyond the current year. [***] Repayment of short-term debt corresponds to the outstanding amount of Treasury bills and commercial paper in the beginning of the year. [****] Net purchases of bonds for special purposes includes public housing bonds, bonds for financing of private nursing homes and KommuneKredit bonds.

Hence, the supply of DGBs is set to remain low also in 2027, where we expect the Debt Office will maintain an issuance target of DKK65bn. Given the significant supply of EGBs, including Germany, we keep our long recommendation on DGBs, especially DGB 2.25% 11/35, as it is the bond that offers the best carry and roll-down relative to Germany. The 30Y benchmark looks expensive based on the spread to a matching German government bond, as shown on page 2.

Today's key points

- On Wednesday, the Danish Debt Management Office will tap in the 10Y benchmark DGB 2.25% 11/35 and the old 30Y benchmark DGB 0.25% 11/52. The Debt Office has already announced that it will sell up to DKK2bn in the DGB 0.25% 11/52.
- The Debt Office has so far fulfilled two-thirds of the issuance target for 2026. Hence, it is well on track to fulfil the target of DKK65bn for 2026.
- The supply of DGBs is set to remain low given the solid Danish economy. This is also reflected in the downward revision of the gross borrowing requirement for 2026, as well as a big surplus for 2027.
- Hence, we keep our recommendation of buying DGB 2.25% 11/35 relative to both Germany and DKK swaps. We still consider the 30Y bond too expensive.

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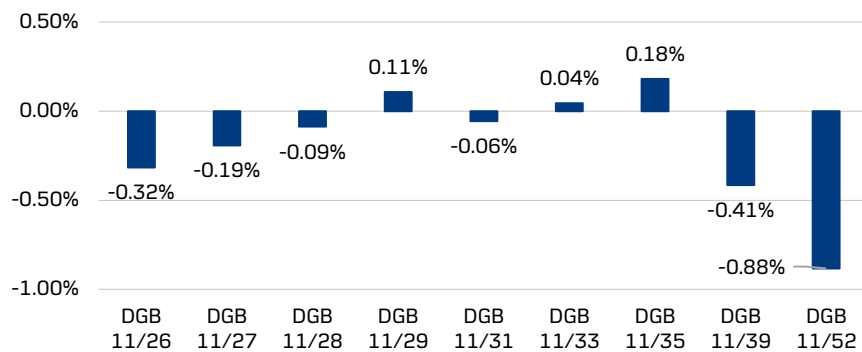
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DGBs relative to Bunds

The best carry and roll-down on the DGB curve relative to Bunds is found in the 10Y segment, as shown below, where we look at the carry and roll-down on a 12mth horizon including the funding cost on DGBs relative to a matching German government bond.

Excess carry on DGBs relative to a matching German government bond including funding



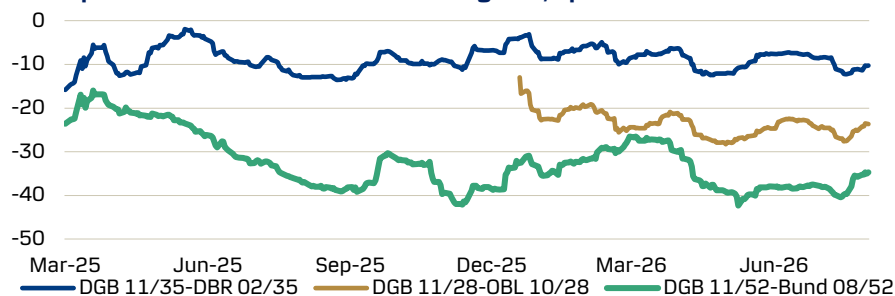
Source: Danske Bank

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The 30Y benchmark has cheapened modestly relative to Bund 08/52 but is still very rich, as shown below. This is also reflected in the carry (above).

The 2Y, 10Y and old 30Y benchmark relative to matching German government bonds

Yield spread between DGBs and German govts, bp



Source: Danske Bank

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