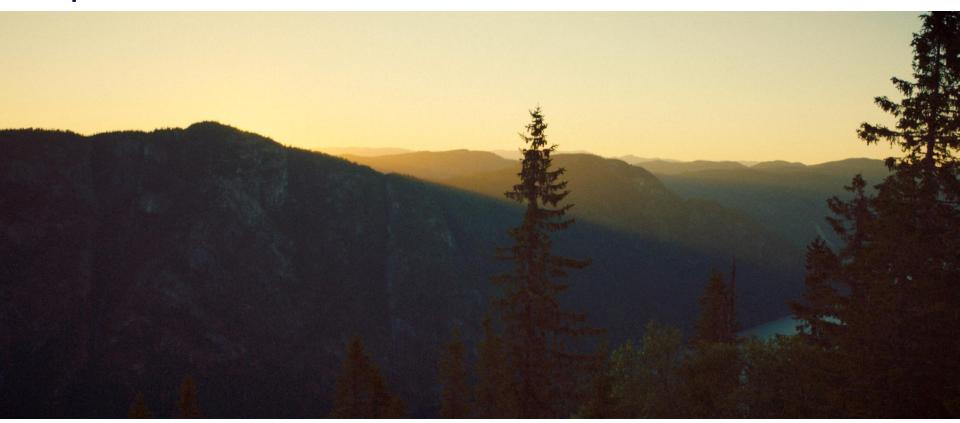
### Sparebanken Sør



### **Investor presentation**

April 2018 CEO Geir Bergskaug



## **Executive summary**

Sparebanken Sør	<ul> <li>The sixth largest savings bank in Norway with a strong market position in Southern Norway</li> <li>High capitalization; Core Tier 1 ratio of 14.9 %, and leverage ratio of 9.2% at 31 December 2017</li> <li>Rated A1 (negative outlook) by Moody's</li> <li>Strong asset quality – 65 % of loan book to retail customers</li> <li>Very low direct exposure to oil and oil service industry</li> <li>Positive development in net interest income in 2017</li> <li>Interest margin trend – Flat development in the corporate market while increasing in the retail market</li> <li>Loan growth of 7.2 percent during 2017</li> <li>Deposit growth of 7.8 percent during 2017</li> </ul>
Norwegian economy	<ul> <li>Economic growth in Norway has picked up and unemployment is falling</li> <li>Oil investment is set to increase again after the sharp drop that followed the oil price collapse, and a weak NOK and strong growth abroad support exports. An improving labour market supports private consumption. Mainland business investments are also on the rise</li> <li>Only drag to growth is housing investment which will drop from a high level</li> <li>Still large surplus on the current account and government budgets despite the drop in oil price</li> </ul>
Southern region economy	<ul> <li>The Southern region is clearly less exposed to oil production than Western Norway</li> <li>Registered unemployment in the Southern region remains below 4 % and has decreased at a higher pace than the national average</li> <li>House price development over the past years has been more moderate than average in Norway</li> </ul>

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### Sparebanken Sør – A leading financial institution in Southern Norway



A market with 470 000 inhabitants. No other bank covers this area as widely as Sparebanken Sør. The bank has approximately 175 000 retail customers and 23 000 corporate customers.

In the first quarter of 2017, Sparebanken Sør opened a new office at Bryne in Rogaland. This opens up a market with approx. 60 000 people.

CM/RM\*

Consulting office
 By appointment

175 000 retail

23 000 corporate

customers

customers

<sup>\*</sup>CM = Corporate Market, RM = Retail Market

### **Historical milestones**

#### 190 years of development and renewal

Arendal Sparebank was founded in **1825** as one of the first savings banks in Norway.

1973

The bank merged with 4 other savings banks in Aust-Agder, and formed Aust-Agder Sparebank.

Sparebanken Sør was established in **1984** after a merger between Aust-Agder Sparebank, 2 other savings banks in Aust-Agder and 9 from Vest-Agder.

1985 The bank entered for the first time Telemark, through a merger with Nissedal Sparebank and totals today 7 branches in the county, where the latest was the opening of an office in Skien in the fall of 2012.

**2014** Merger between Sparebanken Pluss and Sparebanken Sør and the new bank is named Sparebanken Sør.

The bank's history dates back to **1824** when Christianssand Sparebank was established as one of the first savings banks in Norway.

The banks more recent history starts in 1984 when Sparebanken Agder was established through a merger between Christianssands Sparebank, Halse and Harkmark Sparebank, Iveland Sparebank, Oddernes Sparebank Vennesla Sparebank and Øvrebø and Hægeland Sparebank.

Four savings banks in Telemark and Sparebanken Agder joined forces in 1987. Through the merger the bank was named Sparebanken Agder and Telemark. In 1988 the name was changed to Sparebanken Pluss.

In January 1997 Sparebanken Pluss and Sparebanken NOR agreed that Sparebanken NOR was to take over Sparebanken Pluss' branches in Telemark while Sparebanken Pluss was to take over Sparebanken NOR's office in Kristiansand. Through this deal the banks business again was concentrated in the Agder counties.



### Sparebanken Sør

**Business** 

Sparebanken Sør is an independent financial group with activities within banking, securities and real estate

**Balance** 

The sixth largest Norwegian bank with total assets above NOK 114 billion

**Employees** 

432 employees in branch offices across the counties of Aust-Agder, Vest-Agder, Telemark and Rogaland

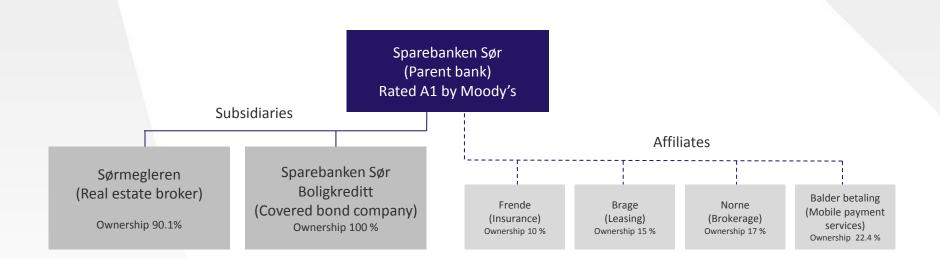
Products and services

General banking services and products, supplemented by real-estate brokerage, life- and non-life insurance, stock brokerage and leasing through wholly and partially owned subsidiaries and companies

Summary

As one of the largest regional banks, Sparebanken Sør is committed to further growth and development in the region

### **Company structure**





### A complete provider of financial services

Considerable product range – still potential for increased product sales

#### **Subsidiaries**

#### SPAREBANKEN SØR BOLIGKREDITT AS

- Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sparebanken Sør
- The subsidiary is licensed as a financial enterprise with the right to issue covered bonds, in which investors receive preferential coverage in home mortgages granted by the bank (covered bonds)
- Through the issuance of covered bonds, the Sparebanken Sør Group can offer mortgages with competitive terms to its customers

#### **SØRMEGLEREN**

- Sparebanken Sør is a <u>90.1%-owner</u> in Sørmegleren Holding AS, which is the parent company of the real estate agency Sørmegleren AS
- Sørmegleren is represented with a total of 14 offices, with its headquarters in Kristiansand
- Conveys about 2.200 homes a year, and is the regions largest real estate agency

#### **Business partners**



- Sparebanken Sør entered in 2008 as a <u>10%-owner</u> in Frende Holding and is one of 15 independent savings banks with holdings
- Frende has 175 000 customers and offers insurance, both life and general, to corporate and retail customers



- Brage Finans is a financing company owned by 12 independent savings banks, and Sparebanken Sør is a 15%-owner
- The distribution of the company's products is handled through the ownerbanks through its own sales organization

### NORNE

- Sparebanken Sør is a <u>17% co-owner</u> in Norne Sec. and is one of 14 independent savings banks with holdings
- Norne is a full service investment firm with corporate finance – services, analysis, and stock and bond brokerage

### vupps

- Together with 14 other savings banks within the Frende collaboration group, Sparebanken Sør has entered Vipps, through the newly established company, Balder Betaling AS
- Sparebanken Sør is a <u>22.4%-owner</u>
  of Balder Betaling AS, which is a
  12%-owner of Vipps AS

#### **Suppliers**





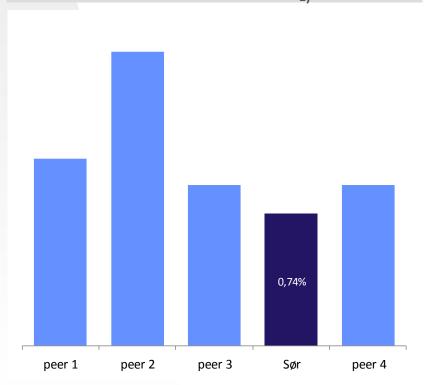
### **Holberg** Fondene





### Three strategic pillars

# One of the most cost effective financial institutions<sub>1)</sub>

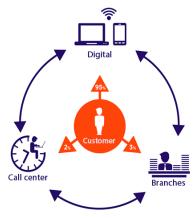


 Costs as a percentage of total assets, Q4 2017, Norwegian regional savings banks

#### **Strong customer relations**

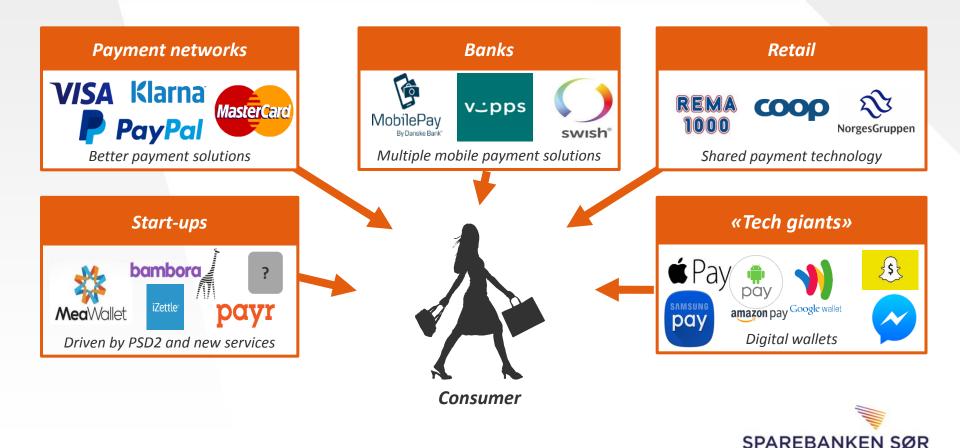
The bank is customer relation oriented, known for fast decisions based on local knowledge through closeness to customers and market

## Optimal channel interaction and digitalization





### Payment services – The new frontier



### **Strategic moves**

#### **Changes in distribution structure**

80 percent increase in sales of BSU after launch of new digital solutions



#### **Better tools for consumers**

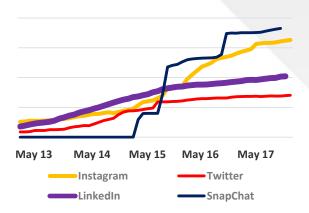
Improvements in mobile banking



Number of logins in mobile banking app

#### **Building relations through multiple channels**

Large following from customers in social media



## CRM - a valuable tool for channel interaction

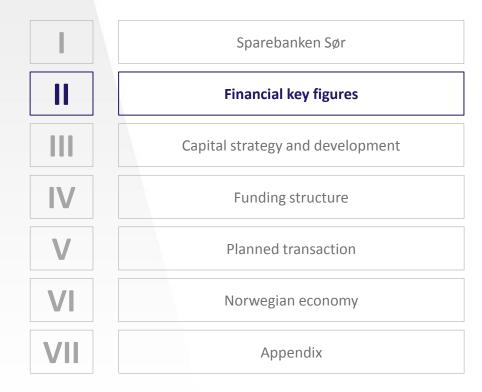


#### Aquiring expertise in new fields





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### **Balance sheet items – Quarterly development**

Q3 2017

**NOK** billion **Total assets Equity** Equity including hybrid capital 11,1 10,8 10,4 10,1 9,9 110,9 111,3 114,3 105,5 105,9 9,8 10 9,3 9,5 9,2 +8,3 %<sub>1)</sub> +8,7 %<sub>1)</sub>

Q4 2016

Q1 2017

Q2 2017

Q4 2017

Q2 2017

Q1 2017

Q4 2016



Q4 2017

Q3 2017

<sup>1)</sup> Changes from the same accounting period in 2016

### **Balance sheet items – Quarterly development**





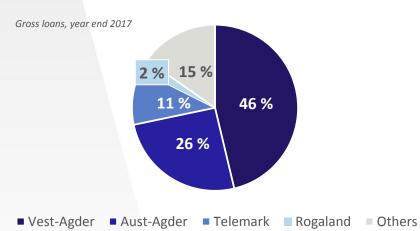
- 1) Changes from the same accounting period in 2016
- 2) Loan growth in 2017 amounted to NOK 6.6 billion, equivalent to 7.2 percent, of which retail customers accounted for 6.7 percent and corporate customers 8.1 percent



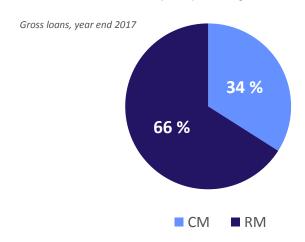
### A well diversified loan portfolio

High RM share and geographical diversification contribute to a balanced portfolio

#### **Geographical distribution of loans**



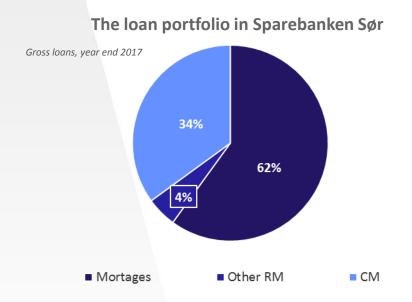
#### Distribution Retail (RM) / Corporate Market (CM)



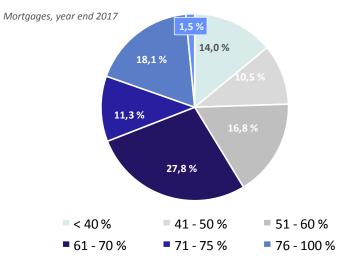
- # 1 position in Vest-Agder and Aust-Agder, # 3 position in Telemark. Positive development in Rogaland.
- Close and long term cooperation with major firms/organizations in the region. The KNIF\* segment amounts to NOK 8.1 billion in loans to
  customers and NOK 4.6 billion in customer deposits. KNIF corporates constitute the biggest share with NOK 4.9 billion in loans and NOK 4
  billion in deposits
- Loans to customers are concentrated in the banks market area
- High RM share is risk reducing.



### **Sparebanken Sør – Mortgages**



#### Loan to Value (Group)



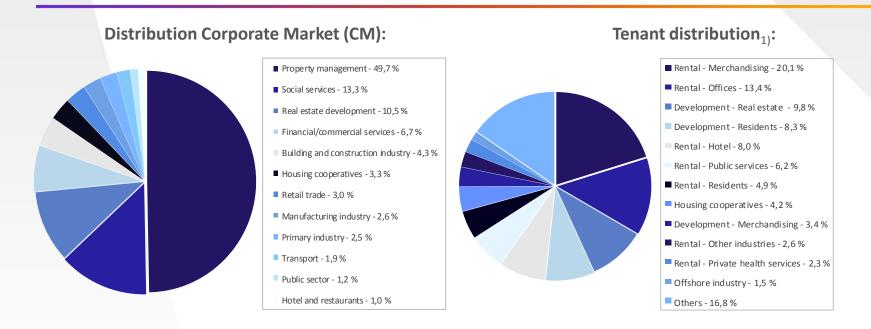
- Mortgages constitute a large part of the RM portfolio
- Loans with LTV (Loan to Value) below 75 percent constitute 80.4 percent

The LTV distribution is based on a distribution, of which the whole commitment is rated as the last part of the commitment.

As a consequence the actual LTV-distribution will be lower than what is displayed in the table.



### A well diversified loan portfolio

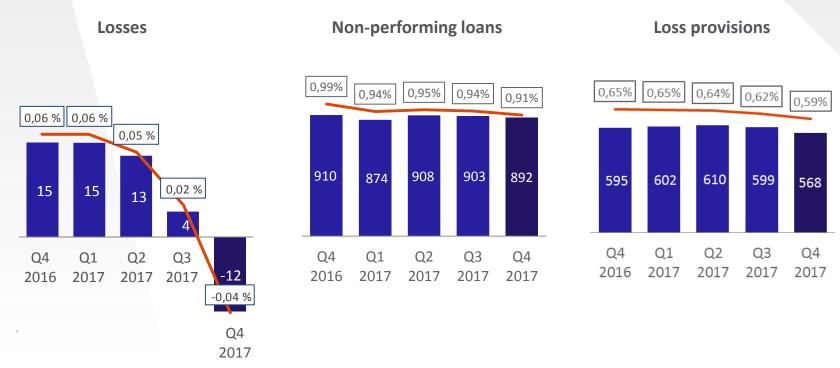


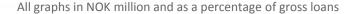
The CM loan portfolio reflects the business activity in the region with two major exceptions: Sparebanken Sør has a very low direct exposure to the oil industry (incl. oil service) and shipping industry.



<sup>1)</sup> Property management, real estate development, housing cooperatives and building and construction (Loan commitment > NOK 10 million). Q3 2017, yearly update. Loan commitments (> NOK 10 million) for the respective industry groups amounted to NOK 17.7 billion.

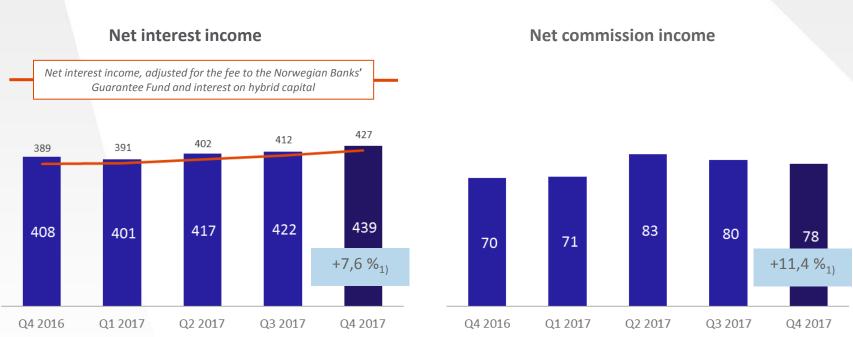
### **Losses and non-performing loans – Quarterly development**





### **Profit and loss – Quarterly development**

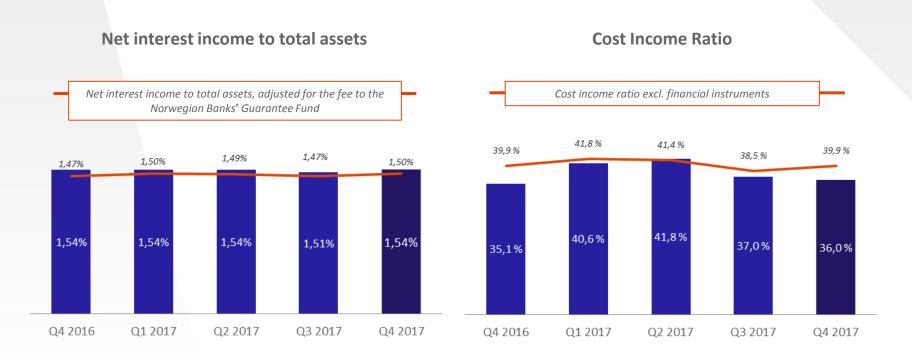
**NOK** million



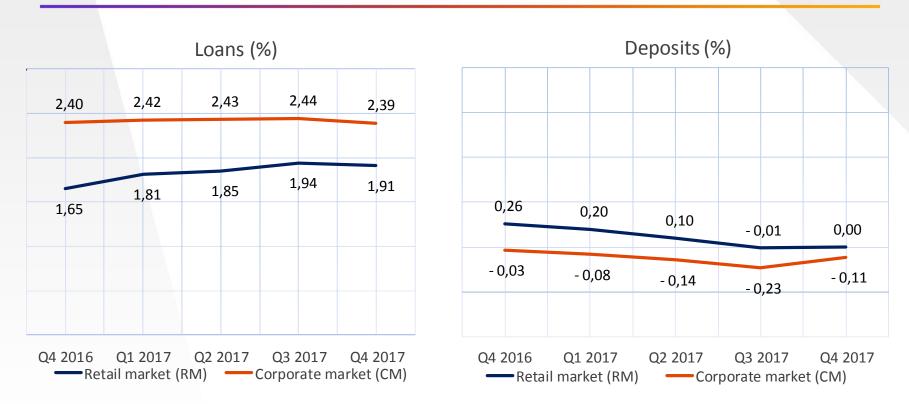


<sup>1)</sup> Changes from the same period in 2016.

### **Profit and loss – Quarterly development**



### **Interest margin - Quarterly development**



Loans: Average interest rates minus 3 month weighted average of 3 month NIBOR. Deposits: 3 month weighted average of 3 month NIBOR minus average interest rates. All numbers in % per annum.



### **Profit and loss - Quarterly development**

**NOK** million

Q4 2016



Q4 2016

Q1 2017

Q2 2017

1) Net interest income, adjusted for accounting changes + Net commission income + Other operating income – Operating costs, adjusted for the conversion of the pension scheme

Q3 2017

Q4 2017

2) Changes from the same accounting period in 2016

Q2 2017

Q1 2017

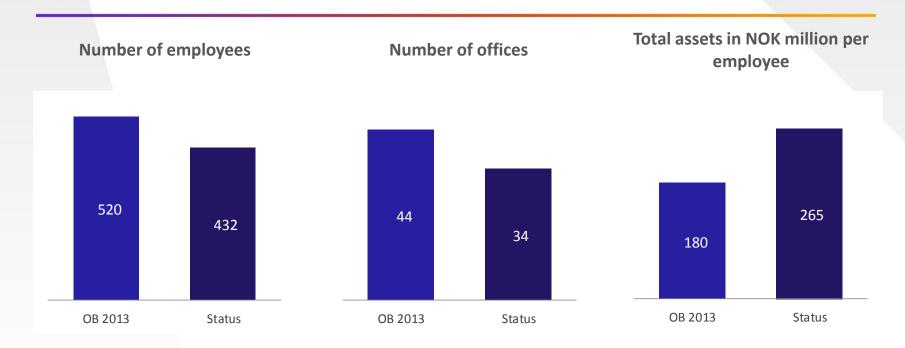
3) Q4 2017 numbers are extraordinarily low because of the net accounting effect of NOK 28 million after the conversion of the pension scheme



Q4 2017

Q3 2017

### **Restructuring and cost focus**



Considerable potential has been realized – further efficiency improvements will take place as part of ongoing operations.

The Group opened a new office in Bryne on 27 April 2017.



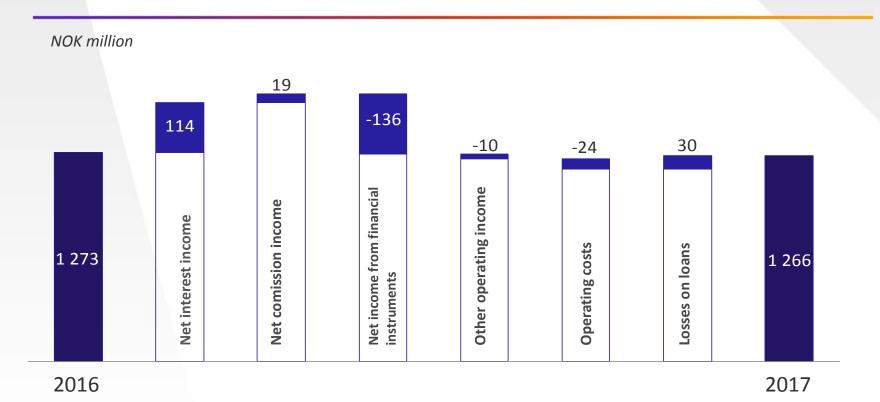
### **Key developments in 2017**

•	Good	results	from	ordinary	operations
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- Positive development in net interest income
- Increased commission income
- Efficient operations and low costs
- Very low loan losses
- Loan growth of 7.2 percent during the last 12 months
- Deposit growth of 7.8 percent during the last 12 months
- · Successful opening of a new branch in Rogaland
- Return on equity after tax of 9.7 percent
- Common equity tier 1 capital ratio of 14.9 percent and leverage ratio of 9.2 percent
- The Board of Directors will propose a dividend for 2017 of NOK 6 per equity certificate to the Board of Trustees

NOK million	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	Change
Net interest income	1 679	1 565	114
Net commission income	312	293	19
Net income from financial instruments	88	224	-136
Other operating income	18	28	-10
Total income	2 097	2 110	-13
Total expenses	811	787	24
Profit before losses on loans	1 286	1 323	-37
Losses on loans, guarantees	20	50	-30
Profit before taxes	1 266	1 273	-7
Tax expenses	282	284	-2
Profit for the period	984	989	-5

### Change in profit before taxes, 2016 – 2017

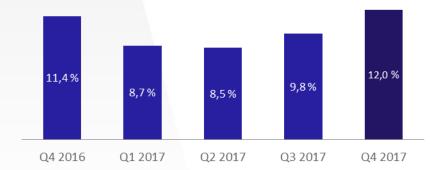


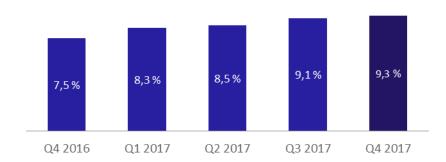


### **Key figures – quarterly development**



Return on equity after tax excl. financial instruments<sub>2)</sub>







<sup>1)</sup> ROE after tax =  $\frac{Profit\ after\ tax - interest\ on\ hybrid\ capita}{Equity - hybrid\ capital}$ 

<sup>2)</sup> ROE after tax excl. Financial instruments and accouning events =  $\frac{Profit\ after\ tax,\ excl.\ financial\ instruments\ and\ accounting\ events}{Equity\ -hybrid\ capital}$ 

#### Status as of 31 December 2017

Result

Improved profit from ordinary operations, through positive growth, stable net interest income, combined with low costs and losses on loans

**Finance** 

Positive net income from financial instruments due to positive changes in the market value of bonds and strategic equity stakes in subsidiaries

**Capital** 

Common equity tier 1 capital ratio amounts to 14.9 percent and the leverage ratio amounts to 9.2 percent

**Balance** 

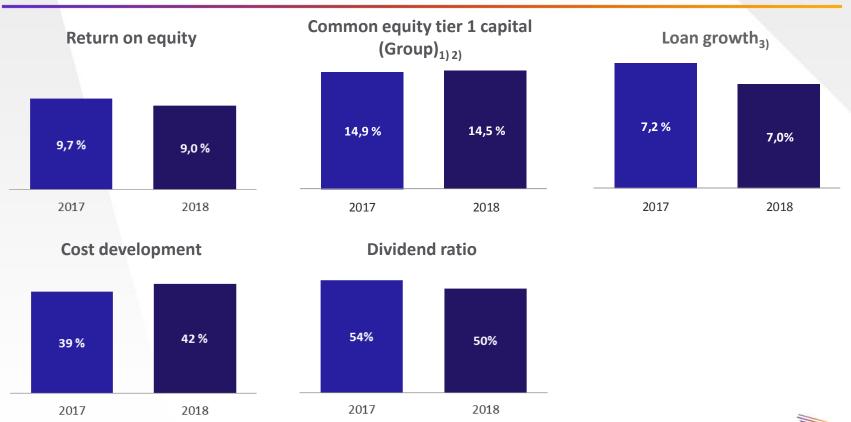
Loan growth of NOK 6.6 billion the last 12 months, corresponding to a 7.2 percent annual growth. Deposit growth of NOK 4.0 billion, corresponding to a 7.8 percent annual growth.

Summary

Sound operations contribute to a pre-tax result of NOK 1 266 million in 2017



### Financial key variables and ambitions

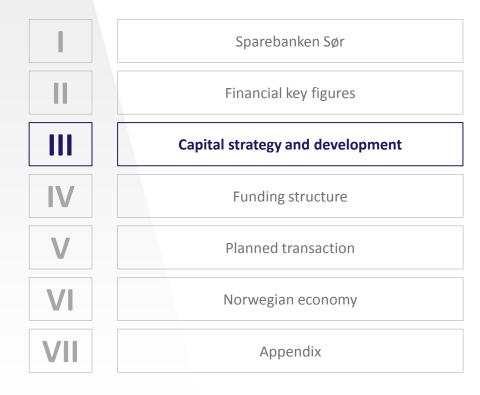


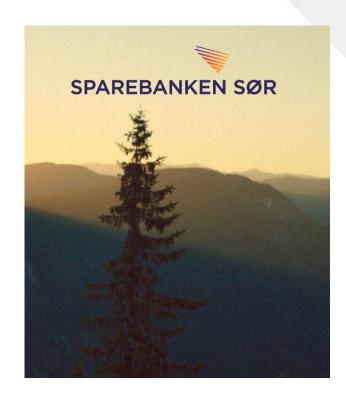
<sup>1)</sup> Incl. share of profit

<sup>2)</sup> Will be determined with regard to market expectations, the Financial Supervisory Authority recommendations and ICAAP

<sup>3)</sup> Credit growth + 1 percentage point

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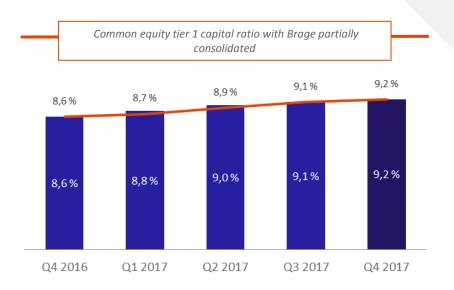


### **Solid financial base – High capital ratios**

#### Common equity tier 1 capital ratio

#### Common equity tier 1 capital ratio with Brage partially consolidated 14,9 % 14,7 % 14,5 % 14,4% 14,4% 14,7% 15,1 % 14,6% 14,7% 14,3% Q4 2016 Q1 2017 Q2 2017 Q3 2017 Q4 2017

#### Leverage ratio



### **Capital ratio – Leverage ratio**

31.12.2017	Method	CET1	Leverage Ratio
Sør	Standard	14,9	9,2
Peer 1	IRB	15,0	7,3
Peer 2	IRB	14,9	7,2
Peer 3	IRB	14,9	7,2
Peer 4	IRB	14,9	7,2
Peer 5	IRB	16,8	7,1

Peer group is Norwegian regional savings banks

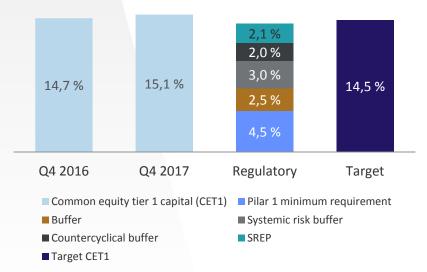
- Sparebanken Sør is very solid, has high CET1 capital and a very high Leverage ratio.
- Sparebanken Sør is the only large regional bank that use the standard method in the capital adequacy calculations.
- In November 2017, the board decided to put in process an application to the Norwegian FSA to be approved for IRB. The application is scheduled to be sent to the Norwegian FSA by the end of 2019.



### **Regulatory considerations**

#### SREP – CET1 Capital Requirements and Generation

SREP includes Pillar 2 requirements



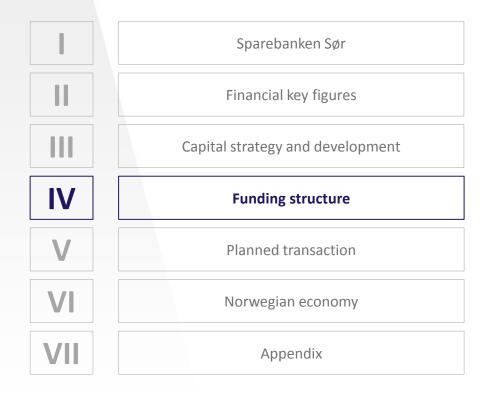
#### IFRS 9 / MREL / Basel IV

Sparebanken Sør is well positioned for future regulatory requirements

- IFRS 9
  - The implementation of IFRS 9 will have a positive effect on the Group's equity and subordinated capital, and the Group has no need for the transitional rule for calculating capital adequacy
- MREL
  - MREL will be implemented in Norway, but the timeline is not yet public
  - Potential issuance needs to be decided when requirements and structure is clear for Norway
- Basel IV
  - Sør is well positioned for Basel IV
    - Sør uses standard models and has 9.2 percent in leverage ratio
  - Norway still has Basel I floors

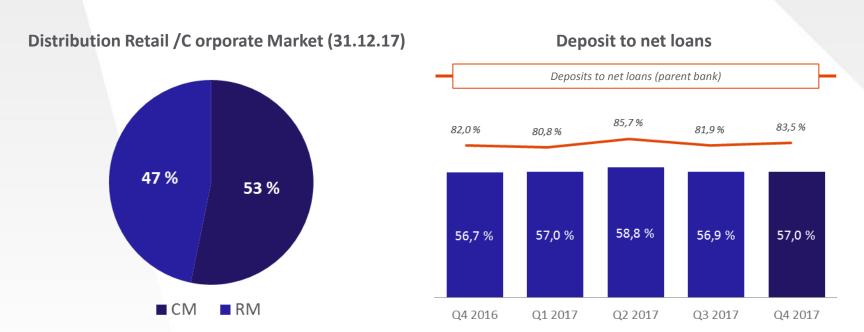


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### **Solid financial base - Deposits**

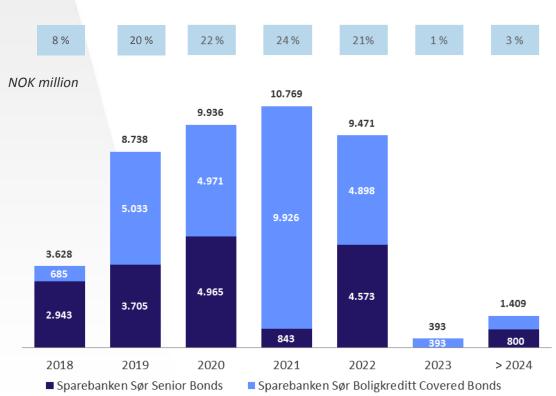


Deposits as a percentage of net loans have increased over the last 12 months, with a deposit growth of 7.8 percent



### **Solid financial base – Well diversified funding profile**

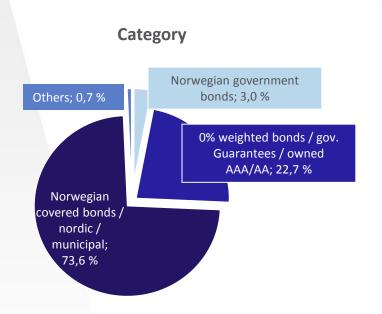




- Total funding for the Group amounted to NOK 44.3 bn, with NOK 26,5 bn issued as covered bonds, as of 31 December 2017
- The bank has a well diversified maturity profile
- Funding with maturities after 2018 amounts to 92% of the portfolio
- Liquidity indicator 1 at 109%
- Average maturity at 3 years



### Solid financial base – High liquidity buffers to handle liquidity stress





AAA; 88,3 %

Rating

- Total liquidity portfolio of NOK 13.4 bn
- 100 % investment grade and 100 % liquid instruments (LCR eligible)
- Liquidity reserve (LCR) of 139 % for the Group

# Credit opinion from Moody's updated by 9 January 2018

#### Moody's INVESTORS SERVICE

#### CREDIT OPINION

9 January 2018

#### Update

#### RATINGS

Sparebanken Sor	
Domicile	Kristiansand, Norway
Long Term Debt	(P) A1
Type	Senior Unsecured HTS - Ego Curr
Long Term Deposit	Al
Type	IF Bank Daposits - Fyn Curr
Outlook	Negative

Floace see the <u>matings section</u> at the end of this report reflect information as of the publication date.

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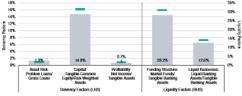
Update to Credit Analysis

#### Summary

Sparebanken Sor's baal BCA reflects its strong asset quality metrics, with ratios of nonperforming loans (NPLs) to gross loans of 0.93% and Loan Loss Reserves (LLRs) to NPLs of 66% as of September 2017. The bank's baal BCR also captures the increase in Sparebanken Sor's capital buffers which reached 14.7% as of September 2017 from 13.6% in September 2016. Finally the bank's baal BCA incorporates its moderate profitability with a 0.8% return on assets and its high reliance on market funding, a common attribute of Norwegian banks, with market funds adjusted to exclude 50% of covered bonds accounting for 27.9% of tangible assets as of September 2017.

The bank's Al deposit and issuer ratings take into account our Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis of the bank's liability structure. Sparebanken Sor benefits from a large volume of deposits and substantial layers of subordination, resulting in very low LGF and providing two notches of rating uplift from its BCA. In addition, the bank's Al rating also incorporates one notch of rating uplift due to government support, although this is likely to be revised downwards following the implementation of BRRD in Norway (please see press release for nore details).





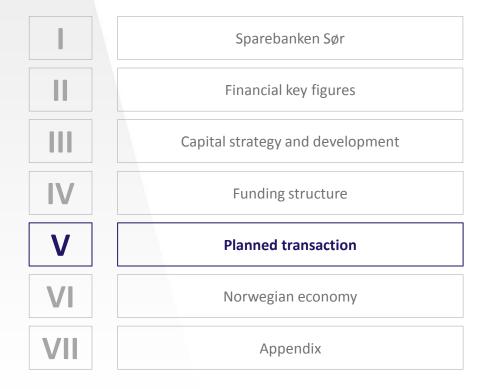
Note: Awarage of other Noody's rated Norwegian sawings banks is based on latest awailable financial data Source: Moody's Banking Financial Matrice

### Summary

- Sparebanken Sor's **baa1** BCA reflects its strong asset quality metrics
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## **Euro Medium Term Note Programme**



(incorporated as a savings bank with limited liability in Norway)

€3,000,000,000

#### Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Under the \$3,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the Programme) described in this base prospectus (the Base Prospectus), Sparebanken Sor (the Issuer, Sparebanken Sor or the Bank) may from time to time inso note (the Notes which term shall include, so fir as the context permits, VPS Notes (as defined below)) denominated in my currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below).

The Notes may be issued in bearer form or in uncertificated book entry form (the VPS Notes) settled through the Norwegian Central Securities Depositary, the Verdipapirs entralen ASA (the VPS).

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €3,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

The Notes may be insued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under "Overview of the Programme" and any additional basis appointed to the programme of t

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see "Risk Factors"

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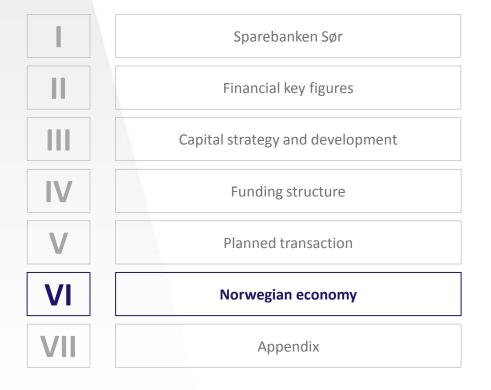
- Sparebanken Sør established a €3,000,000,000
   Euro Medium Term Note Program (EMTN) in the second quarter of 2017
- This is the first issuance of senior bonds in EUR for Sparebanken Sør
- Click <u>here</u> for EMTN programme in pdf



# Planned inaugural EUR Senior Unsecured transaction

Issuer	Sparebanken Sør	
Туре	Senior unsecured, unsubordinated	
Expected Issue Rating	A1 (Moody's)	
Maturity	[3 years expected]	
Size	EUR Sub-benchmark	
Coupon	[Floating]	
The Issuer's EMTN programme dated 30 June 2017 and supplemented 11 April 2018		
Law	English law	
Listing	Irish Stock Exchange	
Lead Managers	LBBW, Natixis, Nordea, Swedbank	

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## **Key indicators for the Norwegian economy**

## Healthy growth

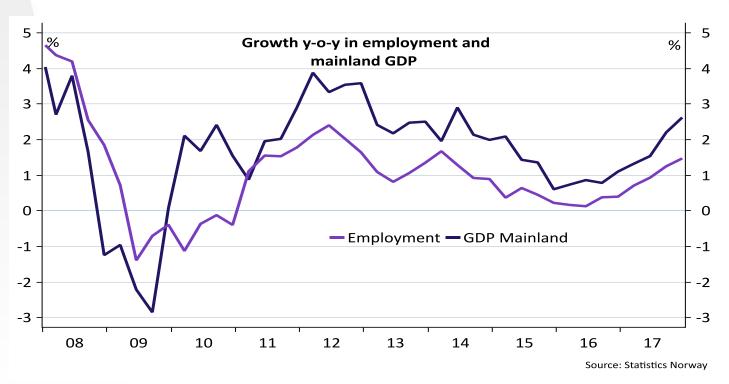
In %	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E
GDP growth, mainland	1.4	1.0	1.8	2.6	2.0
Core inflation	2.7	3.0	1.4	1.5	1.8
Unemployment rate registered	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.2
Key policy rate (Average)	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.1
House price growth			5.9	-0.7	2.0
Current account surplus / GDP	8.7	4.9	5.1	6.6	6.3
Sovereign wealth fund / GDP	240	241	247	N.A	N.A

- Economic growth in Norway has picked up and unemployment is falling
- Growth is self-sustained and no longer in need of fiscal support, interest rates are on their way up
- Oil investment is set to increase again after the sharp drop that followed the oil price collapse
- Weak NOK and strong growth abroad support exports, mainland business investments also on the rise
- Improving labour market supports private consumption
- Only drag to growth is housing investment, which will drop from a high level
- Still large surplus on the current account and government budgets despite the drop in oil price

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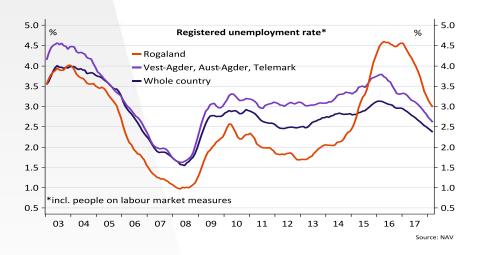
# **Growth has picked up**

## Growth in both production and employment



# **Unemployment** is falling sharply and sentiment improving

## Especially in counties hit by the oil downturn

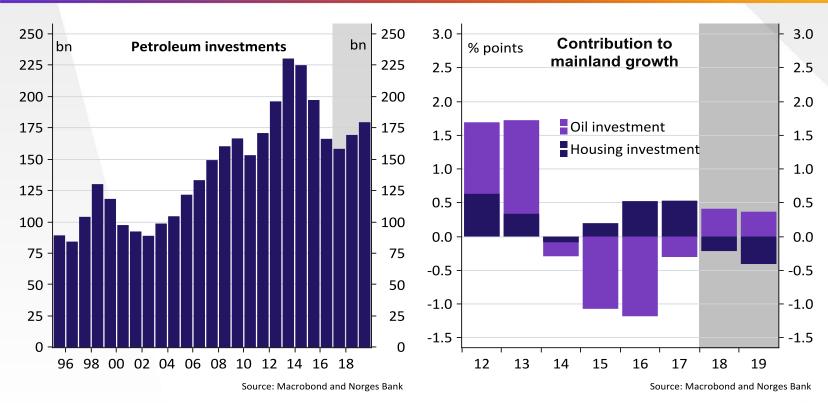






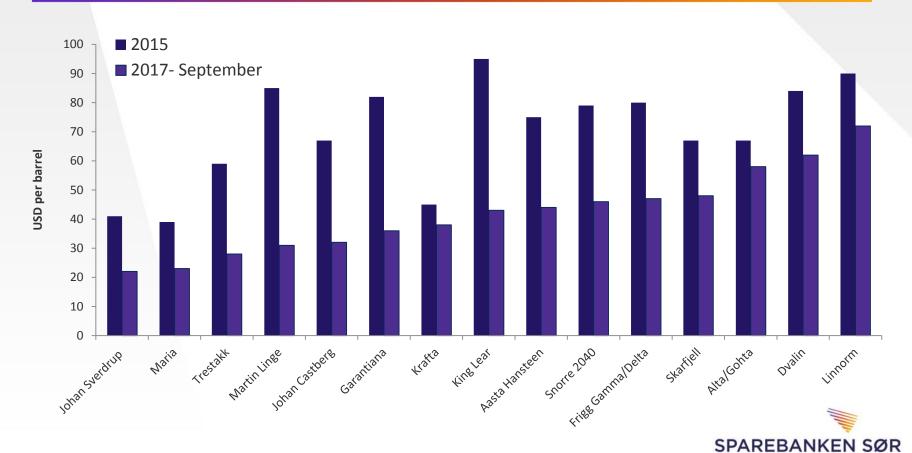
## Oil investments growing again

## Counteracting the negative effect from lower house building



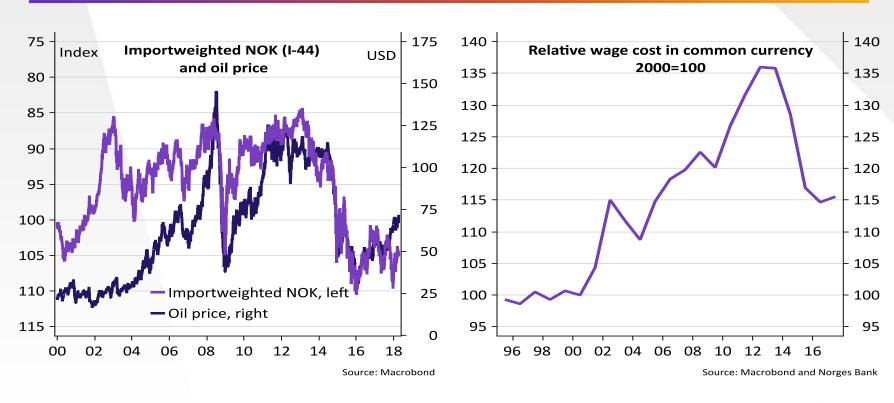
# Cost cutting has made oil companies more profitable

Graph shows break-even price on new fields brought down



## NOK, oil price and competitiveness

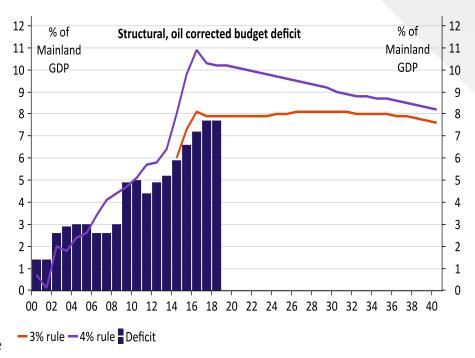
## Norway has benefited from the weak NOK and increased competitiveness



## **Strong public finances**

### Fiscal policy has supported the economy

- The Government Pension Fund currently amounts to close to NOK 8,000bn (approx. EUR 850bn) which is near three times the size of Mainland GDP and equals six annual national budgets
- The Fund and large petroleum revenues give the Norwegian government substantial economic leeway
- The fiscal rule: 3% (previously 4%) of the fund's value can be used in the national budget (expected real return on the fund)
- The rule is to ensure that the fund itself would not be tapped. Thus the fiscal break even oil price is zero
- In response to lower oil price public spending was increased, i.e. the deficit increased as a share of GDP. For 2018, fiscal policy is estimated to be close to neutral

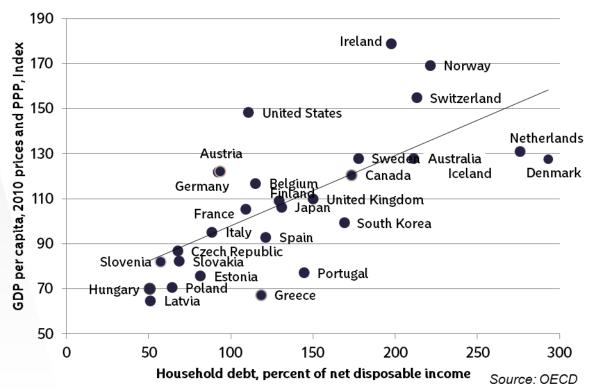


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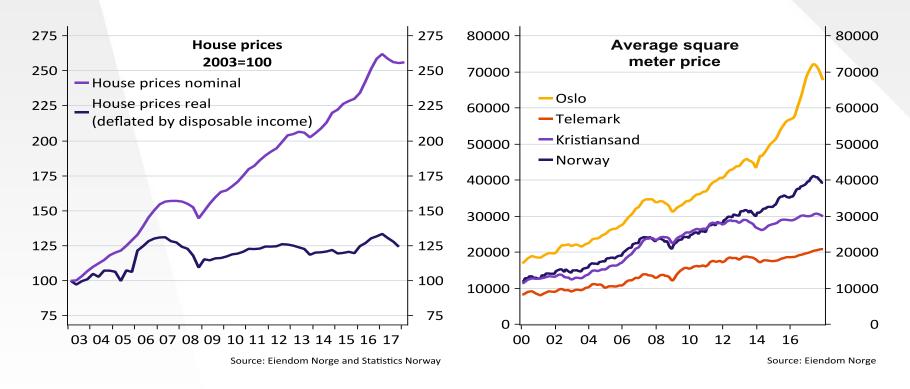
## **Debt and income**

## Rich countries have higher debt relative to income



## **Norwegian housing market**

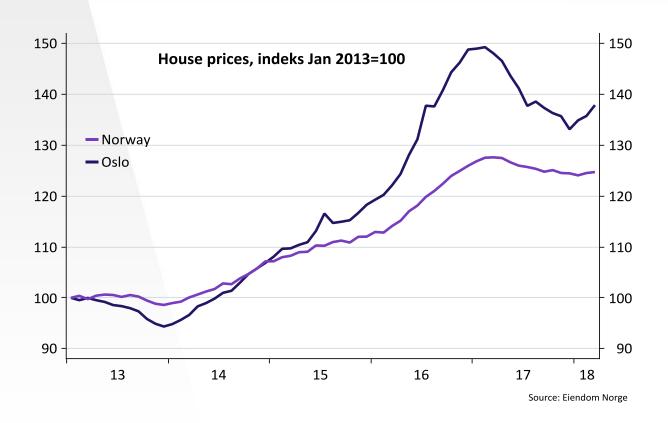
## House prices have increased alongside income growth





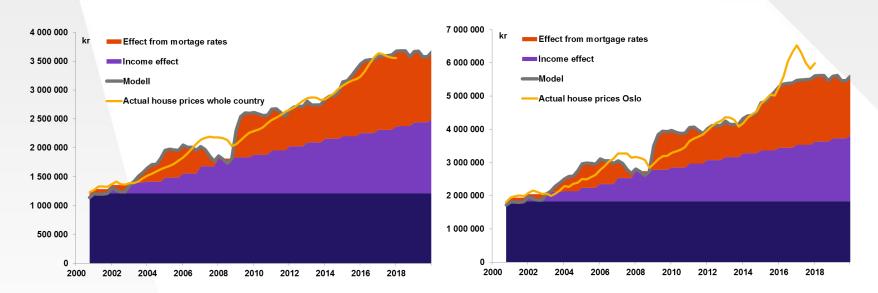
# **Norwegian housing market**

# The downturn is over, house prices are levelling out



## How expensive is housing?

### House prices have increased, but cost of servicing has not

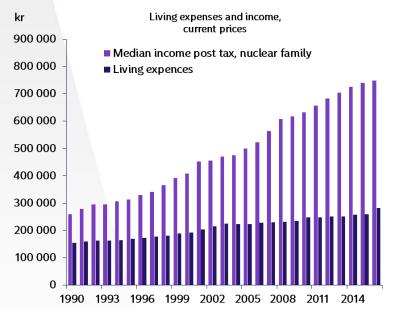


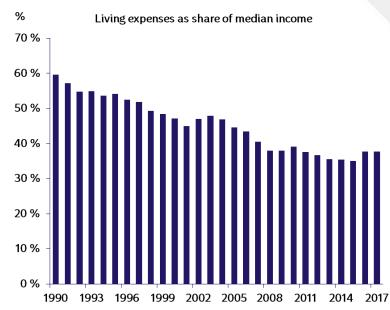
The model assumes that a constant share of income (equal to its average from 2000) is allocated to serve interest rate and downpayments from buying the average home for a family. 25 years' downpayment period and loan to value of 85%.

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## **Income and living expenses**

## Income has increased and households spend less on living expenses





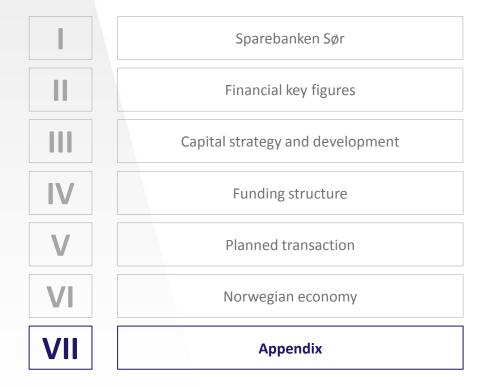


# **Norwegian housing market**

# Key characteristics

High home ownership	<ul> <li>Around 80% of Norwegian households own their home which is among the highest home ownership ratios in the world. Hence, buy-to-let market is limited in Norway</li> </ul>
Key features of residential mortgage loans in Norway	<ul> <li>Residential mortgage loans are predominantly granted by banks and mortgage credit institutions (97% as of January 2015)</li> </ul>
,	<ul> <li>Lenders have access to wide range of information about borrowers before granting the mortgage (e.g. tax records for the last three years, any debt collection outstanding, any bankruptcies)</li> </ul>
	Properties are registered in a central register to which banks have direct access
	Typical maturity of a new loan is 25 to 30 years
	<ul> <li>The majority of residential mortgage loans have a floating interest rate meaning that banks are allowed to increase the interest rate with a six weeks' notice</li> </ul>
	Borrowers are personally liable for their debt also after foreclosure or forced sale
Good tax incentives and	Borrowing costs on mortgages are tax deductible (the tax rate applied is 24%)
supportive social security	Tax valuation of dwellings is favourably treated in the wealth tax system
system	<ul> <li>If a dwelling is occupied by the owner for a minimum of one year, capital gain is tax free when the dwelling is sold</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Unemployment benefit equals approximately 62% of the previous calendar year's gross income and is paid for up to 104 weeks</li> </ul>

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## **IFRS 9 – Transitional effects**

### Changes in classification and measurement of financial instruments

### The Group

NOK million	IAS 39		IFR:		
Financial assets	Measurement	Book value	Measurement	Book value	Change
Net loans to customers		97 518		97 520	2
- Fixed rate	Fair value option	6 316	Fair value option	6 316	0
- Others	Amortised cost	91 202	Amortised cost	91 204	2

#### Parent bank

NOK million	IAS	39	IFRS	9	
Financial assets	Measurement	Book value	Measurement	Book value	Change
Net loans to customers		66 595		66 602	7
- Residential mortgages (1)	Amortised cost	24 991	Fair value through OCI	25 002	11
- Fixed rate	Fair value option	6 316	Fair value option	6 316	0
- Others	Amortised cost	35 288	Amortised cost	35 284	-4

All changes are due to the new measurement model. Additionally, mortgages in the parent bank have been reclassified from amortised cost to fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI).



## **IFRS 9 – Transitional effects**

### **Changes in equity**

### The Group

NOK million	Equity certificates	Premium fund		Hybrid capital	-	Gift fund	Other equity	Minority interests	TOTAL
Balance 31 Dec. 2017	783	451	341	1 075	7 165	61	1 230	2	11 108
Changes as a result of IFRS 9							2		2
Effect on taxes as a							2		2
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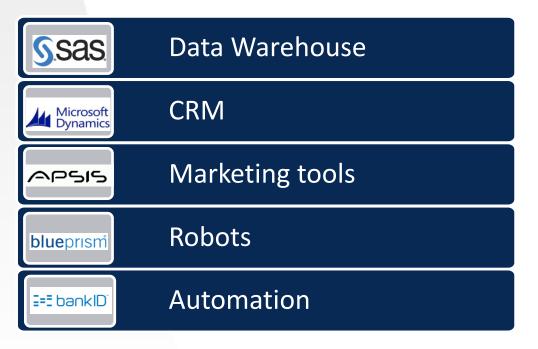
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Effect on taxes as a result of IFRS 9							-2		-2
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The implementation of IFRS 9 will have a positive effect on the Group's equity and subordinated capital, and the Group has no need for the transitional rule for calculating capital adequacy.



# Development of tools important for the customer relation



Tools that are important for achieving the Group's strategic goals:

- Better customer overview
- Targeted advertising with relevant and customized messages
- Automation and streamlining of workprocesses
- Better scoring and portfolio management
- Compliance with legal requirements (GDPR)

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