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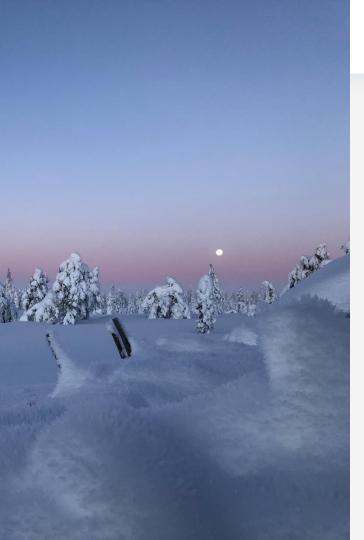
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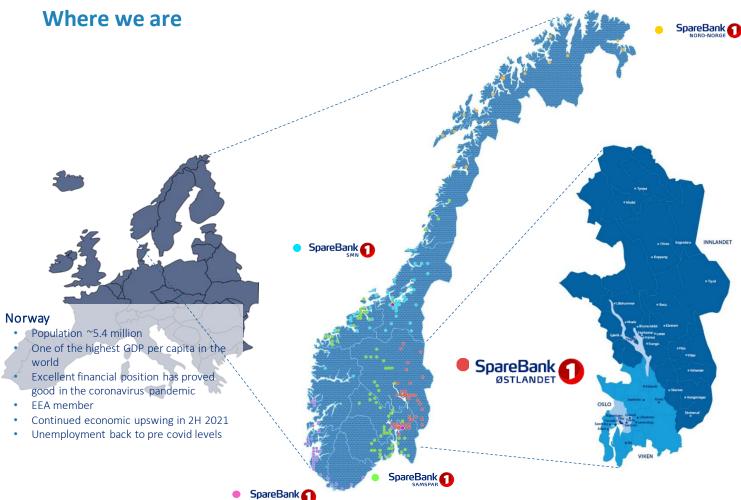




#### The bank in brief



- Norway's fourth largest savings bank
- One of the best capitalised regional savings bank in Norway CET1 18.0 %, capital adequacy ratio of 21.3 %, leverage ratio 7.3 %
- Low risk bank book with a 73.8 % retail share
- Diversified income stream
- Long history of solid returns and profits. Stable low loan losses over time
- Rated Aa3 (stable outlook) by Moody's. SNP rated A3 by Moody's
- Largest owner of SPABOL, the covered bond issuer of the SpareBank 1 Alliance
- Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating 12.3 ("Low Risk"). MSCI ESG AA
- Green Bond framework established. CICERO Medium Green/Excellent





# SpareBank 1 Østlandet's home market: Inland and Capital regions

- Population 1.7 million
- The fastest growing region of Norway for both population and job creation
- Low unemployment, high economic activity, cyclically stable
- Market leader in the Inland region, challenger in the Capital region
- 378k customers
- Head office in Hamar

#### **Diversified main activities**

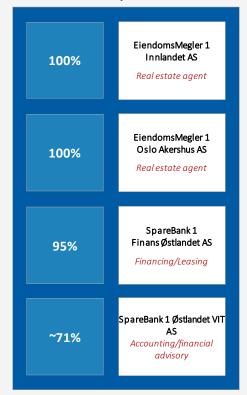


#### Several sources of income - parent bank, subsidiaries and other ownership interests

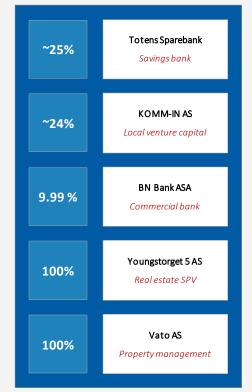
#### **Operational divisions**



#### Selected key subsidiaries



#### Selected other ownership interests



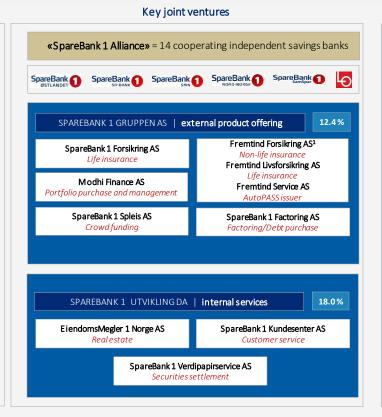
### Part of the SpareBank 1 Alliance



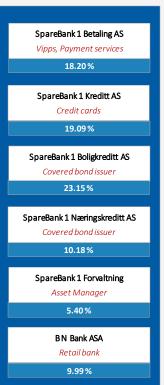
#### Provides operational and financial economies of scale as well as diversified product offering

#### **Key comments**

- Total number of branches: 207
- Total number of FTEs: 8,223
- 14 independent Savings Banks
  - 8 listed equity capital certificate (ECC) banks.
  - 1 public listed ordinary share bank (SR-Bank).
- The SpareBank 1 Alliance is Norway's second largest financial group in terms of total assets (~NOK 1,400 bn).
- The SpareBank 1 Alliance was created in 1996 to strengthen each local bank's competitiveness, profitability and solvency, as well as to ensure each bank's future independence and regional ties.



#### Key associated companies



| | Source: SpareBank 1 Gruppen, 4Q 2021



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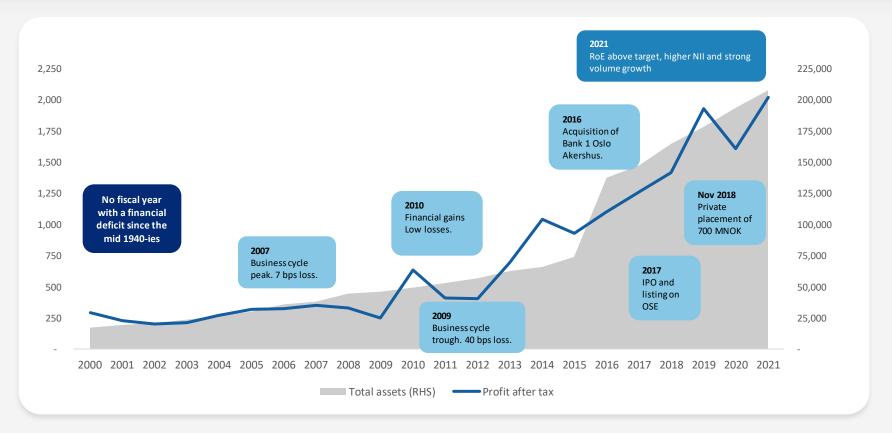
Asset quality and funding plans



# The Bank has a history of growth and increasing profits



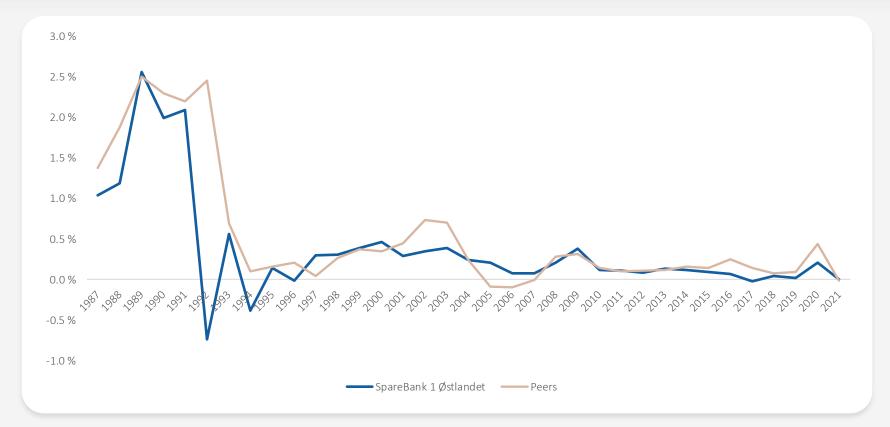
Profit after tax and total assets\*(NOK million)



# Long history of low loan losses



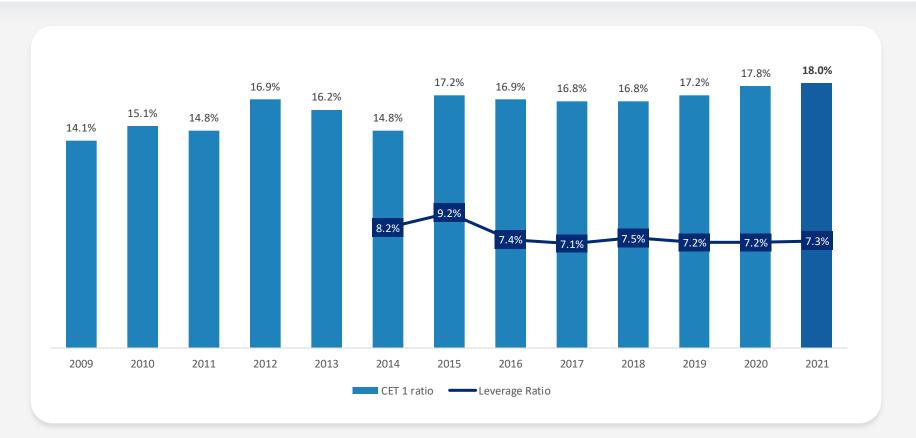
Impairments on loans as a percentage of gross loans\*



# High and stable capitalisation

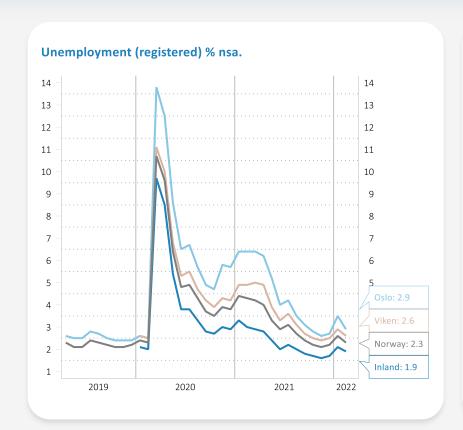


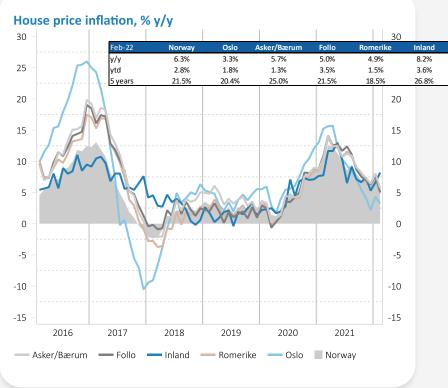
Common Equity Tier 1 ratio and Leverage Ratio (*Group*)



# Low unemployment, house price inflation has cooled



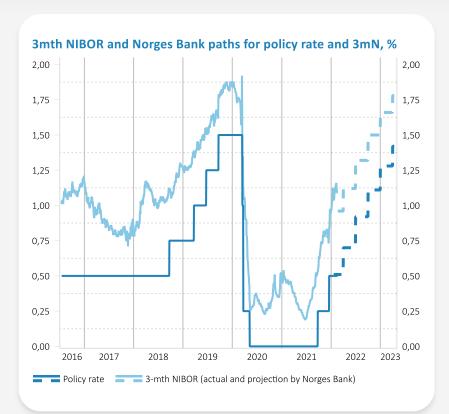


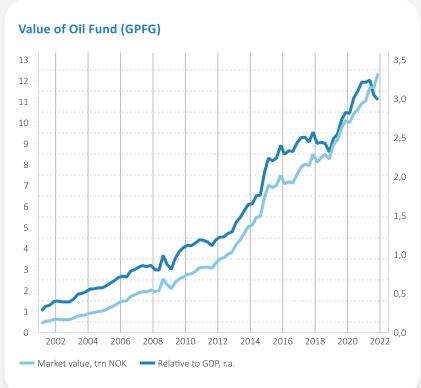


# Norges Bank has signalled several policy rate hikes ahead



Oil Fund provides large fiscal buffer







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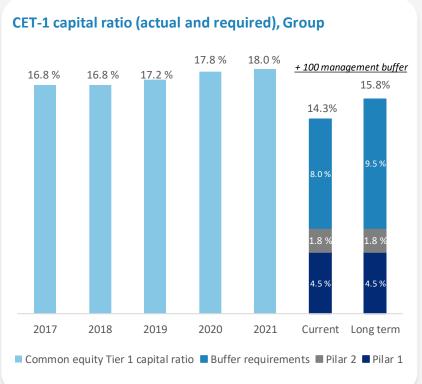


# Strong quarter with a high return on equity



Dividends paid for 2020, capital ratio remains high and well above requirements

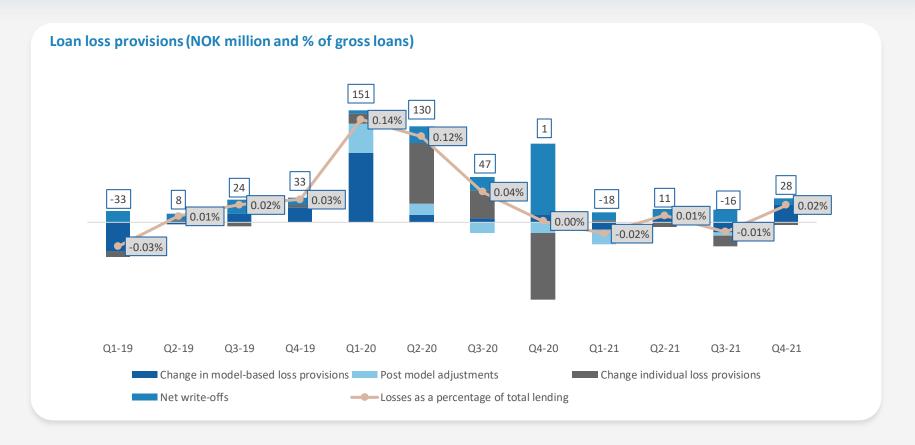




# **Increased loan loss provisions**

Primarily due to growth and migration

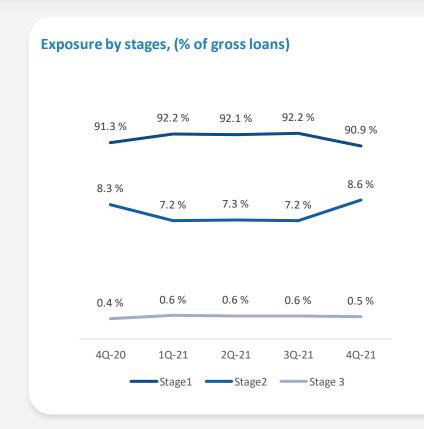


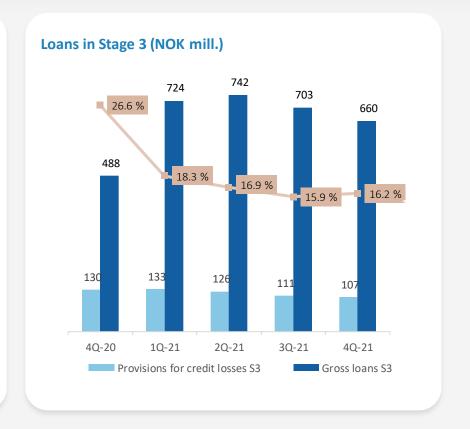


# **Lower levels of non-performing loans**

Reduced credit loss provision ratio in Stage 3









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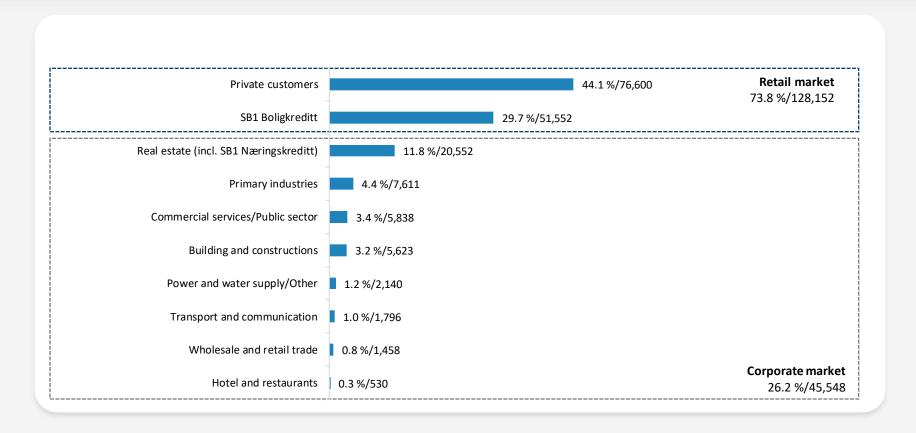
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# Cyclically stable loan portfolio, limited exposures to sectors hit by pandemic



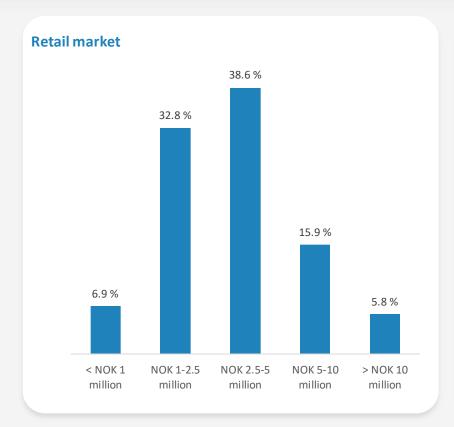
Lending to customers per sector (% and NOK million)

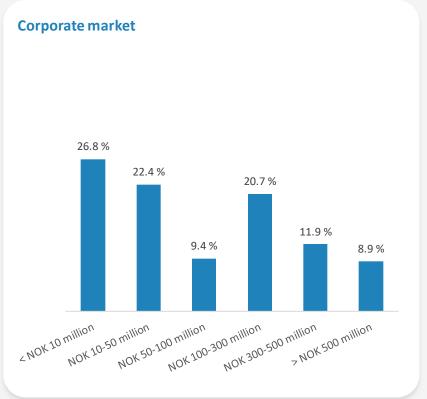


# Size concentration risk in the lending book is low

Retail and corporate loans by size (% share)\*



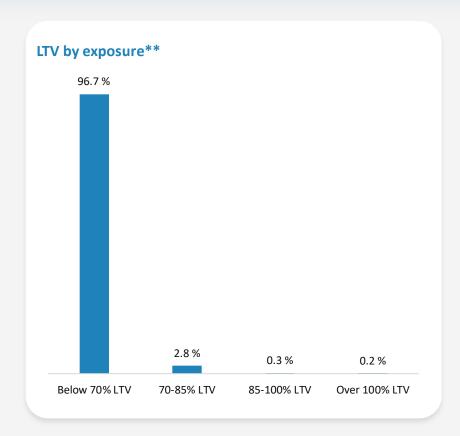




### The use of the flexibility quota is targeted at priority customers



Exposure per LTV bucket in the residential mortgage portfolio



Mortgages – Utilisation of flexibility quota in 4Q-21:

City of Oslo 7.9 % (8 % quota) Other areas 8.0 % (10 % quota)

Bank uses the flexibility quota selectively. "Speed controls" ensure compliance and good utilization of the quota when needed.

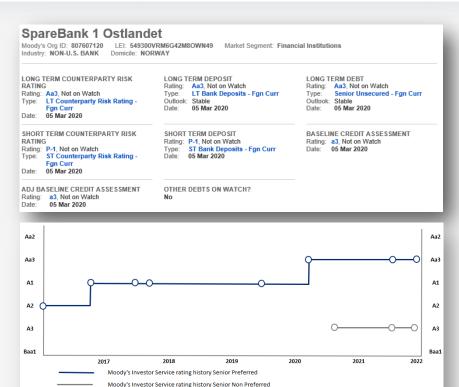
The mortgage regulation\* constrains housing mortgage lending through defined requirements:

- Debt servicing capacity
  - Stress test of a sudden 5 % mortgage rate increase
- Maximum loan to value
  - Max 85 % LTV on new lending
  - (A stricter 75 % LTV legal requirement in the SB1 Boligkreditt cover pool)
- Gearing
  - Total debt must not exceed five times gross annual income
- Requirement of installment payment

### Aa3 Moody's Senior Unsecured rating with stable outlook



Based on Rating Action as of 5 March 2020 and 13 July 2021





- "Consistently stronger financial performance compared to peers"
- "Particularly resilient asset quality and strong capital metrics throughout the credit cycle"
- "Despite sizable exposures to commercial realestate. They have demonstrated a strong track record"
- "Moody's believes that SpareBank 1 Østlandet will continue to boast high capital metrics"
- "The upgrade also considers the bank's good recurring profitability with no exposure to the cyclical oil sector"
- Rating Action 5 March 2020: Moody's has upgraded the BCAs and deposit/debt ratings with stable outlook for SpareBank 1 Østlandet and SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge.
- Rating Action 3 July 2020: Moody's assigns A3 rating to SpareBank 1 Østlandet's Junior Senior unsecured (SNP) notes.
- Rating Action 12 January 2022: Affirmed the Bank's rating with stable outlook.

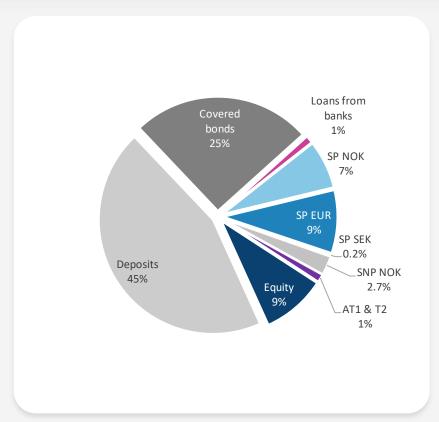


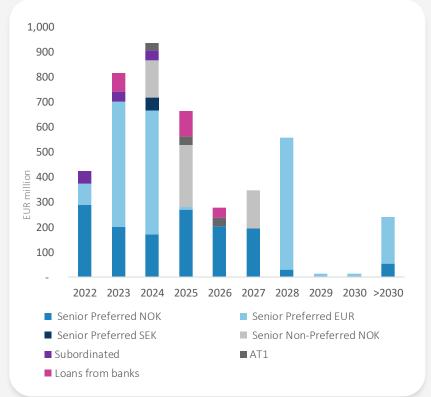
Rating Action

# The bank's funding ambitions



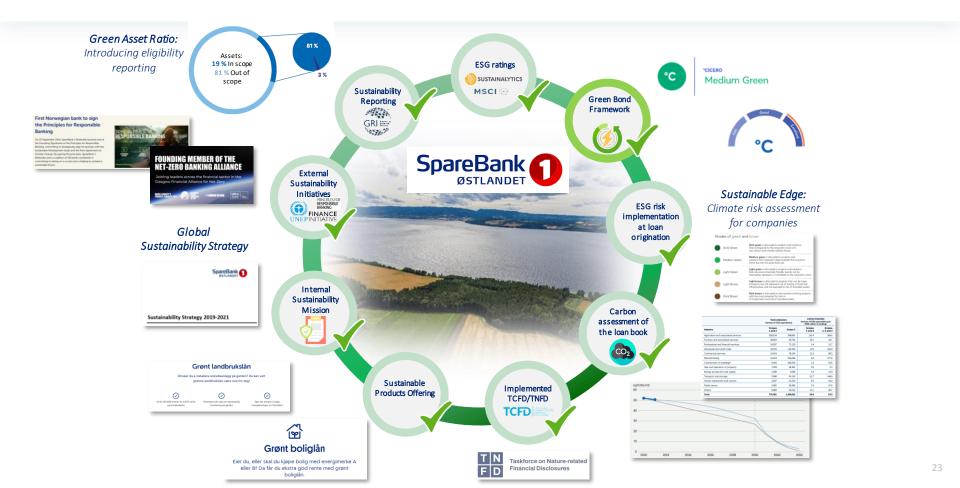
Today's funding mix and thoughts on funding going forward





# SpareBank 1 Østlandet's sustainability overview





### **Sustainability Ratings**



**ESG 100 – Oslo Stock Exchange** 

• A

• #1 among savings banks

CDP – Carbon disclosure project

A-

• 1 of 9 Norwegian companies

**MSCI** 

AA

**Sustainalytics** 

12.3 ESG Risk Rating ("Low Risk")

**Fair Finance Guide** 

#3 Overall

#1 Among Norwegian listed banks

For more information on our ESG priorities, please visit <a href="https://www.sparebank1.no/en/ostlandet/about-us/sustainability.html">https://www.sparebank1.no/en/ostlandet/about-us/sustainability.html</a>











### **Sustainable Products and ESG Advisory Service**





#### **Green mortgage**

Do you own, or are considering buying a home with EPC level A or B? You get lower interest rates with a green mortgage.



#### **Green car loan**

Are you buying an electrical car? We give you even better conditions when buying an environmentally friendly car.



#### **Green agricultural loan**

Installing a solar panel on your farm? Our green agricultural loan will match your needs.



### **Green deposits**

Are you concerned about what your savings are contributing to? Green deposits supports a sustainable future.



#### How to have the right focus

We aim to be a significant agent for sustainable development and to be an ESG partner for our corporate customers.

- We hope our ESG Guide can be a help in focusing on the right things, says our Head of Sustainability, Karoline Bakka Hjertø and Head of Corporate Banking, Hans Olav Wedvik.

### **Green Bond Framework - Highlights**



- Follows best market practice and in line with the ICMA Green Bond Principles (GBP)
- Prepared by the Green Bond Committee, including representatives of Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, SpareBank 1 Finans Østlandet AS, Treasury and Sustainability
- Consideration and commitment to align with the EU Taxonomy on a best effort basis

- Pre-issuance impact reporting calculated by specialist consultant Multiconsult
- Cicero second party opinion: Medium Green
- Cicero assessment on EU Taxonomy eligibility: Technical Screening Criteria, DNSH & MS

#### Green Eligible categories:

- Green buildings
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Renewable Energy (hydro power)
- Clean Transportation (electric only)









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Shades of
Green



# **Eligible Asset Allocation**

#### **Eligible Assets**

- NOK 18,018 million
- 15.3 % of Gross Lending to Customers

# Green eligible assets transferred to SB1 Boligkreditt

- NOK 9,644 million
- 18.7 % of loans transferred

#### Allocated green loan portfolio

- NOK 5,012 million
- 27.8 %

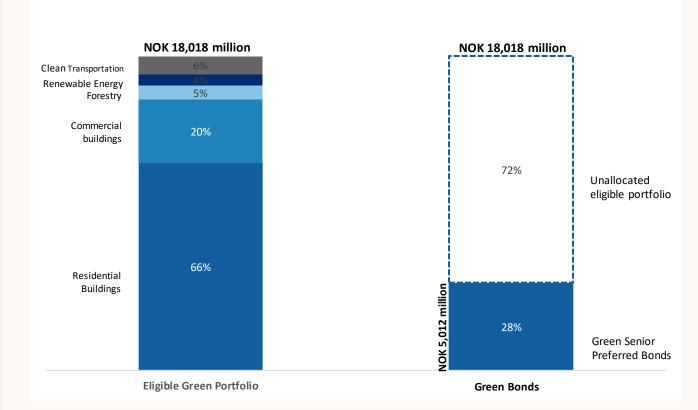
#### Unallocated green loan portfolio

- NOK 13,005 million
- 72.2 %

#### Value added to the portfolio in 2021

- NOK 1,110 million
- + 7%





# **Summary**



SpareBank 1 Østlandet

Home market

Norwegian economy

Funding and rating

- Norway's fourth largest savings bank
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- Diversified income stream
- Long history of solid returns and profits. Stable low loan losses over time
- Largest owner of SPABOL, the covered bond issuer of the SpareBank 1 Alliance
- The fastest growing region of Norway for both population and job creation
- Low unemployment, high economic activity and cyclically stable
- Market leader in the Inland region, challenger in the Capital region
- Healthy recovery from the pandemic, Norges Bank hiking policy rates
- Solid labour market improvements
- Slower but better balance in the housing market
- Rated Aa3 (stable outlook) by Moody's. SNP rated A3 by Moody's
- Deposit coverage ratio 76.0 %
- Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating 12.3 ("Low Risk"). MSCI ESG Rating AA
- Green Bond framework established. CICERO Medium Green/Excellent.
- Access to covered bond financing through SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt (SPABOL)







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# **Strong quarter with strong growth**



Financial accounts 4Q 2021 (same quarter last year in brackets)

Good results	• Profit after tax in 4Q-21 of NOK 505 million (NOK 466 million)
High return on equity	• ROE in 4Q-21 of 11.1 % (11.3 %)
High capitalization	• CET 1 ratio 18.0 % (17.8%)
Strong lending growth	<ul> <li>Lending growth 2.0 % in 4Q-21 (0.2 %), incl. covered bond companies</li> <li>Lending growth 7.7 % (7.0 %) (incl. cov. bond companies) last 12 mths</li> </ul>
Healthy deposit growth	<ul> <li>Deposit growth of 1.0 % in 4Q-21 (0.1 %)</li> <li>Deposit growth 7.7 % (9.1 %) last 12 months</li> </ul>
Moderate loss provisions	• Losses of NOK 28 million in 4Q-21 (NOK 1 million).

# **Income statement**



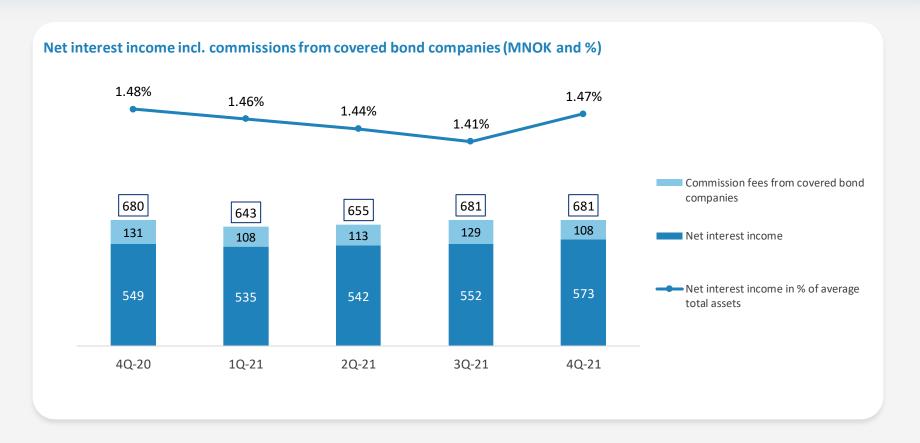


	4Q-2021	4Q-2020	2021	2020
Net interest income	573	549	2,202	2,177
Net commission income	355	349	1,389	1,215
Other income	59	57	233	226
Dividends	0	29	21	41
Net profit from ownership interest	126	63	405	394
Net income from financial assets/liabilities	-14	55	174	109
Total operating expenses	531	504	1,980	1,902
Operating profit before losses on loans and guarantees	569	598	2,443	2,262
Impairment on loans and guarantees	28	1	5	330
Pre-tax operating profit	542	597	2,438	1,932
Tax expense	37	131	416	323
Profit/loss after tax	505	466	2,022	1,608
Return on equity	11.1 %	11.3 %	11.6 %	10.1 %
Cost/income ratio	48.3 %	45.7 %	44.8 %	45.7 %
Losses on loans as a percentage of gross loans	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.3 %

# Higher net interest income, due to volume growth



Commission fees from covered bond companies strongly affected by higher money market rates



### Very strong growth in lending



Increasing through the year and into 2022, both for retail and corporate (SME) market

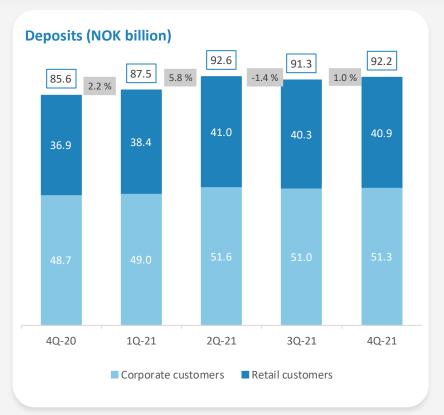




# **Healthy growth in deposits**



High corporate deposit growth partly mirrors growth in corporate lending



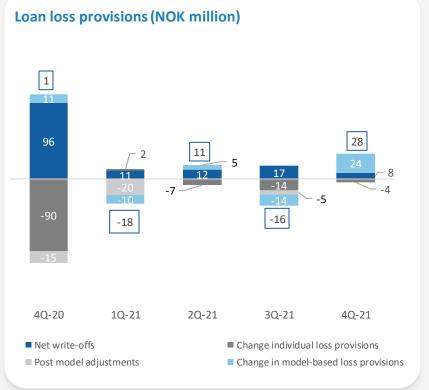


# **Increased loan loss provisions**

Primarily due to growth and migration







#### Metrics and performance YTD



	2021	2020
Market price (NOK)	145.60	97.80
Market capitalisation (NOK million)	16,865	11,328
Book equity per ECC 1)	106.31	98.76
Earnings per ECC, NOK <sup>2)</sup>	11.96	9.57
Price/Earnings per ECC <sup>3)</sup>	12.18	10.22
Price/book equity 4)	1.37	0.99

- 1) Group book equity without hybrid capital, minority interest and provision for gifts x ownership interest \* / number of the provision of tECC's
- 2) Profit after tax for controlling interests x Equity capital certificate ratio\*/ number of ECC's.
- 3) Market price in NOK/annualized earnings per ECC.
- 4) Market price in NOK\*nu of ECC's /book equity (parent bank) x equity capital certificate ratio\*
- 5) Dividend adjusted return
- \*Equity capital certificate ratio as at 31.12.2020

- SPOI return:
  - Return 4Q-21<sup>5</sup> + 14.8 %
  - Return  $y/y^5$  + 54.6 %
- Higher liquidity in 4Q-21 than in same period in 2020.
  - Average daily transaction volume in 4Q 2021 of 29,013 ECCs (42,668).
  - Daily average turnover: NOK 4.1 million (3.9).

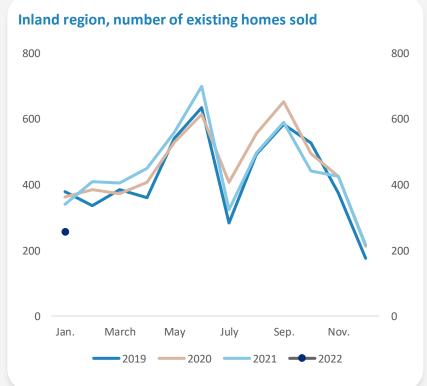
Source: Oslo Børs

#### Record-high existing home sales in the bank's market area



First half of 2021 was particularly strong. Seasonal fall in 4Q. Bottle necks during start of 2022.

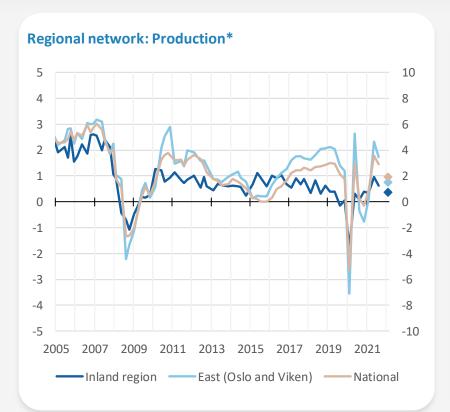


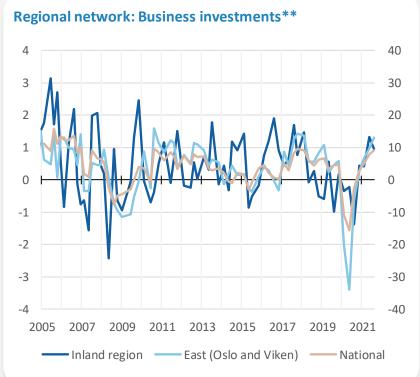


### Strong production growth, expected growth in business investments



Strong improvement in East. Lower production growth in Inland, but high expected investment growth





Source: Norges Bank.

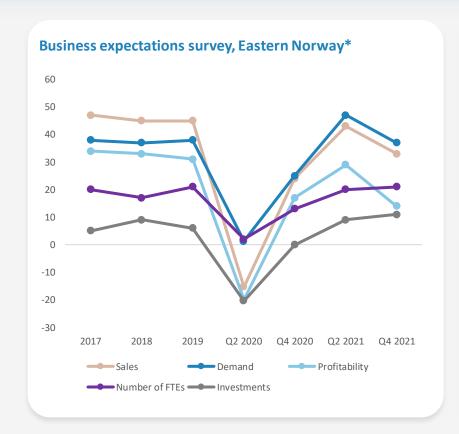
<sup>\*</sup> Growth past 3 mth and expected nxt 6 mths. Index left axis, per cent (ann.) right axis.

\*\* Expected change in investments nxt 12 mths. Index left axis, per cent right axis.

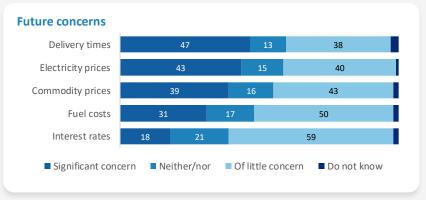
### **Optimistic expectations among businesses in the market area**



Improvement for investments and employment, challenging profitability, due to cost concerns







<sup>\*</sup> Optimistic minus pessimistic responses.

### **Stable low LTV in new mortgage approvals**



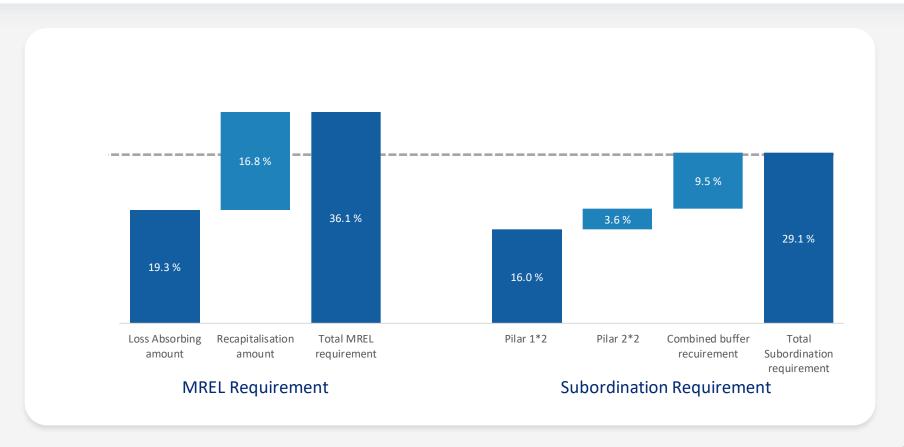
Share of new mortgage approvals and average LTV per period and county



# **Subordination cap also in Norway – more Senior Preferred**



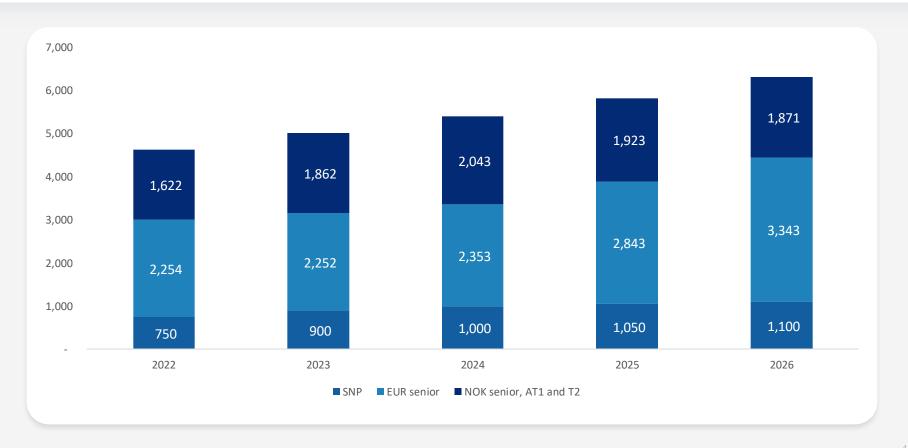
MREL and Subordination Requirement



#### Less needs for SNP leads to more SP



#### Funding plans going forward



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