

### Nordea results first quarter 2008

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# Growth strategy on track - income growth continued and profit before loan losses increased

- Income EUR 1,961m (EUR 1,873m), up 5%
- Net interest income EUR 1,181m (EUR 1,004m), up 18%
- Risk-adjusted profit up 1% up 5% adjusted for Eksportfinans
- Profit before loan losses EUR 906m (EUR 881m), up 3%
- Loan losses EUR -21m (positive EUR 13m)
- Net profit EUR 687m (EUR 701m), down 2%
- Return on equity 15.8% (18.0%)
- Earnings per share EUR 0.26 (EUR 0.27)



# Nordea has managed challenging market conditions also in the first quarter 2008

- Benefiting from a solid funding name, well diversified business profile and a strong balance sheet
  - Conservative liquidity strategy in place since creation of Nordea
  - Well diversified funding bases, Nordic, EU and US Nordic covered bond markets a stable funding base
  - Low risk, diversified lending portfolio with Retail profile
  - Issuance of a new Euro covered bond in beginning of April at prices only somewhat higher than previous issue in November (Mid swap +11bps)
  - No maturity of Tier 2 capital in 2008
  - Nordea has the lowest Credit Default Swaps (CDS) spread levels in Europe evidencing the confidence in Nordea's funding
- Limited negative P/L effects from market turmoil
  - Estimated negative effects from market turmoil of approx EUR 30m on fair value assessments
  - EUR 23m in negative result effects from Norwegian Eksportfinans
- Increased costs for longer-term funding will gradually affect Nordic banks and lead to re-pricing of the lending book and further support lending margins



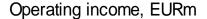
### Strong liquidity position

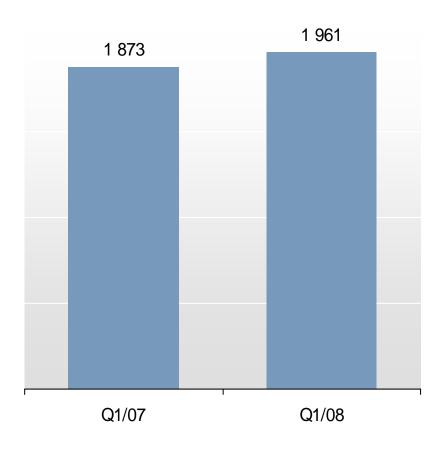
- Net Balance of Stable Funding
  - Excess of long-term funding compared to long-term assets with maturity longer than 6 months
  - According to target set by ALCO net balance of stable funding should be positive

- Liquidity Buffer
  - End March approx. EUR 20bn of stand-by liquidity high quality repo eligible papers



### Operating income up 5%





#### YoY

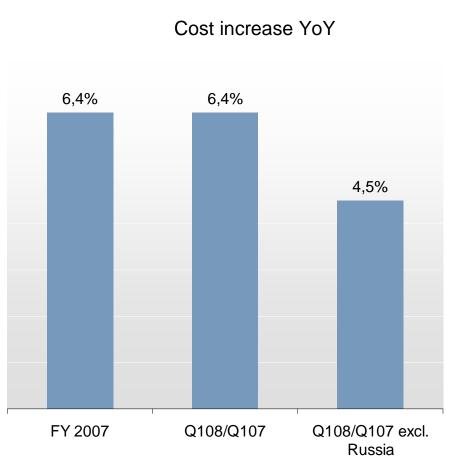
- Up 5% excl. Eksportfinans up 6%
- Net interest income up 18%
  - Continued growth in both lending and deposit volumes
  - Higher corporate lending margins
  - Increase supported by strong growth in New European Markets, incl. Russia
- Net commission income down 7%
  - Shifting customer demand influence income structure
  - Savings-related commissions decreased by 15% mainly due to fall in AuM
  - Payment commission up 6% with strong increase in cards
- Net gains/losses down 4%
  - Challenging market conditions but continued high demand from corporate customers

#### Q1oQ4

- Down 3%
  - NII up 3% strong growth momentum
  - Commission down 6% AuM down 7%
  - Net gains/losses down 11% still at a high level



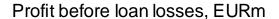
### Cost increase in line with guidance

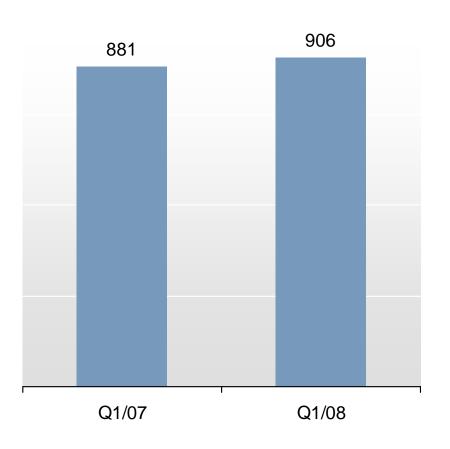


- Unchanged cost growth compared to 2007
- Cost growth reflecting execution of growth strategy and related investments
- Staff costs up 10% following increased business activity, investment in growth areas and wage inflation
  - Total number of employees up 10%, of which Russia accounts for 5%-points
- Costs up 4.5% excluding Russian operations



### Profit before loan losses up 3%

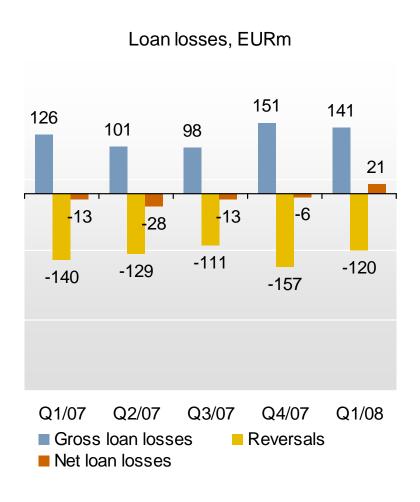




- Growth strategy on track
- Income growth continues to drive the profit increase – investments in growth areas delivers
- Strong momentum both in Nordic countries as well as in New European markets



### Strong and well diversified credit portfolio



- New provisions remained at an unchanged level while the amount of recoveries has decreased – all in line with guidance
- Net loan losses EUR 21m
- The credit quality remains strong



### Bringing Nordea from Good to Great



Profit orientationCost, risk and capital

Ambitious vision and targets

Strong customer oriented values and culture

**Clear growth strategy** 



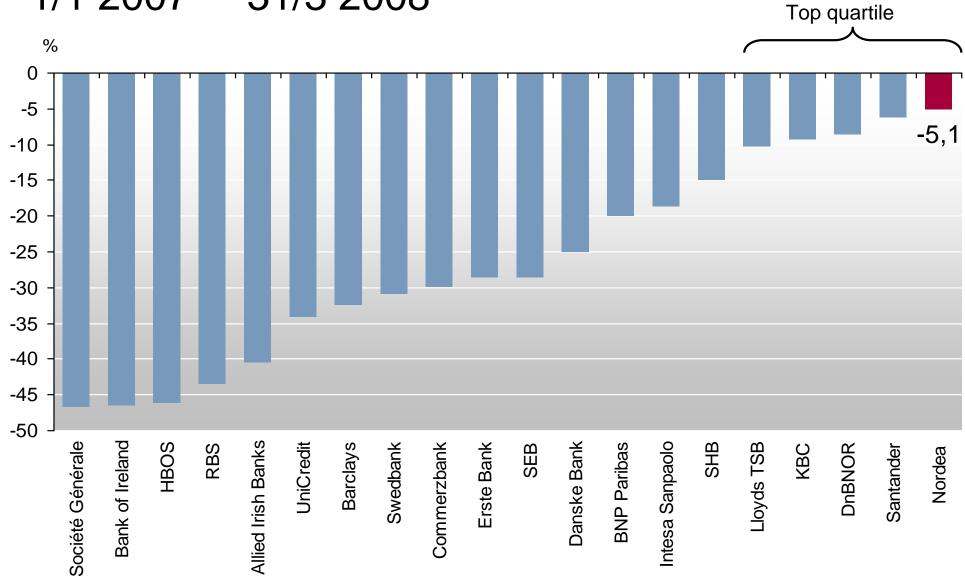
### Ambitious vision and targets

Long term financial targets	Target	2007	Q1/08
TSR (%)	In the top quartile of European peer group	# 3 of 20	# 8 of 20
Risk adjusted profit (EUR m) <sup>1</sup>	Double in 7 years <sup>2</sup>	15%	16%³
RoE (%)	In line with top Nordic peers	19.7%	15.8%
Capital structure policy	Policy		
Dividend payout-ratio	> 40% of net profit	42%	
Tier 1 capital ratio	> 6.5%	7.0%	7.2%

- 1. Risk-adjusted profit is defined as total income less total expenses, less expected losses and standard tax. In addition, risk-adjusted profit excludes major non-recurring items.
- 2. Baseline 2006 EUR 2,107m
- 3. Rolling 4 quarters compared with baseline

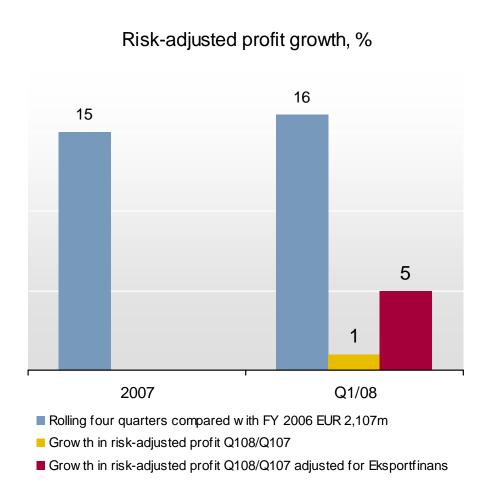
## Nordea

### Total shareholder return (TSR) 1/1 2007 - 31/3 2008





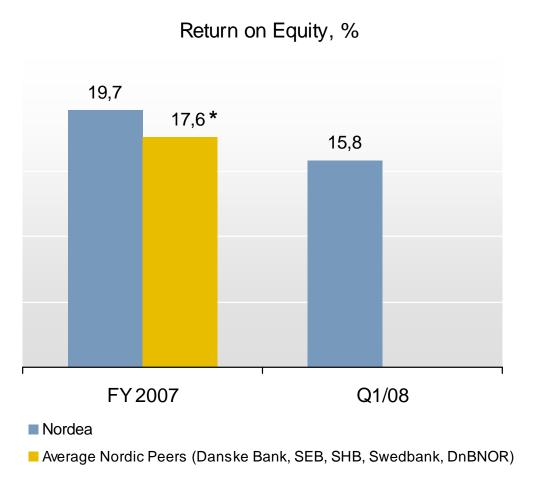
### Sustained growth in Risk-adjusted profit



 Up 1% to EUR 584m compared to same quarter last year and 5% when excluding Eksportfinans



### Return on Equity (RoE)



#### Lower RoE in Q1

- Higher equity prior to dividend payout
- Slightly lower net profit following net loan losses

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for one-off



### A profitable organic growth strategy with clear initiatives

#### **Existing Nordic customers and new customers**

#### **Household strategy**

- Migration to premium segments
- Attract new customers to premium segments
- Focus on Sweden

#### **Private banking**

- Added advisory capacity
- Capture internal pool of potential customers

#### **Corporate strategy**

- New Corporate Merchant Banking concept
- Cash equity and corporate finance
- Growth in sale of value-added capital markets products

## Selected global and European business lines

### Based on strong competencies

- Reinforced #1 position in shipping
- Reinforced strong international position in Private Banking and Fund Distribution

### New European Markets

### Selective growth strategy

- Expanded distribution capacity in Poland
- Russia broaden focus to include all segments
- Selective growth in the Baltic countries

#### Next level of efficiency to support sustainable growth

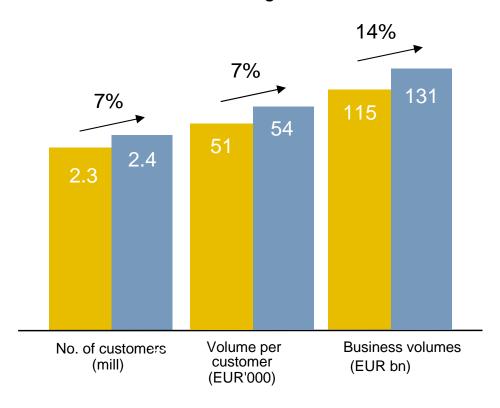
- Free up time for sales
- Unify customer processes

- Unify product delivery processes
- Next phase of improvements cross units
- Employer branding and recruitment, talent management and leadership competencies



### Proactive sales drives growth in premium segments

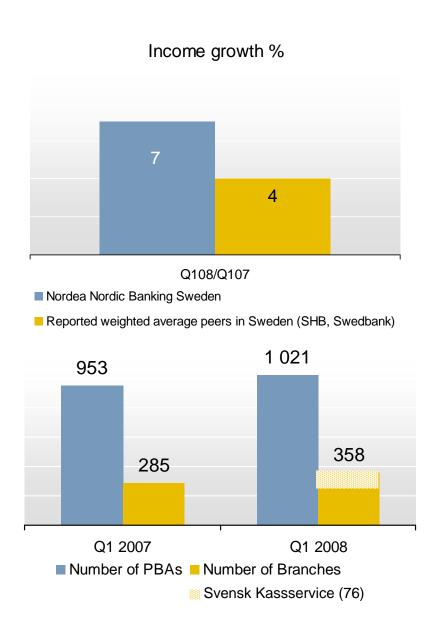
#### Nordic Gold segment YoY



- Gold segment continues to be the main engine for profitable growth
- Successful penetration of the customer base
  - 7% increase in number of Gold customers
  - 1/5 are new customers in Nordea
- Income growth in Gold segment up 7% YoY



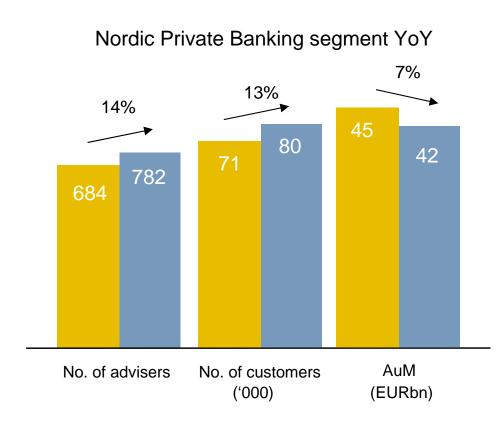
### Growth Plan Sweden on track



- Income in Nordic Banking Sweden 7%
  - Improved market position
- Focus on services and product segments with strongest growth potential; long term savings, consumer loans, capital market products
- Initiative continues in 2008
  - Focus on advisory capacity 100 advisors to be recruited
- Finalising the deal with Svensk Kassaservice
  - Converting 76 branches
  - Taking over 350 employees



### Continued strong growth in Nordic Private Banking

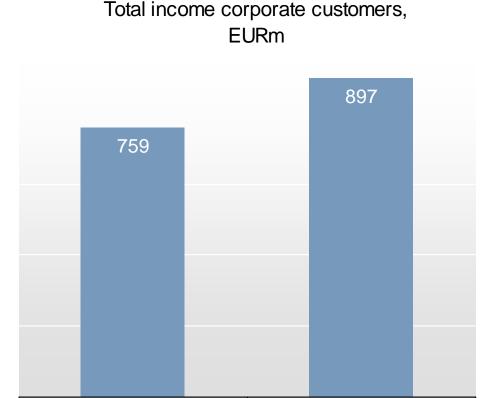


- Growth success of Private Banking continued in first quarter 2008
  - Number of customers up 13% YoY
  - 1,500 new customers in Q1, mainly in Norway and Sweden
- Assets under Management down 6% due to weak equity markets
- Income largely unchanged despite market unrest
  - Lower income from AuM and falling transaction volumes have been largely compensated by inflow of new customers and increased volumes outside Asset Management



Q1/07

### High corporate customer activity



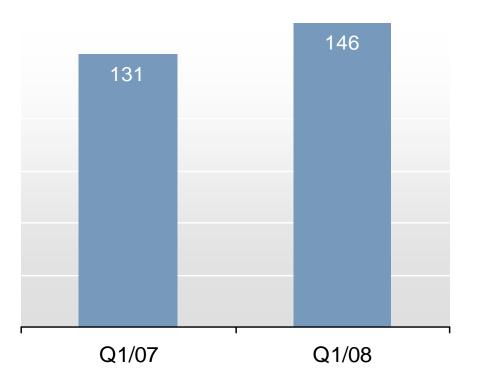
Q1/08

- Income from corporate customers up 18% in Q1
- Strong growth in corporate lending continued in Q1
  - Increased lending market shares in the higher segments of the corporate market
- Successful execution of customer team strategy
- Strong contribution from New European Markets
- Corporate lending margins have increased during the quarter
  - Shift in margin trend during the quarter
  - Margins expected to increase further



## Increased demand for Capital market products in corporate segment

Total revenues in Capital Markets related to Nordic Banking customers, EURm

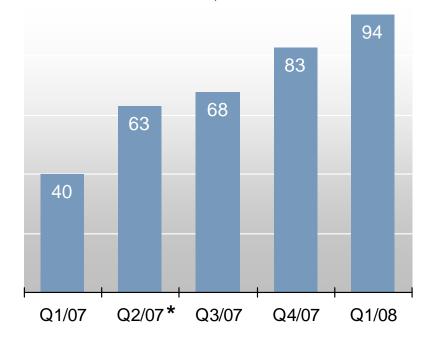


- Customer driven demand for Capital markets products continue to increase
- Continued success in advising corporate customers to hedge their market risk
- Significant potential remains
  - Increase penetration of risk management products in corporate customer base
  - Increased customer awareness
- Strengthening of the corporate finance and cash equity offering



# Strong business development in all segments within New European Markets

New European Markets total income, EURm



An increasingly important component in the long-term growth strategy

- Selective growth strategy on track
  - 11 new branches opened in Poland in Q1 2008
  - Continued prudent credit policies in New European Markets enables Nordea to grow with stable credit quality
- Income up 135% 40% in Poland and the Baltic countries
  - Close to 5% of Group income
- Total lending up 71% in Poland and the Baltic countries
- Total number of customers increased with 30%
  - Number of gold customers up 66%
- Cost/Income ratio continues to improve (from 60% to 53%) despite investments in branch network
  - C/I in line with Nordic Banking average

<sup>\*</sup> Orgresbank consolidated from Q2 2007



### Outlook for 2008

- Accelerating turmoil in financial markets has increased uncertainty about growth in the real economy
- Despite a somewhat weaker macroeconomic outlook, Nordea experiences high customer activity in almost all areas
- Lending growth expected to be somewhat lower in the remaining part of the year but still at a high level and margins likely to increase
- Financial outlook for 2008 is kept unchanged risk-adjusted profit is expected to grow in the range of 5-10%
- Cost growth in 2008 is expected to be somewhat higher than in 2007 following earlier communicated investment plans
- For 2008 Nordea expects some net loan loss charges, as reversals of previously made provisions and recoveries are likely to decrease



### Concluding remarks

- Growth strategy on track income growth continued and profit before loan losses increased
- Nordea has managed challenging market conditions also in first quarter
- Strong funding and liquidity position
- High customer activity and continued strong growth in volumes
- Sustained growth in risk-adjusted profit
- Overall quality of the credit portfolio remains strong
- Unchanged financial outlook