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New Riksbank call – not now, but soon

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(prev. September and December)

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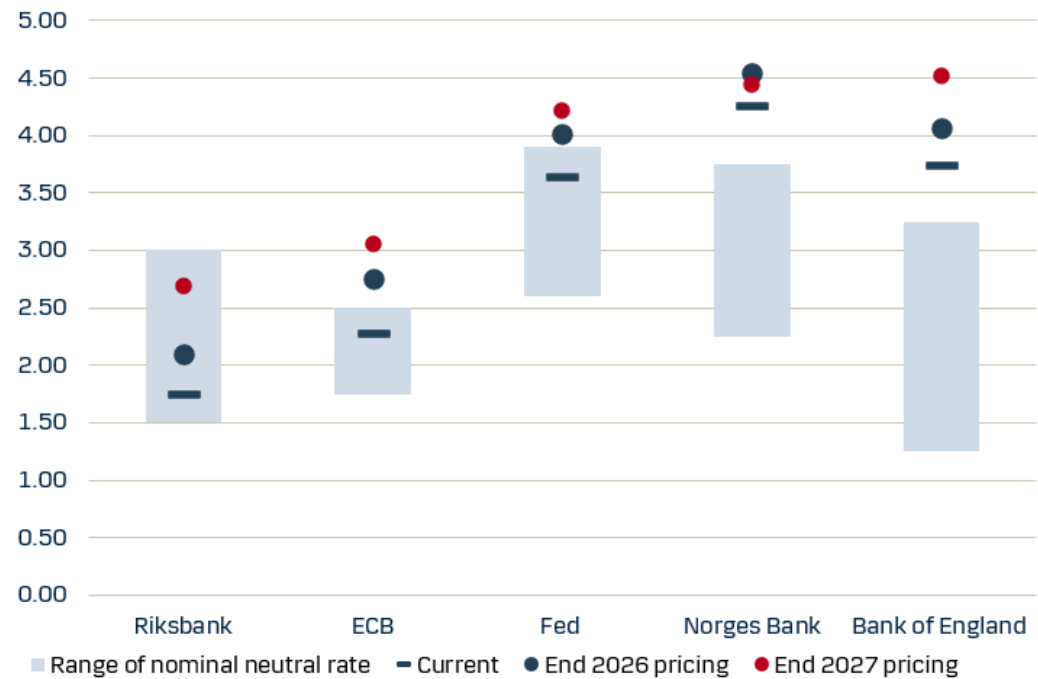
In conjunction with the Nordic Outlook released this morning (see [Sweden - Danske Bank Research](#)), we make an adjustment to our Riksbank call and postpone the timing of our call for a rate hike in September to November. Subsequently, we expect a second hike in February to 2.25% (prev. December). We then expect the Riksbank to stay at 2.25% throughout 2027.

As we highlighted in [Riksbank review - \[Once again\] dovish against market expectations, 20 Aug](#), the Riksbank was more dovish than expected in August and there was no clear guidance for an upcoming hike in September. While a September hike should not be ruled out (and, in our view, there are good arguments for a hike already at that point), it seems more likely that the Riksbank will use the September meeting and updated forecasts to revise the rate path higher and peg up for a rate hike at the meeting in November. The minutes from the August meeting (see [Riksbank Minutes - 25 August 2026](#)) revealed that all members are unanimous that the next step will be a hike, but that the timing is unclear, with some governors favouring moving slowly rather than proactively.

Current market pricing is now exceeding our Riksbank call, and by some margin, with close to 100bp priced in for the coming year. From a risk/reward perspective, however, we are less convinced to go against current pricing. Especially as the energy market remains a clear driver of the front-end. On a relative basis, we see arguments for the Riksbank to deliver more hikes from here than the ECB. The main argument is that the ECB has delivered one rate hike already, and another hike is widely anticipated for 10 September, but also the relatively stronger Swedish economic performance.

The Riksbank’s starting point is low and pricing still in “neutral”

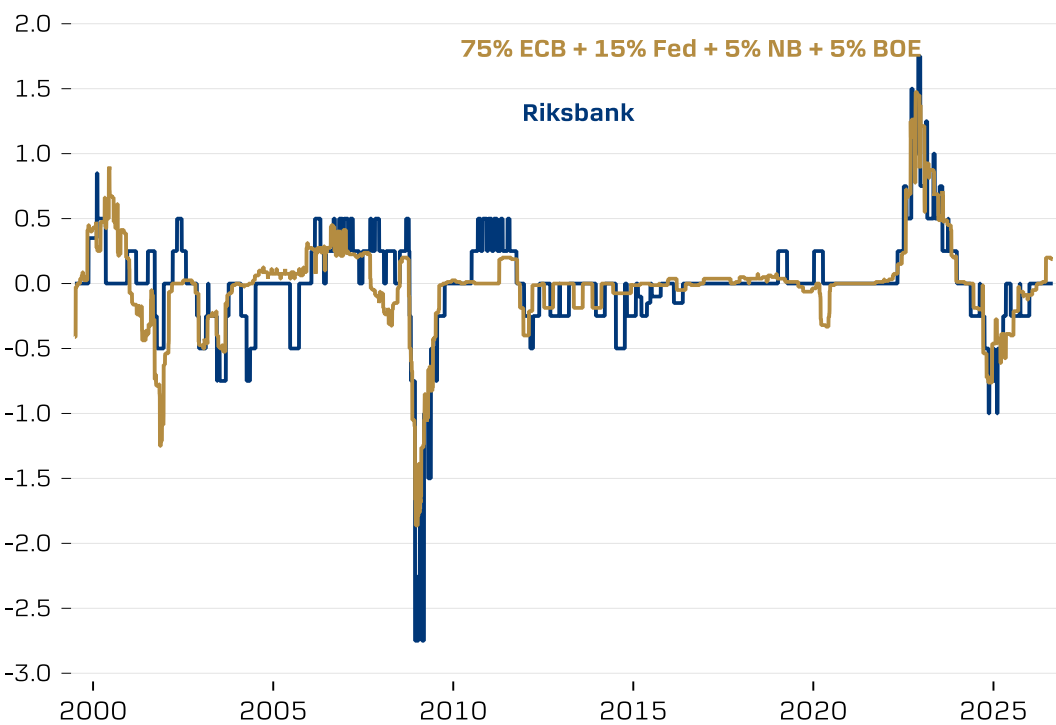
Central bank estimates of neutral and 2026 pricing





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“KIX-4” weighted int’l policy rate vs Riksbank (Qtr. changes)



Riksbank pricing: September a close call, c.100bp over next year

	Market pricing		Danske Bank forecast		Riksbank Jun26 MPR	
Annoucement date	Impl. Chg	Level	Impl. Chg	Level	Impl. Chg	Level
Today	0.00	1.75	0.00	1.75	0.02	1.77
2026-09-24	0.10	1.85	0.00	1.75	0.03	1.80
2026-11-04	0.13	1.98	0.25	2.00	0.03	1.83
2026-12-16	0.12	2.10	0.00	2.00	0.04	1.87
Accumulated 2026	0.35		0.25		0.12	
2027-02-03	0.13	2.23	0.25	2.25	0.03	1.82
2027-03-24	0.13	2.36	0.00	2.25	0.03	1.84
2027-05-05	0.11	2.47	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.86
2027-06-22	0.09	2.56	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.89
2027-08-19	0.07	2.63	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.92
2027-09-23	0.04	2.67	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.94
2027-11-04	0.02	2.69	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.96
2027-12-16	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.25	0.02	1.98
Accumulated 2027	0.59		0.25		0.17	
Total	0.94		0.50		0.29	

Source: Danske Bank. Note: Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results



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