

New financial targets and regulatory changes

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Financial ambitions

Ambitions 2012

NOK 22-25 billion in pre-tax operating profits before write-downs

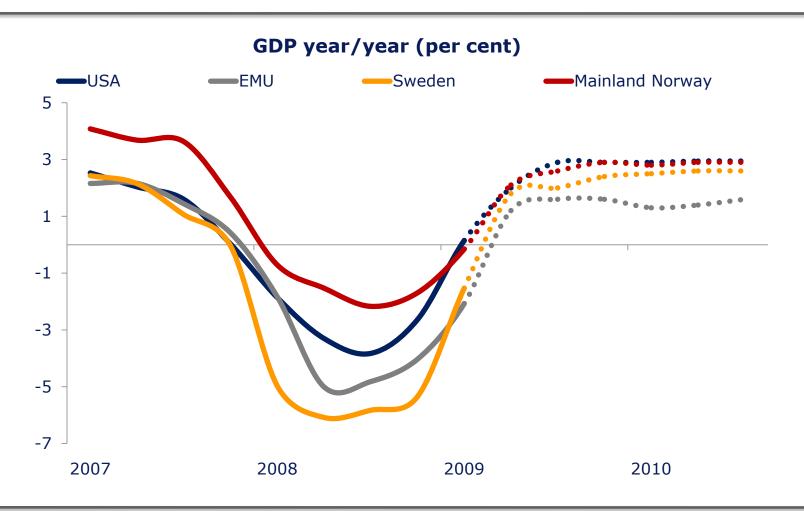
NOK 2 billion in cost reductions

Cost/income ratio below 46 per cent





Key assumption – rebound to positive global growth



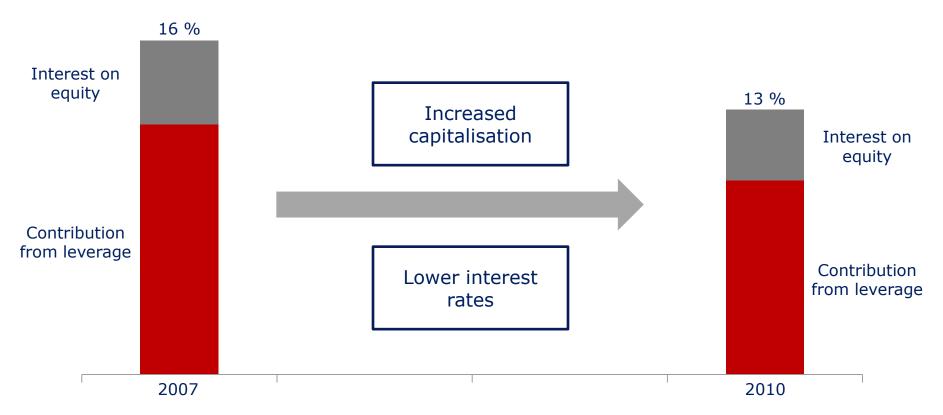


How will we reach our new financial targets?



13 per cent return on equity just as ambitious as the 16 per cent target set in 2007

Simplified illustration of effects of changes on RoE targets set in 2007 and in 2010





Several variables will help DnB NOR achieve our 13 per cent RoE target

Volume growth

Increased interest rates

Significant cost efforts

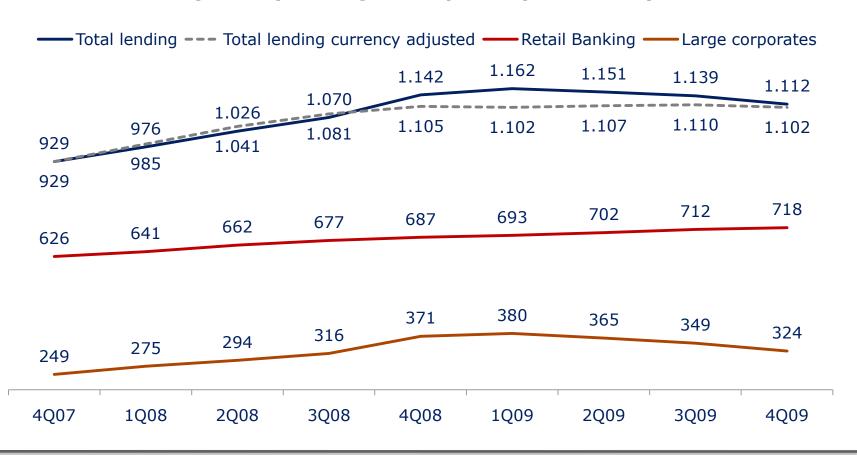
Lower write-downs

Reduced effective tax-rate



Steady growth in retail – expected increase in corporate

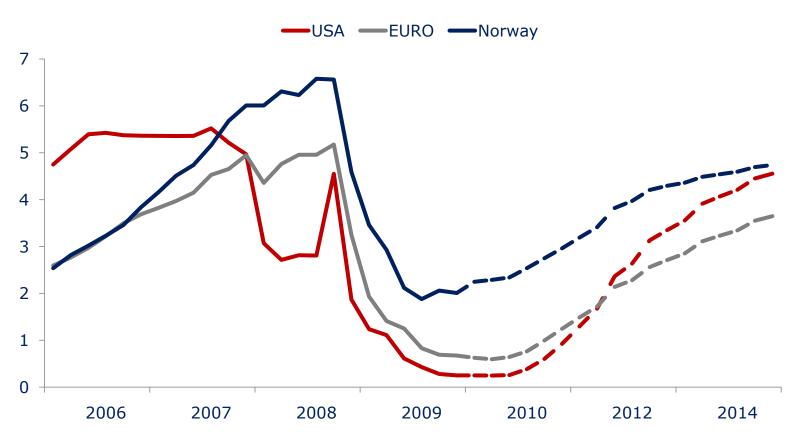
Quarterly lending development (NOK billion)





Interest rates are expected to increase

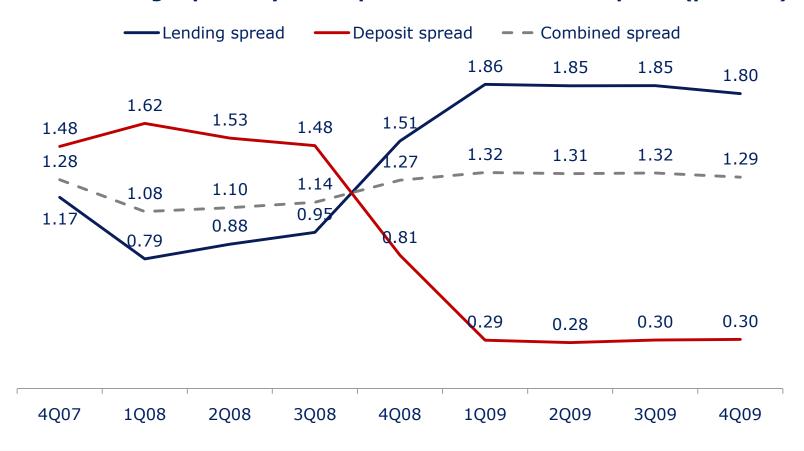
3-month money market rate and forward curves (per cent)





Interest margins retail banking - stable

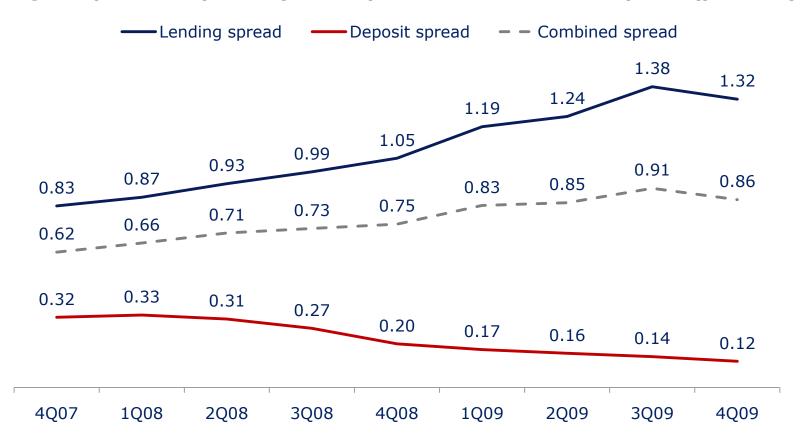
Retail Banking - quarterly developments in interest rate spread (per cent)





Interest margins large corporates – upside potential

Large corporates - quarterly developments in interest rate spread (per cent)





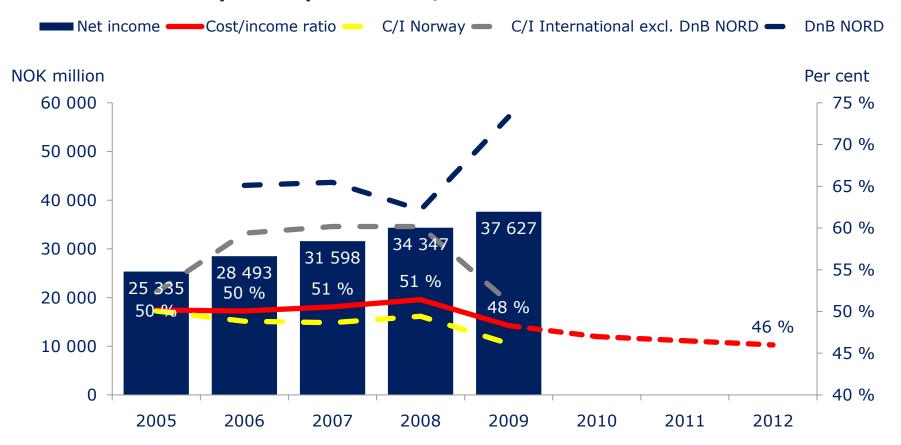
Cost program ahead of schedule





Still room for lowering our cost/income ratio

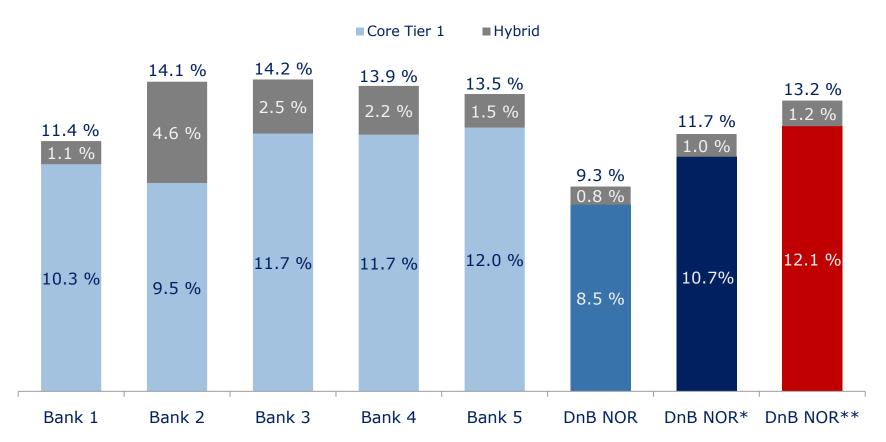
Yearly developments cost/income ratio and net income





A very robust and high-quality capital structure





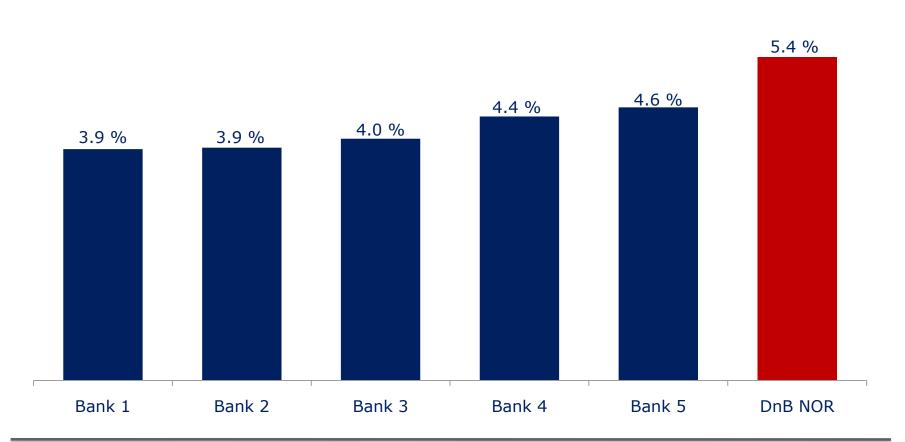
^{*} Full implementation of IRB



^{**}Full IRB and Swedish model for calibrating insurance exposure

The strongest leverage ratio among Nordic peers

Leverage ratio* Nordic peers 4Q2009





Long-term funding

- longer maturities at competitive prices

		NOK bn	Maturity	Spread (3-month Euribor)
2010	Covered bonds	19.7	8.9	
	Senior bonds	9.9	6.0	
	Total	29.6	7.9	55bp
2009		NOK bn	Maturity	Spread
	Covered bonds	10.7	12.1	
	Covered bonds (central bank)	90.3	4.2	
	Senior bonds	39.0	4.6	
	Total	139.1	4.9	50bp
		NOK bn	Maturity	Spread
2008	Covered bonds	57.5	5.9	,
	Covered bonds (central bank)	29.1	2.8	
	Senior bonds	100.5	3.7	
	Total	187.2	4.3	48bp



Continued focus on long-term funding, with conservative internal limits for short-term funding



^{*} Deposits from customers, subordinated debt, covered bonds and senior debt > 12 months residual maturity



^{**} Internal target for stable long-term funding increased from 88% to 90% in 2009

How will proposed regulatory changes affect DnB NOR?



Several analyses conclude that the proposed Basel III will be too tough on traditional banking models

Equity capital requirements for global banks \$221bn*

RoE for global banks down from 13.3% to 5.4%*

Increased funding needs

Reduced lending growth

Increase in prices

Customers and economies will be negatively affected



DnB NOR will be among the least affected of the European banks



IFRS expected loss provisioning

- Best estimate will be lower than IRB expected loss



Capital deductions

- Deductions for insurance subsidiaries already accounted forDeferred tax assets and goodwill fully deducted



Capital level

- Already compliantHigh-quality composition



Counterparty risk

- Minimal exposure to derivative markets



Still less affected than peers – only proposed changes in net stable funding ratio will create a shortfall



Leverage ratio

- Strong capitalisation and business model



Deposit guarantee scheme

- Already above EUR 100 000 and well funded



Liquidity coverage ratio

- Compliant as of today



Net stable funding ratio

- Shortfall, deposit haircuts are unreasonably high



Stable long-term dividend distributions to shareholders

Dividend of approx. 50 per cent of profit after tax

Average dividend yield of 4.5 per cent since 2000

"DnB NOR's primary objective is to create value for shareholders through an attractive and competitive return relative to comparable investment alternatives, partly through increases in share price and partly through dividend payments. The Board of Directors has approved a dividend policy for the company which aims to fulfil this objective. DnB NOR intends to distribute approximately 50 per cent of net annual profits as dividends provided that capital adequacy is at a satisfactory level."



Ambition: To be the preferred bank in the Nordic region for investors

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