

1 Introduction

This report presents the individual solvency need (tilstrækkelig basiskapital og solvensbehov for pengeinstitutter) for Nordea Kredit Realkreditaktieselskab (Nordea Kredit). This report fulfils external disclosure requirements regarding the solvency need according to EU regulation No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms, and the Danish Financial Business Act (Lov om finansiel virksomhed jf. lovbekendtgørelse nr. 182 af 18. februar 2015) and Danish Executive Order no. 295 (27 March 2014) "Bekendtgørelse om opgørelse af risikoeksponeringer, kapitalgrundlag og solvensbehov".

The individual solvency need is updated and published each quarter. Details about Nordea Kredit's risk profile and key exposures are available in the annually disclosed Capital and Risk Management (Pillar 3) report for Nordea Kredit, starting from 2016. Both reports are available on Nordea's Investor Relations website (nordea.com/ir) and links can be found on Nordea Kredit's website. Reference to the individual solvency need reporting is made in the annual report and the interim report for Nordea Kredit. The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) report for Nordea Kredit is produced at least annually. The reports are approved by the Board of Directors and presented to the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority (Dk-FSA).

All amounts are in DKK unless stated otherwise.

1.1 Main conclusions

ISN ratio

13.1%

Remained at 13.1%, as in Q3 2016

Total capital ratio

35.3%

Increased from 34.3% in Q3 2016

Capital situation

Nordea Kredit is well capitalised at end-Q4 2016 and has access to available capital from the parent company if necessary.

Gaeldsbuffer

In addition to capital requirements Nordea Kredit has to meet a debt buffer requirement. The debt buffer is a way of implementing MREL in BRRD for mortgage institutions and is phased in, starting from 15 June 2016 with 0.6% of mortgage loans growing to 2.0% when fully implemented in 2020. The debt buffer requirement needs to be met by own funds instruments or unsecured senior debt not used to cover capital requirements.

Capital requirement, incl. Basel 1 floor

14.0bn

Reduced from 14.1bn in Q3 2016

Excess capital above requirements

8.2bn

Increased from 8.1bn in Q3 2016

LSP

As a result of the legal structure program Nordea Bank Danmark AS was merged into Nordea Bank AB (publ) on January 2nd, 2017. Nordea Kredit is from that point a subsidiary directly owned by Nordea Bank AB (publ).

Stress Testing

Nordea Kredit conducts capital adequacy stress testing in collaboration with the Nordea Group to ensure that adequate capital is available in the event of, for instance, severe credit losses or changes in regulatory capital requirements. Stress testing is also made using Dk-FSA scenarios and methods.

2 Description of the individual solvency need

Approach

Nordea Kredit uses a Pillar I plus Pillar II approach in calculating the individual solvency need. Each component and its capital requirement are shown graphically on page 3 in Figure 1, along with the Individual Solvency Need in Table 1, and the Own Funds and REA in Table 2.

This methodology uses the Pillar I capital requirements for credit risk, Credit Value Adjustment (CVA), market risk and operational risk as outlined in the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) as the starting point for its risk assessment. For each of these types, the risk is measured solely according to models and processes approved by the Dk-FSA for use in the calculation of legal capital requirements.

Pillar II add-ons

In addition, Pillar II risks, i.e. risks not included in the CRR or not adequately covered, are considered – specifically concentration risk, sovereign risk, interest rate risk in the banking book, operational risk, and earnings risk (prev. business risk).

Temporary Pillar II add-ons

Also included in the Pillar II requirement are a number of temporary capital add-ons for changes pending on approvals by FSAs and other add-ons of which some are related to the SREP.

One add-on pending approval relates to a credit process change implemented in Q4 2012. Household customers with OEI and without individually assessed provision have since then been classified as non-defaulted as opposed to previously. The Dk-FSA has required Nordea Kredit to allocate a temporary capital buffer, identical to the decrease in Risk Exposure Amount (REA), netted with reversals of capital shortfall as long as the approval process for the above mentioned change is ongoing.

Another add-on reflects that the current average Actual Default Frequency (ADF) exceeds the Probability of Default (PD) used in the Pillar 1 capital requirements for the IRB corporate and institutions portfolio. The capital add-on is 11.5% of the credit risk Pillar I capital requirement for the IRB corporate and institutions portfolio.

Pillar II add-ons due to SREP

Finally, some Pillar II add-ons reflect the increased requirements in the SREP which relate to corporate risk exposure adjustments and inadequate second line of defence and its involvement in the governance of the IRB system and modelling. Included is also an add-on for operational risk from inspections relating to IT and key processes. Part of the adjustments that are ongoing due to SREP 2015 is reversal of changes made in Pillar I REA. Before the changes are in effect, and are included in the relevant risk measure, these are reported as other risks in Pillar I.

Management buffer

For Nordea Kredit the general management buffer is the difference between the measured Pillar I and Pillar II risks and the 13.1% individual solvency need.

The management buffer is included in Pillar II Other risks and has temporarily been increased by DKK 57m, reflecting capital held for earnings risk. Nordea Kredit would like to move from the current model to the Dk-FSA benchmark model for earnings risk calculation, if the model change receives internal approval. The benchmark model would currently imply a zero capital add-on. No change to the ISN ratio is expected if approved.

Combined buffers

The combined buffers consist of the Capital Conservation buffer (0.6%), the SIFI-buffer (0.8%) and the Countercyclical buffer $(\sim 0.005\%)$.

Basel 1 floor

In addition to the individual solvency need, there are regulatory capital constraints related to large exposures and the Basel 1 floor. At end-Q4 2016, the Basel 1 floor is a constraint for Nordea Kredit and increases the capital requirement by additional 9.1% on top of ISN.

Excess capital above requirements

At the end of Q4 2016 the own funds held by Nordea Kredit resulted in a capital buffer above regulatory requirements of DKK 8.2bn in total.

3 Individual solvency need, own funds and REA

The components of the capital requirement are shown in figure 1. The individual solvency need, the own funds and the total risk exposure amounts for Nordea Kredit at end-Q4 2016 is presented in detail in the table 1 and 2 below.

Figure 1 Individual solvency need, capital constraints and actual capital for Nordea Kredit at end-Q4 2016

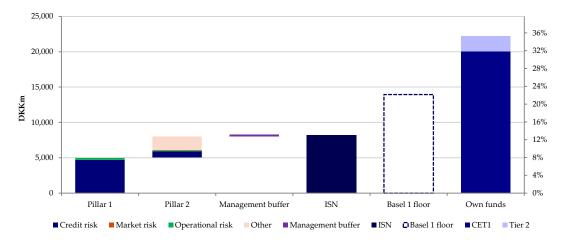


Table 1 Individual solvency need for Nordea Kredit at end-Q4 2016

DKKm/pct.	Solvency requirement	Pct. of REA
Pillar I		
Credit risk	4,717	7.5%
Market risk	0	0.0%
Operational risk	283	0.4%
Other	37	0.1%
Total Pillar I	5,036	8.0%
Pillar II		
Credit risk	867	1.4%
Market risk	43	0.1%
Operational risk	141	0.2%
Other	2,160	3.4%
- of which Management buffer	239	0.4%
Total Pillar II	3,211	5.1%
Individual solvency need	8,247	13.1%
Combined capital buffer requirements	900	1.4%
Individual solvency need + combined buffers	9,147	14.5%
Additional regulatory capital requirement due to Basel 1 floor	5,708	9.1%
Capital requirement according to Basel 1 floor	13,955	22.2%
Own funds	22,192	35.3%
Excess capital above requirements	8,237	13.1%

Pillar II add-ons, not included or adequately covered in the CRR, consist of	Credit	Market	Operational	Other
Concentration risk	x			
Sovereign risk	X			
IRR in the banking book		x		
OEI adjustments	x			
Corporate and Bank ADF/PD adjustment	x			
Add-ons related to SREP	x		Х	X

Table 2 Own funds excluding profit and total risk exposure amount for Nordea Kredit at end-Q4 2016

DKKm / pct.	DKKm	Pct. of REA	Pct. of REA incl. Basel 1 floor
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Own funds (net after deductions)			
Common Equity Tier 1 capital	20,040	31.8%	11.6%
Tier 1 capital	20,040	31.8%	11.6%
Total own funds	22,192	35.3%	12.9%
REA			
Total Risk Exposure Amount	62,954		
Total Risk Exposure Amount incl. Basel 1 floor	174,441		