

Nordic Banks Weekly Wrap

Moody's assigned Landsbankinn (OW) an inaugural issuer rating of A2, one notch above its domestic peers Arion (OW) and Islandsbanki (OW). Moody's assigns similar BCAs to the three banks (baa2), with Landsbankinn's SNP stack driving the rating difference by providing a three-notch uplift versus two notches for Arion and Islandsbanki, which have no SNP outstanding. Based on our estimates, closing this gap would require Arion and Islandsbanki to issue around ISK44-50bn worth of SNP (for the latter, S&P has expected SNP issuance since Q4 24). While the subordination requirement for Icelandic banks takes effect as of Q3 27, the requirement is relatively low at 13.5% and therefore suggests limited (if any) SNP issuance needs.

Following the **softer-than-expected Swedish CPI**, markets repriced the Riksbank to now include (slightly) less than one full hike by year-end against 30bp worth of hikes as of Friday last week. Hence, NII tailwind from higher policy rates remains a tug of war between solid growth and lower inflationary impulses. **Norwegian August CPI also came in markedly below Norges Bank's expectations** (3.0% against Norges Bank's estimate from the June MPR of 3.3%), which has led Danske Bank to expect Norges Bank to keep rates unchanged at the 24 September meeting. See the Norges Bank preview [here](#).

OP (UW) issued a EUR500m 7y SP at MS+62 after IPT of MS+80. We saw the deal price at MS+60, but investors seemingly needed larger concessions to be willing to engage. Hence, the deal was also the one showing the shortest price travel from IPT to final among Nordic banks YTD. Further corroborating the muted investor enthusiasm, despite the limited tightening, the final order book stood at just EUR750m (incl. JLM interest). See our new issue comment [here](#). **Nykredit (MW) was also active with a EUR500m WNG 4y SNP** with IPT of MS+95-100. This deal was somewhat better received (likely also reflecting the more appealing spread), with Nykredit pricing the transaction at MS+68 amidst an order book of EUR1.9bn. We were a bit split on how to view fair value due to the dispersion in pricing of Nykredit's longer tenor SNPs – see our new issue comment [here](#) – with the EUR500m bonds seemingly pricing tighter than the EUR750m.

Moody's affirmed SPOLNO's (MW) Aa3 issuer rating and provided no signals about pressures building in either direction. SPOLNO has not been active in EUR since May 2024 and with a EUR500m maturing in April next year, we see it as a potential issuer before year-end. Note that domestic peers SR-Bank (MW), SBNOR (MW) and MINGNO (MW) have all been active in EUR BM format during 2026.

Hoist (MW) held its CMD where it raised its RoE target to 20% (previously 15%), which is to be achieved through an ambitious growth plan (Hoist has solid operating leverage), with Hoist targeting an investment portfolio of SEK60bn by end-2030 (currently SEK39bn). The CET1 target was left unchanged.

As widely expected, the ECB hiked policy rates 25bp while surprising markets with more hawkish communication. Danske Bank now expects the ECB to hike at both the October and December meetings, taking the deposit rate to 3.0% – see the full ECB review [here](#).

Key points

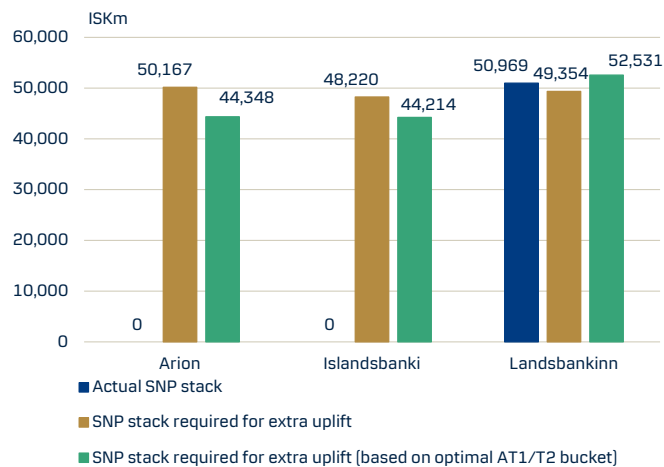
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Main	54	2	5.1
Xover	262	12	5.1
ITrxxx SrFin	56	2	5.1
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IG (OAS to swap)	65	0	4.6
HY (OAS to swap)	262	-8	3.2
Nordic banks			
PS	38	1	3.4
SNP	45	-1	3.6
T2	81	-1	3.5
AT1	208	18	4.2
European banks			
PS	38	-2	3.1
SNP	61	-2	4.2
T2	92	-2	3.4
AT1	233	-2	4.8

* Yrs to maturity for CDS indices. Yrs to workout for Nordic bank bonds. Modified duration for IG/HY

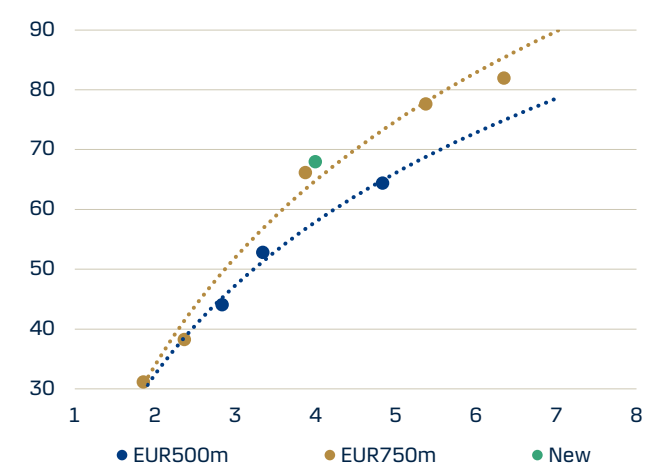
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Chart 1. Required SNP stacks to receive three-notch uplift from Moody's


Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Chart 2. Nykredit EUR BM SNPs


Source: Central Bank of Denmark, Danske Bank Credit Research

Table 1. Recent Nordic EUR BM transactions

Date	Ticker	Payment rank	Tenor	Currency	Amount (m)	IPT	Final spread*	IPT -> Final subscription	Over-	Current spread	Performance (bp)
18-Mar	DANBNK	Jr Subordinated	PerpNC7	USD	500	7.188	6.6	59	3.6x	227	-28
13-Apr	SRBANK	Sr Non Preferred	6NC5	EUR	500	117.5	88	30	5.2x	75	-13
15-Apr	NYKRE	Sr Non Preferred	5.8y	EUR	750	120	92	28	3.1x	77	-15
22-Apr	NDAFH	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	1000	75	48	27	2x	41	-7
22-Apr	SHBASS	Sr Non Preferred	7y	EUR	1000	102.5	73	30	2.2x	67	-6
22-Apr	JYBC	Sr Non Preferred	6.2NC5.2	EUR	500	120	90	30	6.6x	74	-16
28-Apr	LFBANK	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	500	85	57	28	2.6x	47	-10
29-Apr	SEB	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	1000	75	50	25	1.5x	40	-10
05-May	LANBNN	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	300	143	110	33	5.5x	92	-18
06-May	SBNOR	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	500	83	58	25	1.7x	50	-8
07-May	OPBANK	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	500	75	50	25	2.5x	42	-8
07-May	ARION	Sr Preferred	3.5y	EUR	300	123	88	35	8x	65	-23
21-May	SYDBDC	Sr Non Preferred	5NC4	EUR	500	105	80	25	1.4x	67	-13
21-May	DNBNO	Sr Non Preferred	6NC5	EUR	750	95	70	25	1.7x	65	-5
26-May	SEB	Jr Subordinated	PerpNC8	USD	600	7.31	6.86	56	5.8x	268	-17
09-Jun	NDAFH	Subordinated	10NC5	EUR	500	125	98	27	3.8x	95	-3
09-Jun	DNBNO	Sr Preferred	5NC4	EUR	750	73	47	26	2.3x	42	-5
10-Jun	MINGNO	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	500	83	57	26	2x	45	-12
17-Jun	NYKRE	Sr Non Preferred	7.25y	EUR	750	125	100	25	2.7x	92	-8
11-Aug	SEB	Subordinated	11NC6	EUR	500	130	100	30	3x	100	0
12-Aug	SWEDA	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	1000	75	47	28	2.3x	43	-4
17-Aug	NDAFH	Sr Preferred	7y	EUR	750	80	55	25	1.6x	55	0
18-Aug	SRBANK	Sr Preferred	5y	EUR	500	78	50	28	1.8x	46	-4
07-Sep	OPBANK	Sr Preferred	7y	EUR	500	85	62	23	1.5x	62	0
08-Sep	NYKRE	Sr Non Preferred	4y	EUR	500	98	68	30	3.8x	64	-4

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

* Yield for AT1s

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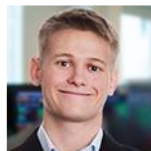
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