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# Sustainability-linked loan funding framework

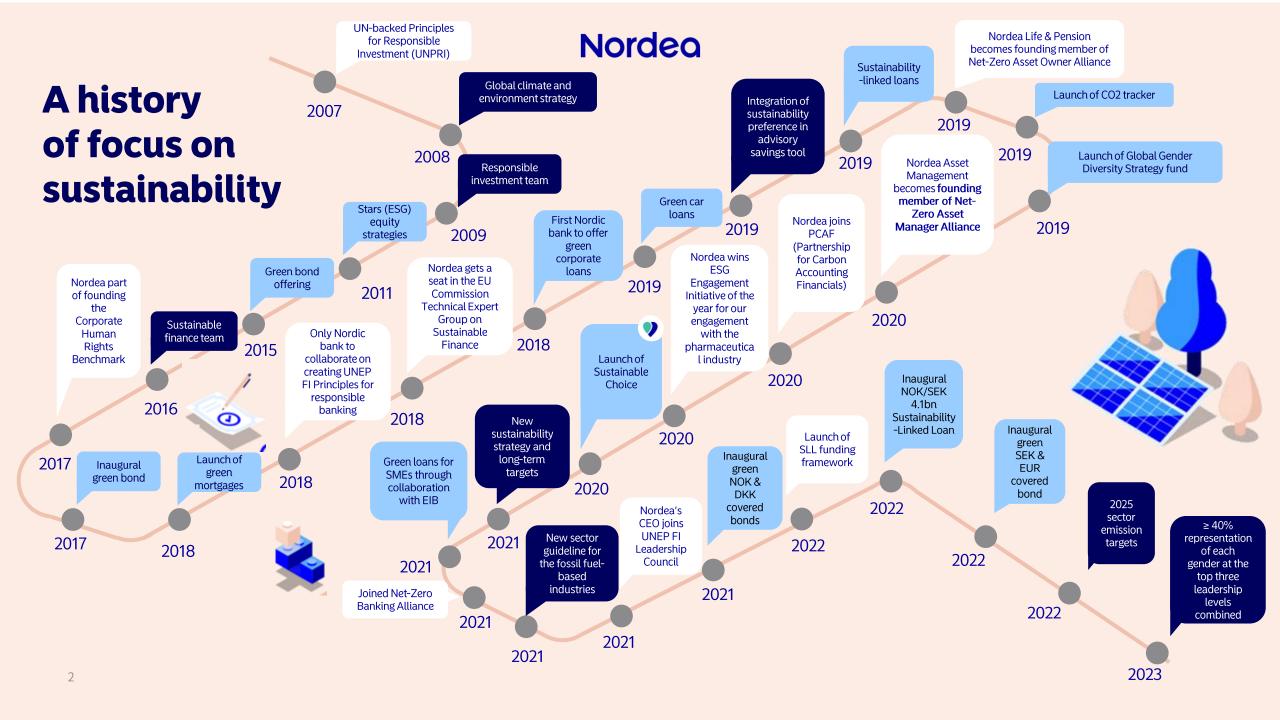
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# Nordea Sustainability at Nordea



#### Sustainability at the core

#### Our long-term sustainability objectives supported by short term targets

#### Our sustainability objectives



Become a **net-zero** emissions bank by 2050 at the latest

Gender balance



reduction in emissions across investment and lending portfolios by 2030<sup>1</sup>



reduction in emissions from internal operations by 20301

#### Supported by our 2025 sustainability targets<sup>2</sup>:

#### € EUR >200bn

Sustainable financing facilitation 2022-2025



90%

of exposure to large corporates in climate-vulnerable sectors to be covered by transition plans



80%

of the top 200 financed emissions contributors in Nordea Asset Management's portfolios are either aligned with the Paris Agreement or subject to active engagement



(x2) Double

the share of net-zero committed AUM



At least 40%

representation of each gender at the top three leadership levels<sup>3</sup> combined

1) compared to 2019 baseline

2) Selection of our medium-term targets – <u>link</u> to full list of targets

3) Group Leadership Team (GLT), GLT-1 and GLT-2



#### Sustainability at the core

#### Further strengthened climate targets in our lending portfolio

#### **Progress**

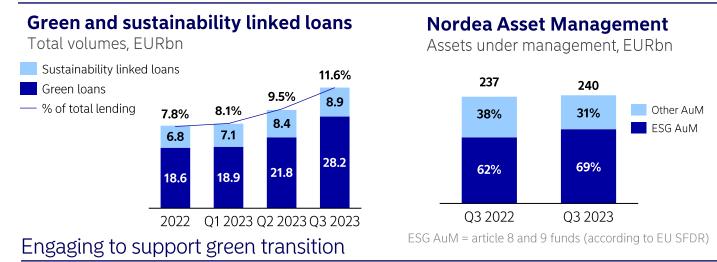
40-50% reduction in financed emissions in our lending portfolio by 2030 <sup>1</sup>								<b>-19%</b> (2022)
Sector	Sub-sector	Emissions scope	Metric	Base year	Baseline	Target year	Target	Current status
Shipping	Vessels	1	AER, gCO2/dwt-nm	2019	8.3	2030	-30%	8.4 AER (2021)
Residential Real Estate	Households and tenant- owner associations	1 and 2	kgCO2e/m2	2019	17.6	2030	-40–50%	17.1 kgCO2e/m2 (2022)
Power Production	Electricity generation	1 and 2	gCO2e/kWh	2021	-	2030	-70%	New target
Agriculture	Crops, plantation and hunting, and animal husbandry	1 and 2	tCOe2/EURm	2021	-	-2030	-40-50%	New target
Oil & Gas	Exploration and production	1, 2 and 3	MtCO2e	2019	3.0	2030	-55%	0.06 MtCO2e (2022)
Offshore	Drilling rigs and offshore service vessels within Oil and Gas, and Shipping	-	EURm	2019	1,885	2025	-100%	-
Mining	Thermal peat	-	EURm	2022	52	2025	-100%	-
	Thermal coal	-	EURm	Restrictive	Restrictive policy, full phase-out achieved in 2021			



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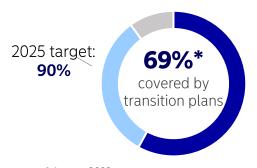
## Actively engaging to drive transition and capture growth opportunities

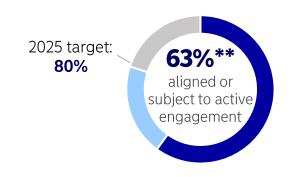
#### Channelling capital towards sustainable solutions



#### **Transition plan for large corporates**







- Facilitated EUR 104bn in sustainable financing
   Compared to target EUR >200bn by 2025
- Nordea has moved to the lowrisk category in Sustainalytics
- #1 Nordic corporate sustainable bonds
- #1 Nordic corporate sustainable loans

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### Externally validated sustainability commitment



ESG Rating: AA (AAA to CCC)



ESG Score: 15.8 (0 to 100)\*\*

#### **ISS ESG ▷**

Company Rating: C (A+ to D-)\*

#### **S&P Global**

CSA score: 65 (0 to 100)\*\*\*

#### Other commitments

- Co-founders of UNEP FI principles for responsible banking
- Founding members of collective commitment to climate action
- Founding member net-zero asset owner alliance (Life & Pension)
- Founding member net-zero asset manager initiative
- Joined partnership for carbon accounting financials (PCAF)
- Founding member of the Poseidon principles for the shipping industry
- Joined net-zero banking alliance

#### Signatories to international conventions









Nordea also follows the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ILO-conventions and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises in our operations and business.

<sup>\*</sup> Highest rating within sector is C+

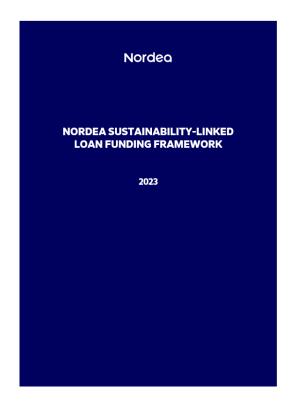
<sup>\*\*</sup> Lower score represents lower ESG risk

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Higher score represents better sustainability practices

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#### Sustainability linked loan funding framework





\* ISS ESG is also providing the Second Party Opinion for Nordea's green funding framework

- The SLL funding framework allows Nordea Bank Abp to issue bonds with reference to the impact of the SLLs on Nordea's balance sheet in a Use-of-Proceeds format
- The assets in scope initially target corporates with KPIs and sustainability performance targets (SPTs) related to Climate Change Mitigation
- The framework has been reviewed by ISS ESG\*, which includes an asset review of eligible SLLs
- The framework is not to be considered green or linked to green issuance
- The framework has been developed to cater for the transition assets not included in our green bond asset portfolio, but that still hold strong ESG target alignment
- Issuance under the framework do not include sustainable KPIs and SPTs linked to Nordea Bank Abp or have any variable coupons/redemptions

# Innovation based on a strong sustainability knowledge and governance

Operational overview of SLL asset selection

- Nordea chooses potential sustainability-linked loans that are originated by relevant business units according to Nordea's financing criteria and proposed for selection by the business units.
  - Nordea removes financing that does not qualify (or where the client of such financing does not qualify) as SLL Funding Assets.
    - Nordea further removes financing that is deemed ineligible (or where the client of such financing is deemed ineligible) in reference to Nordea's ESG assessment process to be included in the SLL Funding Assets.
    - The remaining financing is evaluated by sustainability experts within Nordea, after which the qualifying financing is deemed as potential SLL Funding Assets.

Review of the potential SLL Funding Assets is then performed by the external provider. The qualifying assets are included in the SLL Funding Register and constitute SLL Funding Assets.

SLL Framework

Selection of SLL assets

Management of proceeds

#### **Asset selection**

To be eligible for inclusion in the portfolio, a loan must meet each of the below criteria. Only the portion of drawn amounts will be eligible for inclusion in the portfolio

#### Criteria for inclusion:

- Alignment with the vintage of the sustainability linked loan principles\* corresponding to the year of signing of the facility
- Positive contribution to at least one of the impact objectives for Climate Change Mitigation
- Have KPIs and SPTs that are considered 'material' and 'ambitious' as assessed by an external reviewer

Nordea SLLs might have more than one set of KPIs and SPTs but the selection criteria remains focused on the KPIs specifically associated with at least one of the impact objectives for Climate Change Mitigation

The annual test of compliance will only apply to the identified KPI(s)

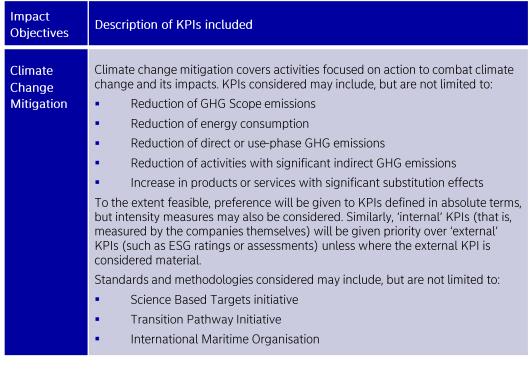


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<sup>\*</sup>As defined by Loan Market Association, Asia Pacific Loan Market Association, Loan Syndications and Trading Association

#### Climate change mitigation

Climate change mitigation is currently the only asset KPI included but can be expanded going forward





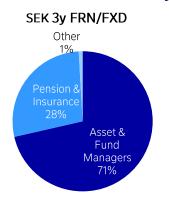
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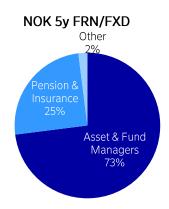
- Once suitable assets have been identified, all assets are reviewed by ISS ESG
- Review process for inclusion of assets in the portfolio:
  - Underlying loan is confirmed by ISS ESG to be aligned with the sustainability linked loan principles
  - Selected KPIs are aligned with the impact objective included in the framework and confirmed by ISS ESG
  - ISS ESG confirms that KPIs and targets in the SLLs selected are material (KPIs) and ambitious (SPTs)
- ISS ESG external review is available at: https://www.nordea.com/en/investors/debt-and-rating/sustainability-linked-loan-funding-framework

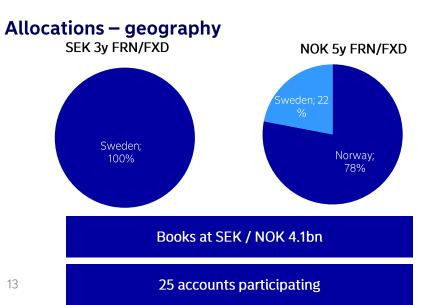


#### Inaugural transaction under the new SLL funding framework

#### Allocations – investor type









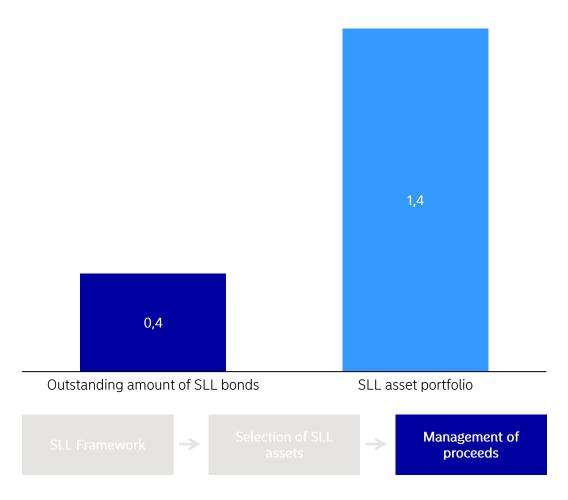
#### **Highlights**

- Nordea engaged with investors on the new framework post Q2 2022 results. On the back of strong feedback from Nordic accounts, Nordea opened books for a combined SEK/NOK 3year and 5-year benchmark SLL senior preferred transaction on 6 September
- Final sizes for the SEK transactions were SEK 700m for the FRN tranche and SFK 2.1bn for the FXD tranche at Stibor +70bps
- In the NOK tranches, the final sizes were set at NOK 800m for the FRN tranche and NOK 500m for the FXD tranche at Nibor +110bps
- The strong interest and book building process indicates how well Nordea's first SLL bond was received by the investors, as well as the reach of Nordea's prestigious brand name and importance of SLL funding
- Investors include Storebrand AM, AMF, Carnegie Fonder, Danske Invest, If Skadeförsäkring AB, Handelsbanken Fonder, Nordea AM, SEB IM and Simplicity
- Top Deal Winner "to underscore the execution achievement of a financing that pushes boundaries of debt capital markets by being new or highly successful"



#### Use of proceeds

Assets portfolio size versus issued bonds, Q3 2023 (EURbn)

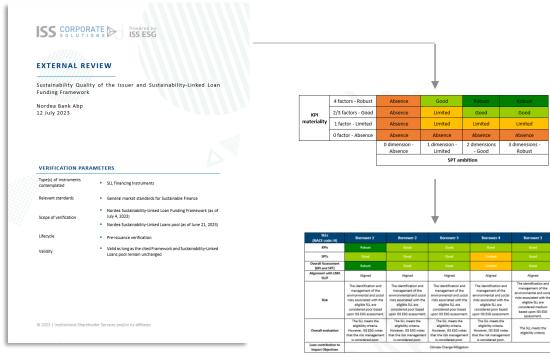


- Nordea has established a register in relation to SLL funding by Nordea for the purpose of recording the SLL funding assets and the allocation of the net proceeds from SLL funding to SLL funding assets
- The net proceeds are deposited in the general funding accounts and earmarked for allocation in the SLL funding register
- The composition and amount of SLL funding assets is internally reviewed on a quarterly basis to account for repayments and drawings
- Nordea's intention is to maintain an aggregate amount of SLL funding register that is at least equal to the aggregate amount of all outstanding Nordea SLL funding

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#### External review - ISS ESG



Please refer to the External Review document for a full overview

#### ISS ESG's external review

- Nordea has engaged ISS ESG to act as an external reviewer of this SLL funding framework and the SLL Funding Assets
- "ISS ESG developed a tailor-made assessment methodology to provide an opinion on the robustness of this framework referring to broadly accepted market concepts, namely 'transparency' relevant for Sustainable Finance and aims at mitigating climate change (e.g. SLL Funding the LMA/LSTA/APLMA Sustainability-Linked Loans Principles, the ICMA Green and Social Bond Principles)"
- ISS ESG finds that the sustainability commitments defined by Nordea are relevant to its sector and business model. The sustainability objectives that the SLL Funding Framework pursues are clearly stated in line with key market guidelines such as the UN SDGs and Science-Based Targets

#### ISS ESG's Nordea corporate rating

- Transparency Level: Very high
- Decile rank: 1
- According to ISS ESG Corporate Rating Nordea shows a high sustainability performance against the industry peer group on key ESG issues faced by the Commercial Banks & Capital Market sector. Nordea is rated 27th out of 300 companies within its sector

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#### **SLL funding framework reporting**



#### **Annual SLL report**

Nordea will annually publish on its website an SLL funding report that provides:

- The amount of net proceeds that have been allocated to the impact objectives and, when possible and relevant, further information related to the type, number and location of the SLL funding assets
- The remaining balance of net proceeds which have not yet been allocated to SLL funding assets
- Where appropriate and subject to confidentiality arrangements, examples of SLL funding assets that have been financed or refinanced by the net proceeds of SLL funding

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