

Risk Management Report 2016

BANKNORDIK

**Board of Directors
and Executive Board**

Group objectives of Risk Management Report

To keep our shareholders and other stakeholders informed of the group's risk and capital management policies, including risk management methodologies and practices, both short term and long term.

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1 Introduction

The purpose of BankNordik's Risk Management Report is to ensure transparency in the BankNordik Group and to make available information on how the Group manages the risks it encounters.

BankNordik's Risk Management Report is published annually on the Group's website, www.banknordik.com/rm, simultaneously with the release of the Group's Annual Report 2016. The Risk Management Report is a separate unaudited document. There are no audit requirements for the Risk Management Report, but much of the information in the Risk Management Report will also be provided in the audited Annual Report 2016.

2 Organisation

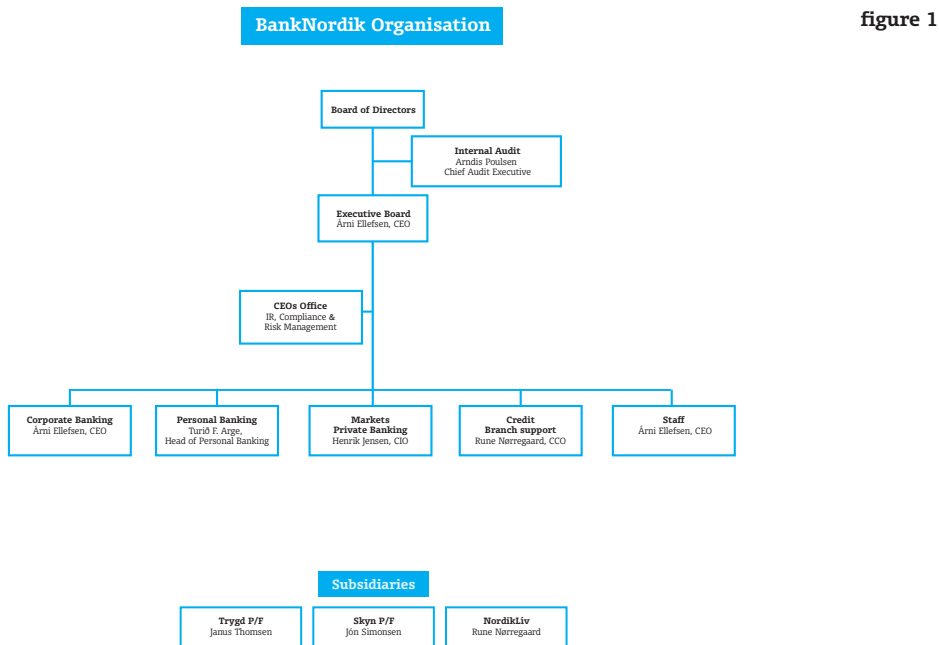
2.1 Introduction

Understanding and ensuring transparency in risk taking are key elements of the BankNordik Group’s business strategy. The Group’s ambition is to set high standards for risk management. Our risk organisation supports this ambition, and it has developed in-depth risk management expertise.

The Board of Directors sets out the overall risk policies for all types of material risk while the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Group, including implementation of the risk policies and risk management.

The Executive Board consists of Group CEO, Árni Ellefsen. At the chief operational level, the Group is divided into three main business units:

- Corporate Banking operations In the Faroe Islands, Denmark and Greenland, headed by Árni Ellefsen, CEO ,
- Personal Banking operations In the Faroe Islands, Denmark and Greenland, headed by Turið F. Arge, Head of Personal Banking
- Markets and Private Banking, headed by Henrik Jensen, Chief Investment Officer



The Faroese Real Estate Company (Skyn P/F) and Executive Secretariat report to Árni Ellefsen, Chief Executive Officer, while the insurance activities (Trygd P/F and NordikLív P/F) report to Rune Nørregaard, Chief Credit Officer.

The business units are supported by the following units:

- Credit Services and Branch Support, headed by Rune Nørregaard, Chief Credit Officer
- Finance, Accounting, Treasury & IR, IT, and HR headed by Árni Ellefsen, Chief Executive Officer
- Sales and Marketing, headed by Turið F. Arge, Head of Personal Banking

The Group's risk officer and compliance officer are members of CEO's office.

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Head of Personal banking and Chief Credit Officer constitute the Group Executive Management Team.

The Board of Directors and the Group Executive Management Team have established various sub-committees, including an Audit Committee, a Credit Committee and a Risk Committee.

The Group allocates resources to manage and monitor risk and to ensure on-going compliance with approved risk limits. The Group has a reporting cycle to ensure that the relevant management bodies, including the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Group Executive Management Team, are kept informed of relevant developments in risk measures.

The Group's risk policies as well as its limits and organisational framework for risk management are described in greater detail in the following sections.

2.2 Risk policies and limits

The Board of Directors sets out the overall risk policies and limits for all material risk types. The Board also determines the general principles for managing and monitoring risk, and it reviews the risk policies and limits annually. The Group uses risk appetite as a strategic concept to determine its risk-based limits. Risk appetite represents the maximum risk the Group is willing to assume in pursuit of its business targets. The risk appetite framework offers an overview of various risk dimensions and enables the Group to manage risk measurement across these dimensions in accordance with its overall risk policies.

The framework is based on an analysis of the current risk profiles of the Group and its major business units. It includes setting explicit targets, limits and contingency plans in accordance with the risk policies. It also includes monitoring of risk levels.

Key risk elements are identified on an on-going basis in a dynamic process driven by new products, procedures, risk measurement applications as well as economic developments. The Group conducts risk management at the customer and industry levels as well as on the basis of geographical location and collateral type. It takes a comprehensive approach to the core risk dimensions:

- Credit risk
- Market risk
- Liquidity risk
- Operational risk

Other risk dimensions are incorporated at the Group and business unit levels where appropriate. They include insurance and concentration risk, financial strength, and earnings robustness. Specific risk instructions for the main business units are prepared on the basis of the overall risk policies and limits. These instructions

are used to prepare business procedures and reconciliation and control procedures for the relevant units and for system development purposes.

2.3 Risk organisation

BankNordik’s “Rules of procedure” for the Board of Directors and the “Board of Directors’ Instructions to the Executive Board” specifies the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board and the division of responsibilities between them. This two-tier management structure has been developed in accordance with Faroese and Danish legislation, and the “Rules of procedure” and “Board of Directors’ Instructions to the Executive Board” are key documents in the Group’s management structure, including the organisation of risk management and authorisations.

The Board of Directors lays down overall policies, while the Executive Board is in charge of the Group’s day-to-day management and reports to the Board of Directors. None of the Group’s executive managers serve on the Board of Directors of the parent company. The risk and capital management functions are separate from the credit assessment and credit-granting functions, as shown in figure 2.

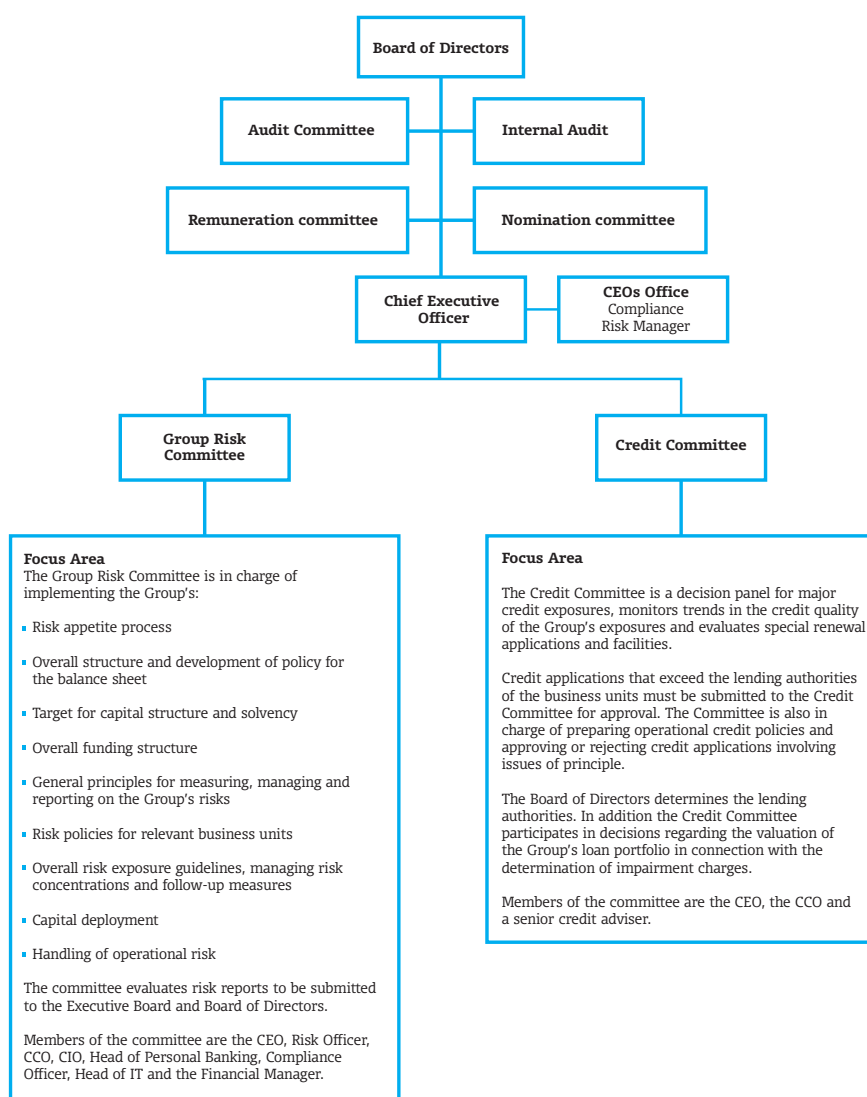


figure 2

The Group's management structure also reflects the statutory requirements governing listed Faroese companies in general and financial services institutions in particular. The BankNordik Group applies the comply-or-explain principle in respect of the recommendations on Corporate Governance issued by the Icelandic Chamber of Commerce. These recommendations apply to companies listed on NASDAQ OMX Iceland.

The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee examines accounting, auditing and security issues that the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, the internal auditor or the external auditors believe deserve attention. The committee also reviews the internal control and risk management system.

The Audit Committee consists of Stine Bosse, Chairman of the Board, Rúni Vang Poulsen, Deputy chairman of the board, and Tórhallur Olsen, member of the board.

The Executive Board has assembled the Group Executive Management Team and established the two risk-orientated sub-committees, the Risk Committee and the Credit Committee.

2.3.1 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors must ensure that the Group is appropriately organised. As part of this duty, it appoints the members of the Executive Board and the Group's Chief Internal Auditor.

The largest credit facilities are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval, and the Board defines overall limits for market risk and liquidity risk. Regular reporting enables the Board of Directors to monitor whether the overall risk policies and systems are being complied with and whether they meet the Group's needs. In addition, the Board of Directors reviews reports analysing the Group's portfolio, particularly information about industry concentrations, large exposures and impaired exposures.

Internal Audit examines accounting, auditing and security issues. These are issues that the Board of Directors or the external auditors believe deserve day-to-day attention. Internal Audit also reviews the internal control and risk management systems.

2.3.2 Executive Board

The Executive Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Group as stated in the "Rules of procedure" for the Board of Directors and the "Board of Directors' Instructions to the Executive Board".

The Executive Board sets forth specific risk instructions and supervises the Group's risk management practices. It reports to the Board of Directors on the Group's risk exposures and approves material business transactions, including credit applications up to a defined limit.

The Executive Board has assembled the Group Executive Management Team and established two committees to be in charge of day-to-day risk management, the Risk Committee and the Credit Committee.

The Group has also organised various subcommittees/functions for specific risk management areas such as asset and liability management and the management of risk parameters and models affecting the Group's capital and risk-weighted assets. The subcommittees consist mostly of members of the management team.

2.3.3 Risk Committee

The Risk Committee consists of:

- The Chief Executive Officer
- The Head of Personal Banking
- The Chief Investment Officer
- The Chief Credit Officer
- The Compliance Officer
- The Risk Officer
- The Financial Manager
- The Head of IT

The Risk Committee is in charge of identifying all main risks of the Group with the aim of optimising the Group's revenue compared to risk, e.g. by setting out guidelines for implementing and changing internal procedures for measuring and controlling risk, modelling principles etc.

The Risk Committee processes all risk-related matters, including

- The Capital Requirements Directive and related legislation
- Internal procedures for measuring and controlling risk
- The capital structure and targets for and levels of solvency and liquidity
- Allocation of risk capital to units and risk types, e.g. as part of the solvency requirement
- Material changes in model principles for risk management and yearly evaluations of such principles and models

In addition, the Committee evaluates the risk report to be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Committee also assists the Executive Board in its functions and processes related to operational risk management.

2.3.4 Credit Committee

The Credit Committee consists of the CEO, the CCO and a Senior Credit Adviser.

Credit applications that exceed the lending authorities of the Credit Department (personal customers) or the Group's Corporate Department (corporate customers) must be submitted to the Credit Committee for approval along with a credit recommendation.

The Committee is in charge of preparing operational credit policies and approving or rejecting credit applications involving issues of principle.

The Board of Directors determines the lending authorities. In addition, the Credit Committee participates in decisions regarding the valuation of the Group's loan portfolio in connection with the determination of impairment charges.

2.3.5 Staff departments

The Group's overall risk issues including credit, market, liquidity and operational risks are monitored by the Group Risk Committee, in co-operation with managers of business units and subsidiaries, reporting directly to the Executive Board.

The Finance and Accounting department oversees the Group's financial reporting, budgeting, liquidity and capital structure, and the performance and analytical tools used by the business units. It also has overall responsibility for the Group's compliance with the Capital Requirements Directive and related legislation and for the internal capital adequacy assessment process.

The Group has established a functional separation between units that enter into business transactions with customers or otherwise expose the Group to risk on the one hand and units in charge of overall risk management on the other.

The Group's Risk Management is carried out by the Group's Risk Officer which is a part of the Executive Board Secretariat with reporting rights and obligations to the Executive Board and reporting rights to the Board of Directors in risk-related matters. Risk Management has overall responsibility for monitoring the Group's risk portfolio and reporting on overall risk measures. In addition, Risk Management is responsible for the implementation of risk models and risk analysis and for providing support to the Risk Committee.

The Credit Department has the overall responsibility for the credit process in all of the Group's business units. This includes responsibility for developing credit classification and valuation models and for seeing that they are used by the local units in their day-to-day credit processing.

The Credit Department is in charge of determining the utilisation of portfolio limits for industries and countries and of the quarterly process of calculating the impairment of exposures. It also keeps track of the credit quality of the Group's loan portfolio by monitoring trends in unauthorised overdrafts and overdue payments, new approvals to weak customers and other factors.

In addition, the Credit Department reports to the Group management and to business units on developments in the Group's credit risk. Finally, the department is in charge of providing management information about credits, of monitoring credit approvals in the business units, and of determining the Group's requirements relating to its credit systems and processes.

The CEO's office is in charge of analysing and monitoring strategic business risk and corporate governance. Furthermore the CEO's office is in charge of the Group's investor relations.

2.3.6 Business units

Core risk dimensions such as market risk and liquidity risk are managed centrally. For credit risk, however, lending authority for specific customer segments and products has been delegated to the individual business units. The business units carry out the fundamental tasks required for optimal risk management. This includes updating the necessary registrations about customers that are used in risk management tools and models, as well as maintaining and following up on customer relationships.

Each business unit is responsible for preparing carefully drafted documentation before business transactions are undertaken and for properly recording the transactions. Each business unit is also required to update information on customer relations and other issues as may be necessary.

The business units must ensure that all risk exposures comply with specific risk instructions as well as the Group's other guidelines. Loan and credit approvals to retail customers and small business customers are given according to the lending authorities delegated to the individual branches.

Customer advisers are responsible for the basic credit assessment of customers. Their lending authority depends on customer classification, and they can approve credits up to certain amounts. Advisers must forward applications for credit facilities beyond their lending authority to the branch management, which may decide to submit applications to the Credit Department.

2.4 Reporting

The Group has a reporting cycle to ensure that the relevant management bodies, including the Board of Directors, the Executive Board and the Group Executive Management Team, are kept informed of, among other things, developments in risk measures, the credit portfolio, non-performing loans, market risk, strategic and operational risk.

The Board of Directors receives the principal risk reports (see Table 1) and the principle solvency requirement in the form of the Group's annual solvency handbook. As part of the quarterly evaluation of the Group's solvency requirement, the Board of Directors receives up-to-date information on any material changes in the Group's risk profile. On a monthly basis the Board of Directors receives a report on the Group's market and liquidity risk.

		table 1
Risk appetite	Strategic determination of risk-based limits, representing the maximum risk that the Group is willing to assume in pursuit of business targets and in accordance with its overall risk policies.	
Risk policy	Review of the Group's overall risk policy to determine whether revisions are required.	
Models and parameters	Update on the use of risk models and risk parameters.	
Quality of credit portfolio	Analysis of impairment charges and losses by business unit and portfolio break-downs by category, size, business unit, etc.	

		table 2
BankNordik Group Methodology	Evaluation of the preferred risk and the level of capital according to the FSA's 8+ approach.	
Key figures for the credit portfolio	An overview of credit-quality indicators, classifications and trends in lending volumes.	
Market risk	Analysis of the Group's current equity, fixed income and currency positions and report on the utilisation of Board approved limits since the preceding report.	
Large exposures	An overview of exposures equal to or exceeding 10% of the Group total capital and the sum of these exposures, including the percentage of the Group's total capital it represents.	

		table 3
Liquidity risk	Analysing and stress tests of the Group's current liquidity	
Market risk	Analysis of the Group's current equity, fixed income and currency positions and report on the utilisation of Board approved limits since the preceding report.	

3 Capital Management

BankNordik is well capitalised with a high solvency ratio and excess cover relative to the statutory requirements. The Board of Directors is focused on maintaining the capital base necessary to fulfil its strategic goals and sustain the Bank's continued business development. Constant monitoring and valuation of the Group solvency ratio forms an integral part of the Group's capital management.

3.1 Framework of the Group's capital management

The basis of the BankNordik Group's capital management is the CRD IV requirements and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP), which consists of three pillars.

- Pillar I contains a set of rules for a mathematical calculation of the Total capital and the risk weighted assets (RWA).
- Pillar II describes the supervisory review and evaluation process and contains the framework for the internal capital adequacy assessment process.
- Pillar III deals with market discipline and sets forth disclosure requirements for risk and capital management.

3.2 Pillar I

In accordance with the CRD IV requirements stipulated in the regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013, total RWA is calculated as the sum of RWA for credit, market and operational risk. Total capital is calculated as the sum of common equity tier 1 (CET1) and additional tier 1 and tier 2 instruments.

Table 4 sets out the Bank's Solvency statement as of 31 December 2016, including the basis for calculating risk-weighted items, core capital, core capital after deductions and Total capital after deductions and equity.

3.3 Pillar II

While Pillar I contains uniform rules for capturing a financial institution's risk and calculating the capital requirements in accordance with the CRD IV requirements, it does not necessarily capture all risk affecting individual institutions. Pillar II contains a framework for an Own Risk Solvency Assessment process based on the situation and characteristics of the individual institution. The underlying aim of the Pillar II process is to enhance the link between an institution's risk profile, its risk management systems and its capital. Institutions are expected to develop sound risk management processes that properly identify, measure, aggregate and monitor their risk.

Pillar II is underpinned by four principles:

- Assessment of capital adequacy in relation to the institution's risk profile and capital strategy
- Review and evaluation of the assessment and its ability to monitor and ensure compliance with its own requirement.
- The expectation that the institution will operate above the Minimum Capital Requirement and the ability of the Danish FSA to require a financial institution to maintain a capital buffer relative to the MCR.

- FSA intervention at an early stage to prevent capital from falling below the minimum level required to support the
- Risk profile or to require rapid remedial action if capital is not maintained or restored.

	table 4	
	Full year 2016	Full year 2015
Solvency		
DKK 1,000		
Core capital	1,566,448	1,691,998
Total capital	1,788,707	1,921,252
Risk-weighted items not included in the trading portfolio	7,305,193	8,951,646
Risk-weighted items with market risk etc.	1,065,709	1,006,711
Risk-weighted items with operational risk	1,419,571	1,504,345
Total risk-weighted items	9,790,474	11,462,702
Core capital ratio, excl. hybrid core capital	16.0%	13.9%
Core capital ratio	16.0%	14.8%
Solvency ratio	18.3%	16.8%
Core Capital and Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	200,000	200,000
Reserves	15,470	138,536
Net profit	221,874	-221,009
Retained earnings, previous years	1,484,690	1,642,047
Shareholders' equity	1,922,035	1,759,575
Deduction of dividend	300,000	20,000
Deduction of holdings of own shares and significant investments in entities in the financial sector	0	38,244
Deduction of intangible assets	0	41,275
Deduction of deferred tax assets	55,587	66,278
Core capital exclusive of hybrid core capital	1,566,448	1,593,777
Hybrid core capital before deductions	0	180,903
Deductions in Hybrid core capital	0	82,683
Core capital	1,566,448	1,691,998
Total capital		
Core capital	1,566,448	1,691,998
Subordinated loan capital, before deductions	222,259	271,273
Deductions in Subordinated loan capital	0	42,019
Total capital	1,788,707	1,921,252
<p>The BankNordik Group holds a license to operate as a bank and is therefore subject to a capital requirement under the Faroese Financial Business Act. The Faroese provisions on capital requirements apply to both the Parent Company and the Group. The capital requirement-provisions stipulate a minimum capital of 8% of the identified risks. A detailed body of rules determines the calculation of capital as well as risks (risk-weighted items). The capital comprises core capital and subordinated loan capital. The core capital corresponds largely to the carrying amount of equity, not including intangible items, investments in insurance subsidiaries, holdings in credit institutions etc.</p>		

In order to measure and identify all risk exposure to the Group, the Group applies a Danish FSA approved capital adequacy assessment process.

The method is based on an 8+ approach. An 8+ approach means that a review takes, as its baseline, the minimum requirement of 8 per cent of the risk-weighted items (pillar 1) plus a margin for risks and matters that are not fully reflected in the statement of risk-weighted items. In other words, ordinary risks are assumed to be covered by the 8 per cent requirement, and the question to consider is whether a bank is exposed to other risks that necessitate an increase in the solvency requirement (pillar II).

3.3.1 Solvency requirement

The Group's Executive Board and Board of Directors are responsible for maintaining a sufficient capital base and lay down requirements for individual solvency. The Group's Risk Committee is responsible for monitoring and making sure on an ongoing basis that the solvency requirements (methodological) determined by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors are complied with at all times. The overall responsibility for reporting to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors regarding solvency requirements lies with the Finance Department.

3.3.2 The methodology

The Group has implemented a methodology approved by the Danish FSA to ensure that BankNordik can expose/identify any potential risk and meet the requirements set by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. The methodology forms an integral part of the Group's organisation and the Finance Department prepares a quarterly report. The report is then submitted to the Executive Board. The Board of Directors receives a condensed quarterly report and a full annual solvency requirement report that is submitted to the Board for approval.

The method can be split into two main parts. The first part involves the calculation of the minimal capital requirement (see the 8+ approach). The second part consists of eight underlying risk factors:

- Earnings
- Growth in lending
- Credit risk
- Market risk
- Liquidity risk
- Operational risk
- Leverage risk
- Statutory requirements

In addition to these eight risk factors, the Bank calculates potential premiums for special risks believed not to be covered by the calculation of minimal risk. See the calculation of the 8+ capital requirement below.

Capital and solvency adequacy assesment pr. 31.12.2016 (DKK 1,000)		Capital requirement, 8% of RWA, 1,000 DKK	RWA Capital requirement, per cent
		783,238	8.0%
+ 2) Earnings (capital for risk coverage due to weak earnings)		10,796	0.1%
+ 3) Growth in lending (capital to cover organic growth in business volume)			0.0%
+ 4) Credit risk, of which:		43,577	0.4%
	4a) Credit risk on major customers in financial distress		0.0%
	4b) Other credit risk	16,185	0.2%
	4c) Concentration risk on individual exposures	27,393	0.3%
	4d) Concentration risk on industries		0.0%
+ 5) Market risk, of which:		26,611	0.3%
	5a) Interest risk	26,611	0.3%
	5b) Equity risk		0.0%
	5c) Foreign exchange risk		0.0%
+ 6) Liquidity risk (capital to cover more expensive liquidity)			0.0%
+ 7) Operational risk (capital to cover operational risk in excess of pillar I)			0.0%
+ 8) Gearing (capital to cover risk due to gearing)			0.0%
+ 9) Margins due to statutory requirements			0.0%
Capital requirement and solvency ratio		864,222	8.8%

If any other areas of special risk are identified that are not listed in the model set out above, the Bank calculates an extra capital requirement for such risk. In addition to stress testing different risk parameters, the second part of the model involves additional capital requirements for specific additional individual risk exposures, where every potential material risk specific to BankNordik is taken into account and any potential risk is included in order to determine a possible additional capital requirement. The summary of the minimal 8+ capital requirement and any possible individual additional capital requirement constitute BankNordik's total individual capital requirement.

3.3.3 Group solvency requirement

The Group's solvency requirement has been calculated using the method illustrated above. At the end of December 2016, the solvency requirement was 8.8%, the risk-weighted items were DKK 9.8bn and the capital requirement was DKK 864m.

Excess capital according to adequacy requirements				table 6
DKK 1,000	31.12.2016	31.12.2015	Change	
Total risk-weighted items	9,790,474	11,462,702	-1,672,229	
Total capital	1,788,707	1,921,252	-188,994	
Core capital	1,566,448	1,691,998	-155,550	
Solvency ratio	18.3%	16.8%	0.9%	
Core capital ratio	16.0%	14.8%	0.9%	
Capital requirement	864,222	1,011,609	-147,387	
Solvency requirement	8.8%	8.8%	0.0%	
Excess capital, DKK 1,000	898,036	909,643	-41,606	
Excess capital ratio	9.2%	7.9%	0.9%	

4 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the most crucial risk facing the Group. BankNordik has loans and advances (exposures) of DKK 15,203m, the vast majority of which has been provided to customers in the Faroe Islands, Denmark and Greenland. The Group pursues an overall credit policy calling for a balanced distribution of loans and advances, however, from Q4 2015 BankNordik has refocused its banking activities in Denmark to personal banking, and as a result the Danish corporate banking activities will be wound up during 2016 and the coming years.

Set out below is a presentation of the Group's credit policy, credit risk classification process, credit exposure and credit management. The Group's procedures for writing off bad and doubtful debts form an integral part of this presentation.

In connection with the acquisition of Sparbank (2010) and Amagerbanken (2011), the Group took over individually impaired exposures. These impairment charges were included in the determination of the booked value of the acquired exposures or recorded as goodwill. As of 31 December 2016 in total DKK 191m was recorded on this account (see table 16 for more details). Whether these impairments should be redeemed / repaid, these will be recorded as other income.

4.1 Definition

The Group defines credit risk as the risk of losses arising because counterparties fail to meet all or part of their payment obligations to the Group. Credit risk also includes country, settlement and counterparty credit risks, among other things.

BankNordik manages its overall credit risk by way of its general credit policy. One of the purposes of the credit policy is to ensure a balanced relationship between earnings and risk taking.

4.2 Policy

The Board of Directors sets the overall policies for the Group's credit risk exposure. The Group's risk appetite framework is determined in accordance with these policies. The key components of the credit risk policies are described below.

The Group's aim is to build long-term relationships with its customers. For the vast majority of products, credit is granted on the basis of the customer's financial circumstances and specific individual assessments. Ongoing follow-up on developments in the customer's financial situation enables the Group to assess whether the basis for the credit facility has changed. The credit facilities should match the customer's credit-worthiness, capital position and assets. Further and in order to increase the mitigation of credit risk, the Group as a general rule requires collateral.

The Group aims to assume risks only within the limits of applicable legislation and other rules, including rules on best practices for financial undertakings.

4.3 Credit process

In order to ensure a consistent, coordinated credit granting process of a high quality all credit applications are handled according to a pre-defined procedure that provides a consistent, high credit processing quality:

Bank branches: All branch managers can process and approve credit applications within branch manager credit lines. Credit applications exceeding branch manager's credit lines are submitted to the Credit Department (personal customers) or to the Group's Corporate Department (corporate customers) along with a credit recommendation.

Corporate Department: The central corporate departments in the Faroe Islands and Greenland handle all of the Group's major corporate accounts, and the winding up of the Danish corporate credits are handled by specialists within the Credit Department. Credit applications exceeding the Corporate Department's credit lines are submitted to the Credit Department for approval.

The Credit Department: Applications that exceed a branch / Corporate Department credit line are submitted to the Credit Department for approval. The Credit Department also processes staff loan applications exceeding the limit of the branch credit lines. In addition to processing credit applications, the Credit Department coordinates and prepares credit recommendations to the Group's Credit Committee and recommendations submitted to the Board of Directors.

The Credit Committee: The Credit Committee reviews all applications beyond the Credit Department's credit line. The Credit Committee conducts credit meetings on a weekly basis. The purpose of the Credit Committee is to:

- Process credit applications exceeding the credit line of the Credit Department;
- Process and provide recommendations for all credit applications to be submitted to the Group's Board of Directors;
- Implement the guidelines for the credit area as approved by the Board of Directors; and
- To supervise the overall credit granting procedure.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors reviews all applications that are beyond the Credit Committee's credit line.

Credit processing must be conducted on the basis of extensive knowledge of the risks inherent to each individual exposure for the purpose of striking a balance between risk and earnings opportunities and in compliance with the overall goals defined by the Board of Directors.

4.4 Credit risk classification

BankNordik's lending exposure is subject to very careful management as part of the day-to-day follow-up conducted by the branches or departments with day-to-day responsibility for the individual portfolios. The follow-up and management process is split into the following categories:

- Day-to-day management is conducted by the relevant account manager;
- Commitments meeting specific criteria are tested individually for impairment four times per year in connection with the Group's quarterly financial statements;

- Reports on exposures due for review by the Credit Department in cooperation with the relevant branch or department;
- The largest exposures are reviewed annually with the Credit Committee;
- Constant monitoring of the largest exposures is a key priority.

The Group does not apply an automatic rating model that classifies customers into homogenous groups. However, the Group has implemented a behavioural credit scoring model for its private customers, and the Group has in recent years classified its customers in accordance with the methodology used by the Danish FSA, see table 7. Currently, about 99.1% of the overall exposure is individually classified, see table 7 for more details.

4.5 Credit exposure

The following section provides a presentation and review of the Group's loan portfolio. The review deals with the overall loan portfolio, followed by a report on the individual sub-portfolios. The figures include individual and collective impairments, which are itemized in part 4.8.

The Group's total loan exposures portfolio listed by category is set out in Table 7. As shown in table 10, the Group's credit facilities are well diversified between the private and the corporate / public segments.

Funds placed with credit institutions and central banks are money market placements and not committed lines.

In the annual report 2016, figures for loans and guarantees are adjusted in accordance with the applicable accounting terms and are therefore not directly comparable to the exposure listed in this Risk Management Report.

Quality of loan portfolio excl. financial institutions 2016						table 7
		> 7.5m	< 7.5m	Total		
Portfolio without weakness (3, 2a)	Exposure in DKKm	2,632	3,790	6,422	42.2%	
Portfolio with some weakness (2b)	Exposure in DKKm	1,120	5,436	6,556	43.1%	
Portfolio with significant weakness (2c)	Exposure in DKKm	89	391	480	3.2%	
	Unsecured	22	151	173	1.1%	
Portfolio with OEI (1)	Exposure in DKKm	674	928	1,602	10.5%	
	Unsecured	358	563	921	6.1%	
	Impairments/provisions	243	383	626	4.1%	
Portfolio without individual classification	Exposure in DKKm	0	143	143	0.9%	
Total	Exposure in DKKm	4,515	10,687	15,203	100.0%	
Quality of loan portfolio excl. financial institutions 2015						
		> 7.5m	< 7.5m	Total		
Portfolio without weakness (3, 2a)	Exposure in DKKm	3,574	4,230	7,804	46.1%	
Portfolio with some weakness (2b)	Exposure in DKKm	1,510	4,743	6,252	36.9%	
Portfolio with significant weakness (2c)	Exposure in DKKm	127	458	584	3.5%	
	Unsecured	54	221	274	1.6%	
Portfolio with OEI (1)	Exposure in DKKm	719	1,085	1,804	10.7%	
	Unsecured	357	678	1,035	6.1%	
	Impairments/provisions	208	409	617	3.6%	
Portfolio without individual classification	Exposure in DKKm	24	470	494	2.9%	
Total	Exposure in DKKm	5,953	10,985	16,939	100.0%	

4.5.1 Credit exposure, quality and concentration

In connection with the quarterly review and the on-going follow-up on the Group's loan portfolio is classified in the following categories:

- Portfolio without weakness (3, 2a)
- Portfolio with some weakness (2b)
- Portfolio with significant weakness (2c)
- Portfolio with impairment/provision (1)
- Portfolio without individual classification

Table 7 shows the Group's portfolio based on the review. The classification is based on the methodology used by the Danish FSA.

In their regular inspections, FSA classifies all larger exposures based on the same methodology as the Group does. If there is any difference in classification, the Group adjusts its classification according to the views of FSA. Thus the classification of the larger exposures will be in line with FSA's classification, adjusted for developments since their last inspection.

One advantage of using the FSA classification is transparency and that it gives a frame of reference, since all exposures in Danish banks are classified by FSA. As such the FSA classification constitutes a market standard.

As shown in table 7, 99.1% of total exposures are individually classified. The unclassified part of the portfolio has been steadily decreasing.

The impairments from the acquired portfolio in Sparbank and Amagerbanken of DKK 191m is not included in the total exposure.

The classification gives some important insights to the credit quality of the portfolio. 85.3% of all classified exposures are labelled without weakness or only with some weakness. This is of importance bearing in mind that banks with high risk portfolios normally fail in their larger loans.

There is a relatively low unsecured exposure in exposures with significant weakness (2c). Above DKK 7.5m there are DKK 22m unsecured exposures and in exposures less than 7.5m there are DKK 151m unsecured.

Large exposures

table 8

	2016	2015
Exposures > 10% of total capital (%)	44%	65%
Exposures > 10% of total capital (DKKm)	598	1,249
Total capital (DKKm)	1,789	1,921

Credit exposure by geographical area

table 9

(DKKm)	2016					2015				
	Exposures	in%	Loan/Credits	Guarantees	Unused credits	Exposures	in%	Loan/Credits	Guarantees	Unused credits
Faroe Islands	7,777	51%	5,923	748	1,106	7,722	46%	6,189	739	794
Denmark	5,814	38%	3,187	1,230	1,398	7,870	46%	4,743	1,151	1,976
Greenland	1,611	11%	867	454	290	1,346	8%	668	462	216
Total	15,203	100%	9,977	2,432	2,793	16,939	100%	11,600	2,352	2,986

The Group's overall target is for no industry to make up more than 10% of the Group's total exposure, see table 10, except for the industry group "Trade" which may be up 15%.

In special cases, exposures may be above 10%, but only for customers of a high credit quality, and where the Group has accepted collateral. In addition, the Group's long-term target is for no single exposure (on a Group basis) to make up more than 10% of the Group's Total capital. The Group has a few customers with exposures exceeding 10% of the Total capital all of which are classified 2b, 2a or 3.

As can be seen from Table 10 no single industry exceeds 10% of total exposures.

Having a strong position in the personal segment is a crucial priority for the Group. Personal loans account for about 63.1% of the Group's total loans and advances. The vast majority of the personal loans in the Faroe Islands involve loans for the purchase of real estate in which the Group holds a first mortgage secured against the property.

Risk exposure concentrations (DKKm)	2016		2015	
	DKKm	In %	DKKm	In %
Public authorities	350	2.3%	528	3.1%
Corporate sector:				
Agriculture and farming, others	81	0.5%	59	0.4%
Aquaculture	17	0.1%	116	0.7%
Fisheries	480	3.2%	522	3.1%
Manufacturing industries, etc.	298	2.0%	725	4.3%
Energy and utilities	133	0.9%	291	1.7%
Building and construction, etc.	533	3.5%	659	3.9%
Trade	806	5.3%	1,496	8.8%
Transport, mail and telecommunications	912	6.0%	642	3.8%
Hotels and restaurants	30	0.2%	34	0.2%
Information and communication	177	1.2%	191	1.1%
Property administration, etc.	1,013	6.7%	1,168	6.9%
Financing and insurance	114	0.8%	266	1.6%
Other industries	662	4.4%	721	4.3%
Total corporate sector	5,256	34.7%	6,891	40.8%
Personal customers	9,596	63.1%	9,520	56.2%
Total	15,203	100.0%	16,939	100.0%
Credit institutions and central banks	1,034		771	
Total incl. credit institutions and central banks	16,236		17,850	

Personal loans/guarantees balance distribution (in%)	2016	2015
Real estate	66%	64%
Car	4%	4%
Credits	8%	8%
Guarantees	9%	12%
Other	13%	12%
Total	100%	100%

4.6 Risk mitigation

As provided in the Group's overall credit policy, the Group seeks to minimise actual risk taking. Accordingly, the Group generally requires collateral for any credit facility granted. What kind of collateral the Group may require when granting a loan depends on the account / customer involved and is subject to an individual assessment of each credit application.

The types of collateral most frequently provided are real estate (72%), ships / aircraft (6%) and motor vehicles (3%) in addition to guarantees provided by owners or, in the Danish market, by floating charge (virksomhedspant).

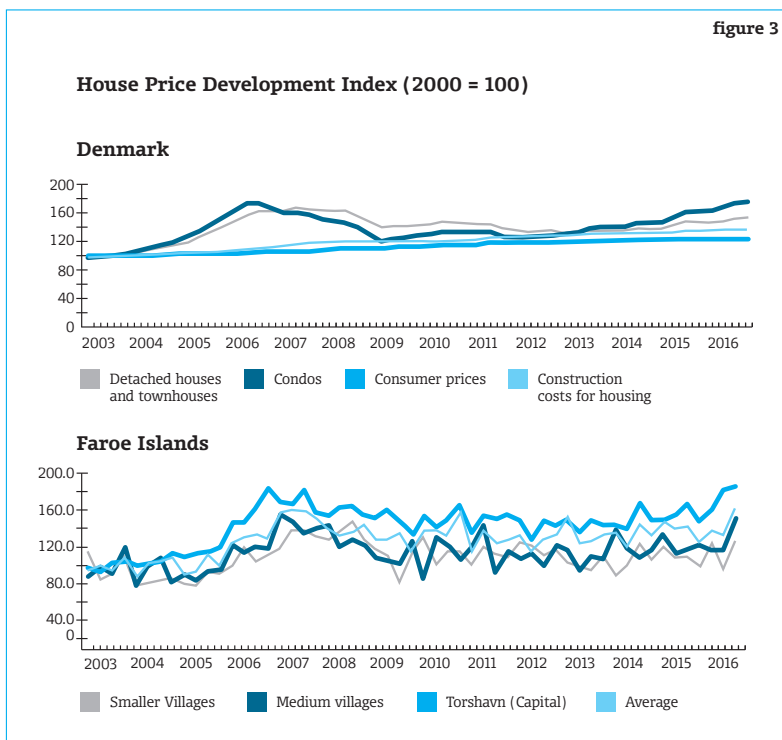
The Group regularly assesses the value of collateral provided in terms of risk management. It calculates the value as the price that would be obtained in a forced sale less deductions reflecting selling costs and the period during which the asset will be up for sale.

To allow for the uncertainty associated with calculating the value of collateral received, the Group reduces such value by way of haircuts, see table 12. For real estate, haircuts reflect the expected costs of a forced sale and a margin of safety. This haircut is 20% of the expected market value. For unlisted securities, guarantees by third party (exclusive of guarantees from public authorities and banks) and collateral in movables, the haircut is 100%.

Credit exposure and collateral for 2016					table 12
(DKKm)	Personal	Corporates	Personal & Corporate	Public	Total
Exposure	9,596	5,256	14,852	350	15,203
Loans, advances and guarantees*	7,770	3,515	11,285	288	11,573
Collateral	5,518	2,911	8,429	10	8,439
Unsecured (of exposures)	4,078	2,345	6,423	340	6,763
Unsecured (loans, advances and guarantees)	2,252	603	2,855	278	3,134
Unsecured ratio	42%	45%	43%	97%	44%
Unsecured ratio, loans and advances and guarantees	29%	17%	25%	97%	27%
Credit exposure and collateral for 2015					
(DKKm)	Personal	Corporates	Personal & Corporate	Public	Total
Exposure	9,520	6,891	16,411	528	16,939
Loans, advances and guarantees*	7,635	4,981	12,616	424	13,040
Collateral	5,280	4,063	9,343	13	9,356
Unsecured (of exposures)	4,240	2,827	7,067	515	7,582
Unsecured (loans, advances and guarantees)	2,355	918	3,273	411	3,684
Unsecured ratio	45%	41%	43%	98%	45%
Unsecured ratio, loans and advances and guarantees	31%	18%	26%	97%	28%

* Before deductions of impairments and provisions

Table 12 shows the Group's total credit exposure and the collateral for the loans granted divided into private, corporate and public sector. The Group's collateral is mainly in real estate.



Source: Statistics Denmark and the Association of Danish Mortgage Banks Source: Own research

Figure 3 illustrates the general price developments in the Faroe Islands and Denmark.

Source: Statistics Denmark and the Association of Danish Mortgage Banks Source: Own research

There are no publicly available statistics illustrating developments in house prices in Greenland. The Group estimates that house prices in the latest years have been relatively stable at a high level with a tendency to a minor decrease in 2015 and 2016.

The Group offers fixed-rate mortgage loans to private customers in the Faroese market in cooperation with Danish mortgage provider DLR Kredit. In the Danish and Greenlandic markets, mortgage loans are distributed in cooperation with Danish mortgage providers Totalkredit and DLR Kredit.

4.7 Monitoring and portfolio management

BankNordik monitors credit facilities centrally through its credit systems. Customers showing a weak financial performance are transferred to a watch list enabling the Group to monitor them more closely and thereby reduce the risk of losses. At least once a year, a review of all exposures above a certain amount is performed.

(DKKm)	2016				2015			
	Exposure	Past due total	Past due > 90 days	Total balance with past due	Exposure	Past due total	Past due > 90 days	Total balance with past due
Portfolio without weakness (3, 2a)	6,422	13	3	786	7,804	19	0	1,121
Portfolio with some weakness (2b)	6,556	62	1	1,251	6,252	77	1	1,496
Portfolio with weakness (2c)	480	4	0	155	584	7	1	203
Portfolio with impairment/provision (1)	1,602	30	11	584	1,804	75	0	725
Portfolio without individual classification	143	5	1	34	494	8	1	74
Total	15,203	114	17	2,810	16,939	186	10	3,618
Past due in % of exposure		0.7%	0.1%			1.1%	0.1%	

Unauthorised overdrafts are automatically referred to the customer's adviser, who decides whether or not to accept the overdraft. For good customers, the Group often accepts one or more accounts being overdrawn for a certain period of time. If the overdraft is not accepted, a reminder procedure is initiated.

As shown in table 13, DKK 17m is more than 90 days past due.

4.7.1 Credit risk management

The Group monitors on a continuing basis and reviews at least once a year which segments should be given extra attention.

On a continuing basis credit audits are conducted and additionally, based on monthly generated credit risk reports, the business units and the Credit Department monitor and review credit quality and on a quarterly basis the Credit Department prepares a credit risk report to the Credit Committee and the Board of Directors.

4.8 Impairment/Losses

The Group estimates the future cash flows on the basis of the most likely scenario. The Group tests the entire loan portfolio for impairment four times per year. Table 14 shows the Group's total losses by industry from 2003 to 2016. As the table shows, the average loss ratio during the overall period was 0.8% of the Group's total loans and guarantees. As can be seen from the data, there are relatively large variations from year to year and from industry to industry.

Historical losses														table 14	
Sector:	Weighted	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Personal	0.4%	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.03%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Agriculture	0.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Aquaculture	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.2%	0.0%	17.7%	31.5%	4.7%
Fishing industry	2.1%	0.5%	1.1%	3.1%	1.5%	6.6%	14.0%	2.8%	5.7%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	3.0%
Manufacturing industries etc.	0.6%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.00%	1.9%	0.1%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Building and construction etc.	1.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.2%	0.9%	0.3%	6.2%	16.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Trade, hotels and restaurants	1.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Transport, mail and telephone	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Service	1.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	1.2%	3.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property adm., purchase and sale and business services	2.0%	0.8%	1.8%	7.0%	2.5%	0.4%	0.5%	5.7%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Personal other	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Public Authorities	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	0.9%	1.1%	0.6%	1.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	1.1%	0.01%	0.2%	0.1%	1.3%	2.7%	0.9%

Exposures and individual impairments by sector					table 15
(DKK m)	2016		2015		
	Exposure	Impairments./Provisions	Exposure	Impairments./Provisions	
Public	350	0	528	0	
Private	9,596	241	9,520	270	
Corporate	5,256	385	6,891	348	
Total	15,203	626	16,939	617	
In % of total exposure		4.1%		3.6%	

According to IAS 39 and Executive Order on Financial Reports for Credit Institutions and Investment Firms, etc. as valid in the Faroe Islands, OEI (Objective evidence of impairment) of a financial asset may appear before default, for example when a debtor is found to be in financial difficulty, likely to go bankrupt or enter into financial restructuring.

Specification of individual and collective impairments							table 16
DKKm	2016			2015			
	Loans gross	Individual impairments	Impairments from acquired portfolio	Loans gross	Individual impairments	Impairments from acquired portfolio	
Individual impairments:							
Faroe Islands	477	252	0	454	231	0	
Denmark	589	313	191	773	320	289	
Greenland	42	27	0	38	26	0	
Total	1,108	592	191	1,264	577	289	
Collective impairments:							
Faroe Islands	5,446	26	0	5,735	36	0	
Denmark and Greenland	3,422	27	0	4,601	18	0	
Total	8,868	53	0	10,337	54	0	

If OEI of a loan, advance or amount due exists, the Group determines the individual impairment charge. The charge equals the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flow from the asset, including the realisation value of collateral. Loans and advances without OEI are included in an assessment of collective impairment.

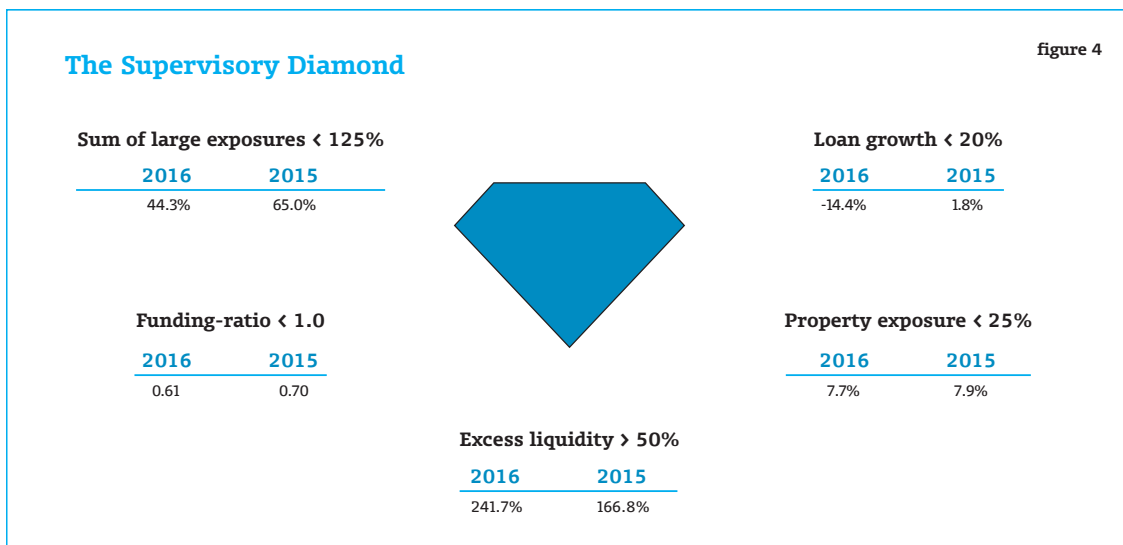
In addition to the individual impairment charges above, the Group is required to test the remaining loan portfolio collectively for impairment. Table 16 provides a breakdown of individual and collective impairment by geographical area.

In connection with the acquisition of Sparbank (2010) and Amagerbanken (2011), the Group took over some of the exposures that were individually impaired. These impairments are recognised as part of the purchase price for the acquired exposures. As of 2016 DKK 191m of the impairments reflected in table 16 are individual impairments recognised up to 12 months after the acquisition of the relevant exposure.

4.9 The Supervisory Diamond

The Danish FSA applies a model for measuring whether a bank has a high-risk profile – the Supervisory Diamond. The model identifies five areas considered to be indicators of increased risk if not within certain limits.

The Group meets by a wide margin the limits for large exposures, loan growth, exposures towards real estate, excess liquidity and stable funding.



Twenty of the largest exposures compared to the core capital amount to 160%. The maximum is 175% according to the guidelines from the Danish FSA.

5 Market Risk

5.1 Organisation

The Bank has established an Investment Working Group to monitor the financial markets and continuously update its expectations for the financial markets. The Investment Working Group meets once a month to discuss the outlook for the financial markets and make an update containing a recommendation on strategic asset allocation on about a 12-month horizon to the Investment Group.

The Investment Working Group refers to the Investment Group. Participants in the Investment Group are the CEO, the CIO, the Financial Manager, Treasury and the Head of Portfolio Management. Based on the recommendation, the Investment Group decides whether to retain or revise the Bank's official outlook.

The Investment Groups decisions are communicated throughout the organisation and forms the basis for all advice provided to customers and included in the Bank's official Markets Update, which is forwarded by e-mail to a wide range of recipients and published on the Bank's website.

5.2 Definition

The Group defines market risk as the risks taken in relation to price fluctuations in the financial markets. Several types of risk may arise and the Bank manages and monitors these risks carefully.

BankNordik's market risks are

- Interest rate risk: risk of loss caused by changes in interest rates
- Exchange rate risk: risk of loss from positions in foreign currency when exchange rates change
- Equity market risk: risk of loss from falling equity values

5.3 Policy and responsibility

The Group's market risk management relates to the Group's assets, liabilities and off-balance-sheet items. The Board of Directors defines the overall policies / limits for the Group's market risk exposures, including the overall risk limits. The limits on market risks are set with consideration of the risk they imply, and how they match the Group's strategic plans.

Reporting of Market risk	table 17
	Board of Directors
Monthly	Overview of – Interest risk – Exchange risk – Equity market risk – Liquidity risk
	Executive Board
Monthly	Overview of – Interest risk – Exchange risk – Equity market risk – Liquidity risk
Daily	Overview of – Interest risk – Equity market risk – Liquidity risk

On behalf of the Executive Board, the Group Risk Committee is responsible for allocating the market risk to the Group's major business areas. Historically, lines have mainly been granted to Treasury.

Treasury is responsible for monitoring and handling the Bank's market risks and positions. Markets has been granted small market risk lines for its daily operations. The Finance Department reports market risks to the Executive Board on a monthly basis.

5.4 Control and management

The stringent exchange rate risk policies support the Group's investment policy of mainly holding listed Danish government and mortgage bonds, and to a lesser extent investing in other markets and currencies.

Market Risk Management				table 18
Level	Board of Directors	Executive Board	Financial mangar	Treasury
Strategic	Defines the overall market risk			
Tactical		Delegating risk authorities to relevant divisions	Managing the Bank's market risk	Implementing
Operational			Controlling & Reporting	Trading

The Finance Department monitors and reports market risk to the Board of Directors and the Executive Board on a monthly basis.

5.5 Market risk

Table 19 shows the likely effects on the Bank's share capital from likely market changes.

Likely effects from changes in markets value						table 19
	Change	2016	% of Core Capital	2015	% of Core Capital	
Equity risk DKKm (+/-)	10%	24	1.6%	24	1.4%	
Exchange risk DKKm (+/-) EUR	2.25%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	
Exchange risk DKKm (+/-) Other currencies	10%	7	1.6%	27	1.6%	
Interest rate risk DKKm (parallel shift)	100 bp	18	1.1%	36	2.1%	

- All equity prices fall by 10%.
- All currencies change by 10% (EUR by 2.25%)
- Upwards parallel shift of the yield curve of 100 bp.

The calculations show the potential losses for the Group deriving from market volatility.

5.6 Interest rate risk

The Group's policy is to invest most of its excess liquidity in LCR compliant bonds. As a consequence, BankNordik holds a large portfolio of bonds, and most of the Group's interest rate risk stems from this portfolio.

The Group's interest rate risk is calculated according to the requirements of the Danish FSA. The interest rate risk is defined as the effects of a one percentage point parallel shift of the yield curve. BankNordik offers fixed rate loans to corporate customers. The interest rate risk from these loans is hedged with interest rate swaps on a one-to-one basis.

Interest rate risk broken down by Currency			table 20
(DKKm)	2016	2015	
DKK	13	16	
ISK	0	16	
EUR	5	4	
Other	0	0	
Interest rate risk	18	36	

Table 20 shows the Group's overall interest rate risk measured as the expected loss on interest rate positions that would result from a parallel upward shift of the yield curve. Interest rate risk in EUR is mainly from corporate bonds.

5.7 Exchange rate risk

BankNordik's base currency is DKK and assets and liabilities in other currencies therefore imply an extra risk as they may vary in value over time relative to DKK. BankNordik's core business as a commercial bank makes it necessary to have access to foreign currencies and to hold positions in the most common currencies. Given the uncertainty of currency fluctuations, BankNordik's policy is to maintain a low currency risk.

The Group's exchange rate risk mainly stems from:

- Customer loans / deposits in foreign currency
- Treasury's positions in foreign currency

Foreign exchange position	table 21	
(DKKm)	2016	2015
Assets in foreign currency	75	160
Liabilities and equity in foreign currency	0	0
Exchange rate indicator 1	75	160

5.8 Equity market risk

BankNordik's stringent risk policy restricts equity positions to listed and liquid shares and shares related to the Danish banking sector. The Group occasionally holds unlisted shares, for example in connection with taking over and reselling collateral from defaulted loans.

The Group has acquired holdings in a number of unlisted banking-related companies. These are mainly investments in companies providing financial infrastructure and financial services to the Bank. For some of these investments, BankNordik's holding is rebalanced yearly according to the business volume generated by the Bank to the company in question.

Equity risk	table 22	
DKKm	2016	2015
Shares/unit trust certificates listed on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange	26	33
Shares/unit trust certificates listed on other stock exchanges	20	17
Other shares at fair value based on the fair-value option	195	190
Total shares etc.	241	240

6 Liquidity Risk

6.1 Definition

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from

- Increased funding costs
- A lack of funding of new activities
- A lack of funding to meet the Group's commitments

The Board of Directors has defined the Bank's liquidity limits for the daily operational level and for budgeting plans. In December 2015 the Danis FSA designated BankNordik as a systematically important financial institutions (SIFI). As a consequence of the designation to SIFI institution the LCR requirements are fully implemented at the end of 2015. With a liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) of 257 % at 31. December 2016 BankNordik's liquidity position remains robust.

6.2 Control and management

Liquidity risk is a fundamental part of the Group's business strategy. The Group's liquidity is monitored and managed by Treasury on a daily basis in accordance with the limits set by the Board of Directors and reported to the Executive Board by the Finance Department. A liquidity report with stress tests is submitted to the Executive Board and the Group Risk Committee on a monthly basis. Treasury has the operational responsibility for investment of the liquidity, while Finance Department is responsible for reporting and monitoring liquidity. The Group has implemented contingency plans to ensure that it is ready to respond to unfavourable liquidity conditions.

6.2.1 Operational liquidity risk

The objective of the Group's operational liquidity risk management is to ensure that the Group has sufficient liquidity at all times to handle customer transactions and changes in liquidity. BankNordik complies with LCR requirements and therefore closely monitors the bond portfolio with regards to holding sufficient LCR compliant bonds.

Liquidity Management				table 23
	Board of Directors	Executive Board	Financial manager	Treasury
Objective	Defines the objectives for liquidity policies			
Tactical		Sufficient and well diversified funding	Planning	Providing background materials
Operational			Monitoring	Establish contact

6.2.2 Liquidity stress testing

BankNordik has incorporated a liquidity stress testing model based on LCR. This model is used at least monthly to forecast developments in the Bank's liquidity on a 3-month and a 3-12-month horizon. The test is based on the business-as-usual situation with outflows from undrawn committed facilities and further stress measures. If the 3-month target is not met, the Executive Board must implement a contingency plan.

6.2.3 Twelve-month liquidity

The Bank's 12-month funding requirements are based on projections for 2017, which were revised in December taking the market outlook into account.

6.2.4 Structural liquidity risk

Deposits are generally considered a secure source of funding. Deposits are generally short term but their historical stability enables BankNordik to grant customer loans with much longer terms e.g. 25 years to fund residential housing. It is crucial for any bank to handle such maturity mismatch and associated risk, and therefore it is essential to have a reputation as a safe bank for deposits. Table 24 shows assets and liabilities by a maturity structure.

In order to minimise liquidity risk, BankNordik's policy is to have strong liquidity from different funding sources. It is therefore the Bank's policy to further diversify the deposit base in terms of maturity.

6.2.5 Funding sources

The Group monitors its funding mix to make sure that there is a satisfactory diversification between deposits, equity, hybrid capital, and loans from the financial markets. For further information see note 40 in the annual report 2016.

6.3 Collateral provided by the Group

As customarily used by financial market participants BankNordik has entered into standard CSA agreements with other banks. These agreements commit both parties to provide and daily adjust collateral for negative market values. The bank with negative value exposure receives collateral. Thereby reducing counterparty risk to daily market fluctuations of derivatives and pledged amount. As a consequence of these agreements BankNordik at yearend 2016 had pledged bonds and cash deposits valued at DKK 37m under these agreements. End of period BankNordik had negative market value to all counterparties and has therefore not received any collateral yearend 2016.

BankNordik also provides collateral to the Danish central bank to give the Bank access to the intra-day draft facility with the central bank as part of the Danish clearing services for securities. At year-end 2016, this collateral amounted to DKK 39m.

Remaining maturity						table 24
2016	0-1 months	1-3 months	3-12 months	More than 1 year	Without fixed maturity	Total
Cash in hand and demand deposits with central banks	216,915	0	0	0	0	216,915
Due from Credit institution	366,637	250,498	876	201,197	0	819,209
Loans and advances	19,463	237,692	1,389,091	11,596,097	0	13,242,344
Bonds and Shares	105,156	31,729	895,260	3,740,858	194,793	4,967,797
Derivatives	31,852	0	0	0	0	31,852
Other Assets	146,912	54,120	0	2,206	224,245	427,483
Total assets	886,936	574,040	2,285,228	15,540,358	419,039	19,705,600
Due to credit institutions and central banks	42,000	648	2,914	337,879	0	383,440
Deposits	9,465,261	1,679,378	76,565	1,477,607	0	12,698,810
Derivatives						
Other liabilities	165,432	61,986	2,816	3,629	55,633	289,495
Provisions for liabilities	0	0	0	45,807	0	45,807
Subordinated debt	941	1,881	6,584	278,697	0	288,103
Equity	0	0	0	0	2,028,143	2,028,143
Total	9,673,633	1,743,893	88,878	2,143,618	2,144,644	15,794,666
Off-balance sheet items						
Guarantees, etc.	47,985	341,228	363,341	1,742,325	0	2,494,879
Other commitments						
Total	47,985	341,228	363,341	1,742,325	0	2,494,879
2015						
Cash in hand and demand deposits with central banks	419,944	0	0	0	0	419,944
Due from Credit institution	102,461	108,381	876	201,168	0	412,886
Loans and advances	354,677	192,937	1,882,944	11,220,089	0	13,650,647
Bonds	4,352	449	632,964	2,885,607	0	3,523,372
Shares	50,270	0	0	189,725	0	239,995
Bonds and Shares	54,622	449	632,964	3,075,333	0	3,763,367
Derivatives	11,982	25,881	1,377	0	0	39,240
Other Assets	191,586	99,506	0	-343,623	566,731	514,200
Total assets	1,135,272	427,154	2,518,161	14,152,967	566,731	18,800,285
Due to credit institutions and central banks	275,114	648	2,914	337,879	0	616,554
Deposits	9,078,563	1,662,507	285,273	1,726,225	0	12,752,567
Derivatives	13,774	29,856	654	1,162	0	45,446
Other liabilities	112,563	64,850	21,444	64,993	82,258	346,108
Provisions for liabilities	0	0	0	136,552	0	136,552
Subordinated debt	3,443	6,887	30,991	539,864	180,903	762,089
Equity	0	0	0	0	1,766,335	1,766,335
Total	9,483,457	1,764,748	341,276	2,806,674	2,058,924	16,455,079
Off-balance sheet items						
Guarantees, etc.	48,980	102,356	405,576	1,871,596	0	2,428,508
Other commitments						
Total	48,980	102,356	405,576	1,871,596	0	2,428,508

7 Operational Risk

The capital adequacy regulation stipulates that banks must disclose all operational risks.

7.1 Definition

Operational risk is defined as follows:

“Risk of loss resulting from inadequate or faulty internal procedures, human errors and system errors, or because of external events, including legal risks.”

Operational risk is thus often associated with specific and non-recurring events, such as clerical or record-keeping errors, defects or breakdowns of the technical infrastructure, fraud by employees or third-parties, failure to comply with regulatory requirements, fire and storm damage, litigation or codes of conduct or adverse effects of external events that may affect the operations and reputation of the Bank.

7.2 Policy

The Bank seeks to minimise its operational risks throughout the organisation by means of an extensive system of policies and control arrangements, which are designed to optimise procedures.

7.3 Measurement and control

At the organisational level, banking activities are kept separate from the control function. Independent auditors perform the internal auditing in order to ensure that principles and procedures are complied with at all times.

Although the Bank has implemented risk controls and taken loss-mitigating actions, and substantial resources have been devoted to developing efficient procedures and training staff, it is not possible to implement procedures that are fully effective in controlling all operational risks. The Bank has therefore taken out insurance in respect of property, office equipment, vehicles and employee compensation as well as general liability and directors' and officers' liability. In addition, the Bank has taken out insurance against theft, robbery, amounts lost in cash transports between branches or in the post up to a reasonable figure. The Bank believes that the type and relative amounts of insurance that it holds are in accordance with customary practice in its business area.

Assessing the Bank's operational risks in the IT field is considered an important area. The Bank's IT department and management regularly review IT security, including contingency plans for IT breakdowns etc., that are designed to ensure that operations can continue at a satisfactory level in case of extraordinary events. All IT systems running at BankNordik and from the bank's service providers must adhere to documented running schedules and guidelines. IT operations must be safe and stable, a requirement complied with through the greatest possible degree of automation and capacity adjustments. IT services run by service providers must be based on written agreements.

The Bank has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (nor is the Bank aware of any such proceedings pending or being threatened) during a period covering at least the preceding 12 months, which may have, or have had in the recent past a material adverse impact on the Bank's financial position or profitability.

Pursuant to the Executive Order for the Faroe Islands on the governance and management of banks, etc. (Bekendtgørelse for Færøerne om ledelse og styring af pengeinstitutter m.fl.) and the Danish FSA's guidelines,

the Bank is required to perform a qualitative assessment of its control environment. Control environment is a collective term for the resources the bank applies to minimise the risks involved in carrying on the financial business. Such resources would include an assessment of the scope of internal business procedures, the degree of functional segregation, and whether the necessary management and control tools are in place in all relevant business areas.

7.4 Long-term goals in operational risk management

In addition to monitoring the level of risk for assessing the capital requirement for operational risk, the Bank's monitoring system is designed to gather new statistics on operational risk. The long-term objective is for the monitoring system monitoring the level of operational risk in the Bank's branches on a monthly basis to have a preventive effect and to help to minimise the Bank's operational risk.

8 Insurance Risk

Insurance risk in the Group consists mostly of non-life insurance risk. The Group has a non-life insurance company, Trygd and a life insurance company, Nordiklív, which was established in 2015.

BankNordik sold of the shares in Vörður, an Icelandic non-life insurance company in Q3 2016.

Risk exposure for an insurance company can be defined as a contingency event, chain of events or bad management which can by itself, or by accumulation, seriously affect the annual results of the insurer and in extreme cases make it unable to meet its liabilities. Risks for an insurance operation are typically categorized as insurance risk and market risk. Among other risks are liquidity risk, counterparty and concentration risk and operational risk.

Careful and prudent risk management forms an integral part of any insurance operations. The nature of insurance is to deal with unknown future incidents resulting in a payment obligation. An important part of managing insurance risk is reinsurance. The Group must protect itself against dramatic fluctuations in technical results by entering into agreements on reinsurance so that the risk of the Group having to pay claims from its own funds is reasonable in relation to the risks assumed, their composition, TRYGD's equity. This is done with statistical spread of risks and accumulation of funds, quantified by statistical methods, to meet these obligations.

The Group has defined internal procedures to minimise the possible loss regarding insurance liabilities. TRYGD evaluate their insurance risk on a regular basis for the purpose of optimising the risk profile. Risk management also involves holding a well diversified insurance portfolio. The insurance portfolio of TRYGD is well diversified in personal and commercial lines, see table 25.

8.1 Insurance risk

Trygd covers the insurance liabilities through a portfolio of securities and investment assets exposed to market risk.

Distrubution of portfolio of Trygd			Financial assets linked to insurance risk		
(in %)	2016	2015	(mDKK)	2016	2015
Commercial lines	69%	69%	Listed securities on stock exchange	136	124
Personal lines	31%	31%	Accounts receivable (total technical provisions)	2	2
			Cash and cash equivalents	13	18
			Total	151	144
			Technical provisions, short term	106	70

Trygd has invested in investment securities and cash and cash equivalents in the effort to balance the exposure to market and currency risk.

Likely effects from changes in markets value		table 27	
	Change	2016	2015
Equity risk DKKm (+/-)	10%		
Exchange risk DKKm (+/-) in euro	2.25%		
Exchange risk DKKm (+/-) others currency	10%		
Interest rate risk DKKm (parallel shift) - Trygd	100 bp	0.7	1.1
Interest rate risk DKKm (parallel shift) Total	100 bp		

8.2 Trygd insurance

The Board of Directors and Executive Management of Trygd must ensure that the company has an adequate capital base and internal procedures for risk measurement and risk management to assess the necessary capital base applying a spread appropriate to cover Trygd's risks.

In order to meet these requirements Trygd's policies and procedures are regularly updated. Risk management at Trygd is based on a number of policies, business procedures and risk assessments which are reviewed and must be approved by the Board of Directors annually.

The size of provisions for claims is based on individual assessments of the final costs of individual claims, supplemented with statistical analyses.

The company's acceptance policy is based on a full customer relationship, which is expected to contribute to the overall profitability of the Group. In relation to acceptance of corporate insurance products, the Board of Directors has approved a separate acceptance policy, which is implemented in the handling process of the corporate department.

Reinsurance is an important aspect of managing insurance risk. The Group must protect itself against dramatic fluctuations in technical results by entering into agreements on reinsurance so as to make the risk of the Group having to pay claims from its own funds reasonable in relation to the size of the risk assumed, the risk composition and TRYGD's equity.

Run-off gains/losses in Trygd		table 28			
(mDKK)					
Sector:	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Industry	2.5	1.12	1.95	-1.31	-4.9
Private	0.43	0.64	-0.18	0.96	0.48
Accidents	-0.32	0.27	-0.07	-0.10	0
Automobile	3.39	2.3	0.99	0.86	2.8
Total	6.00	4.33	2.69	0.41	-1.62

TRYGD has organised a reinsurance programme which ensures that e.g. large natural disasters and significant individual claims do not compromise TRYGD's ability to meet its obligations. For large natural disasters, the total cost to Trygd will amount to a maximum of DKK 10m. The reinsurance program is reviewed once a year and approved by the Board of Directors. Trygd uses reputable reinsurance companies with good ratings and financial positions.

Trygd's Claims Department is responsible for handling all claims and only claims employees may deal with claims matters or advise claimants in specific claim cases.

Technical provisions to cover future payments for claims arising are calculated using appropriate and generally recognised methods. Insurance provisions are made to cover the future risk on the basis of experience from previous and similar claims. These methods and analyses are subject to the natural uncertainty inherent in estimating future payments, both in terms of size and date of payment.

The board of directors of Trygd applies a low risk investment policy. The company's main investments are in bonds and deposits. There is no exchange rate risk, as all business is done in DKK.

Contractual maturity for the insurance segment table 29

2016	On demand	0-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
Assets						
Securities	167,943					167,943
Reinsurance assets		25,480				25,480
Accounts receivables		1,787				1,787
Restricted cash						
Cash and cash equivalents	15,299					15,299
Total financial assets	183,242	27,267				210,509
Liabilities						
Technical provision		105,673				105,673
Account payable		10,213				10,213
Total financial liabilities		115,886				115,886
Assets – liabilities	183,242	-88,618				94,623

Contractual maturity for the insurance segment

2015	On demand	0-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
Assets						
Securities	123,946					123,946
Reinsurance assets		615				615
Accounts receivables		1,912				19,648
Restricted cash						
Cash and cash equivalents	18,428					18,428
Total financial assets	142,374	20,263				162,637
Liabilities						
Technical provision		70,433				70,433
Account payable		7,867				6,438
Total financial liabilities		76,871				76,871
Assets – liabilities	142,374	-56,608				85,766

Assets and liabilities are offset when the Group and the counterparty have a legally enforceable right to offset recognised amounts and have agreed to settle the balances on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Master netting agreements or similar agreements give the right to additional offset in the event of default.

8.3 NordikLív

NordikLív is a small life insurance company established in 2015 and operative in 2016. The company is 100% owned by BankNordik

NordikLív conducts regular life and critical illness business in the Faroe Islands. Traditionally, life insurance is a very stable business as the underlying risks are statistically very well-known and calculated. All life insurance companies operate with mortality rates derived from the entire population and calculated by qualified actuaries.

reinsurance programme covering larger claims. The reinsurance programme is reviewed once a year and approved by the Company's board of directors. NordikLív uses respectable reinsurance companies with good ratings on financial positions.