# Together we achieve the impossible





SpareBank 1 SR-Bank becomes the country's first bank to introduce **ROBOT TECHNOLOGY** as part of the customer-service interface. The **CHATBOT BANKI**, answers customers' questions on sr-bank.no.



SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, Lyse and Smedvig join forces to try and establish a NATIONAL SEED CORN FUND IN THE STAVANGER REGION. The idea is to strengthen the focus on entrepreneurship and innovation in Southern and Western Norway, as well as the rest of the country.

March

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank expands its focus on entrepreneurs and decides to establish TWO NEW GRÜNDERHUBS IN

BERGEN AND KRISTIANSAND.
The first was established in
Stavanger in 2015.



May

2017
February

The government decides to base the renewable energy investment fund, FORNYBAR AS, in Stavanger.

NOK 20 billion will be managed in the Stavanger region. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank contributed with resources to the work on

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bringing the fund to the region.

mCASH merges with Vipps. It is announced that more than 100 banks will come together to build A SINGLE NORWEGIAN PLAYER IN MOBILE PHONE PAYMENTS via an even stronger Vipps. The SpareBank 1 Alliance will become the second largest owner of the new company.

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SpareBank 1 SR-Bank acquires a stake in the fintech company MONNER. Monner will be Norway's first digital platform for loan-based crowdfunding between individuals and small and medium-sized companies.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank establishes a COLLABORATION WITH NTNU IN TRONDHEIM.

June

A customised study programme for bank staff is developed to boost technology skills in the group. The first employees start their IT course in the autumn.



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THE SR-BANK

SHARE Start of year,

2 January 2017 NOK 61.25

#### During the summer, FIVE **AMBITIOUS TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS** complete summer internships in the Business Support and

Development Department. The students carry out a Lean Startup-project in which they design a prototype for a new business concept within the everyday economy.



Prime Minister Erna Solberg and the national press are present when SpareBank 1 SR-Bank presents its Business Survey for September.

#### THE ARROWS ARE NOW POINTING UPWARDS

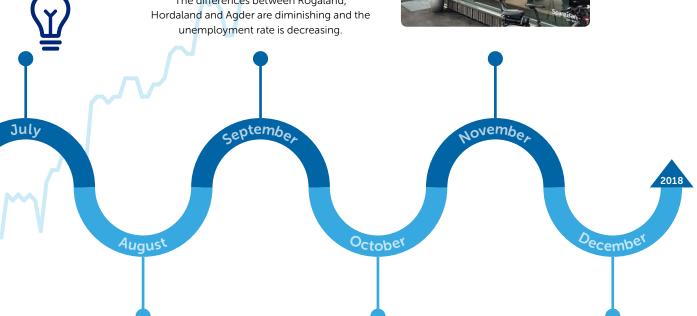
THANKS TO OPTIMISM across the region. The differences between Rogaland,

It is announced that Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank WILL CONTRIBUTE WITH

NOK 700 000 in prize money yearly to Gründerhub participants from 2018.



THE SR-BANK SHARE End of year, 29 December 2017: NOK 87.00





#### SpareBank 1 SR-Bank decides to STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN

THE OSLO MARKET and a new office will be operational from spring 2018. The purpose is to move closer to many of its larger existing corporate customers in and around the capital and to acquire new corporate and retail customers.

The start-up factory FINSTART NORDIC is established as a wholly owned subsidiary of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. The company will invest in the development of new ideas and new fintech companies.

CEO Arne Austreid and EVP Glenn Sæther LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF "FINANSPARKEN I BJERGSTED". Finansparken will be the new headquarters of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank in Stavanger. Moving in is planned for November 2019.

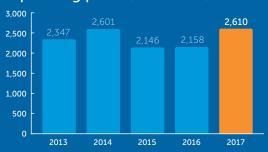




SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's **CHATBOT BANKI**, which answers customer service questions on sr-bank.no, can now also help customers check their balances, summarise transactions and cancel cards.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 2,610 million for 2017. compared with NOK 2,158 million for 2016.

#### Operating profit (NOK millions)

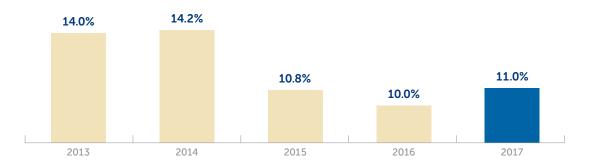


### Highlights

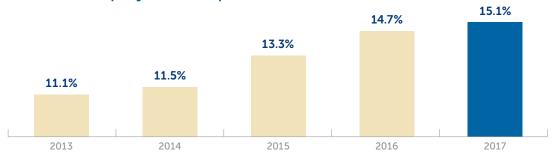
(Figures in NOK millions)	2017	2016
Net interest income	3,162	2,871
Net commissions and other operating income	1,524	1,443
Net income from financial investments	634	654
Total operating costs before impairment losses on loans	2,167	2,032
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	3,153	2,936
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	543	778
Pre-tax profit	2,610	2,158
Key figures		
B (0) 199	2017	2016
Profitability Return on equity %	11.0	10.0
Cost/income ratio	40.7	40.9
Average interest margin %	1.52	1.48
The lage interest that gives	1.02	10
Balance Sheet figures		
Gross loans to customers	172,554	157,638
Gross loans to customers, incl. SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	187,137	182,332
Deposits from customers	95,384	85,913
Lending growth, incl. SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	2.6%	-0.9%
Deposit growth	11.0%	-3.9%
Total assets 31.12.	216,618	193,408
Financial strength		
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio %	15.1	14.7
Tier 1 capital ratio %	16.0	15.6
Capital ratio %	17.9	17.5
Leverage ratio %	7.4	7.3
Tier 1 capital	19,278	18,227
Liquidity		
Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) %	168	174
Branches and staffing		
No. of full-time equivalents, incl. temps	1,218	1,172
No. of branches	36	36
SpareBank 1 SR-Bank share		
Market price at year end	87.00	60.75
Earnings per share	8.16	6.87
Dividend per share	4.25	2.25
Effective yield on share %	46.9	58.4

Please also refer to the complete overview of key figures and definitions on pages 18 and 127.

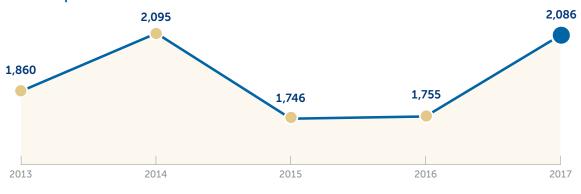
## Return on equity

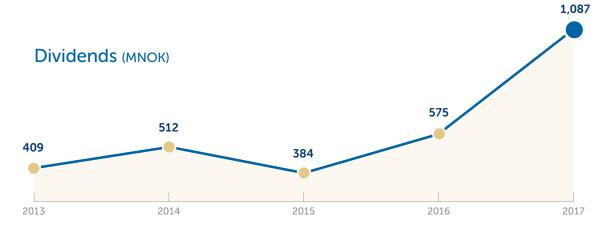


# Common equity tier 1 capital ratio



# Group income after tax (MNOK)







# Necessary measures have provided results

2017 has now been put behind us. It was a turning point for the region and the group, in several ways. First and foremost, pessimism turned to optimism and we have experienced that restructuring has led to better profitability. More businesses have achieved increased efficiency by adopting new technology.

At the same time, commitment to new business areas has contributed to increased earnings for many companies. This has also happened in the case of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. There is an impressive willingness to change and improvement, in both our own business, and in many of the region's businesses. The region now has many more strings to its bow.

#### Macro image

Increased growth in Norway and the world, together with a weak Krone exchange rate, have provided excellent market opportunities for many companies. At the same time, the cost level in the companies, with revenues from oil and gas, have adapted to lower oil prices. At the beginning of 2017, 56 percent of the companies expected an improvement in profitability, which from my standpoint heralded better times. When we now summarize the year and see the solution, we can read from our business trends survey from December 2017, that the 59 percent of enterprises experienced 2017 as a good and profitable year.

#### A good result

The SpareBank 1 SR-Bank group achieved a pre-tax profit of MNOK 2,610 for 2017 compared with MNOK 2,086 for 2013. Thus a milestone has been reached in that the group for the first time exceeds NOK 2 billion in profit after tax. The result is characterized by a good increase in ordinary operating revenues, moderate increases in the group's operating costs and significantly lower write-downs on loans compared to

I am very pleased that all the business areas of the group have contributed to the return on equity for the year totalling 11 percent, despite the fact that total write-downs for 2017 are still above what we consider to be a normalised level.

#### **Increased efficiency**

Cost control is good. The costs measured against the revenues are at 40.7 percent and place the group among the foremost financial groups in respect of efficiency. Over the last few years we have made considerable investments in new technology. We were the first finance company to start using robots. These have both improved our customer services and taken over several repetitive manual processes.

#### Capital raised and dividends

Following the issue in 2012, requirements to capitalisation have increased considerably. We have been clear that the new regulatory capital requirements were to be achieved without asking our owners for further new capital. This has been achieved through increased profitability, decreased growth rate and moderate dividend levels. Targets have been achieved and we are therefore pleased that the board has proposed a dividend of 4.25 per share. Common equity tier 1 capital ratio is 15.1 percent after dividends. The future target is to maintain a corresponding level. With the group's robust business model, both ability to growth and dividend capacity for the future are considered to be good.

#### **Future prospects**

If 2018 proves to be in accordance with how 600 companies have responded to our survey of business expectations, more people will once again return to work. At the same time, even more businesses are expecting better profitability. Employment will increase. This will give an anticipated increase of 10, 000 new jobs in our primary market area during 2018. The increase will be greatest in Rogaland.

Due to a better macroeconomic situation, a depreciation need for 2018 is anticipated to be in the range of MNOK 400-500, a decrease compared with 2017.



The group is investing in new technology and employee skills to provide even better customer experiences, improve efficiency and increase sales. An important contribution to the group in this context is the establishment of the start-up factory FinStart Nordic. The company will invest in ideas and small businesses engaged in development and innovation work. This should give the group a competitive advantage going forward.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will expand its market area going forward to create a better basis for profitable growth, coupled with a broader diversification of total lending. A focus on customers in the central east area in and around Oslo will be an important step in this direction. As early as of March 2018 we will be established with our own office in Oslo that will serve private customers and larger companies.

Arne Austreid
Chief Executive Officer



# SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA

## - Strategic and financial goals

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank aims to be an aggressive financial group capable of defending and increasing its market shares in Rogaland, Hordaland, and Agder, in both the retail and corporate markets.

#### The group

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is the leading financial group in Southern and Western Norway. Our market area is Rogaland, Hordaland and the Agder counties. The group wants to strengthen its focus on customers in the central Eastern Norway region and will at the beginning of 2018 establish its own branch in Oslo that will serve major corporate and retail customers. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a fully-fledged financial services group offering traditional banking services such as loans, insurance and savings products, as well as securities trading, accounting services and estate agency services for both retail and corporate customers.

As at 31 December 2017, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank had more than 300,000 customers and gross loans of more than NOK 187 billion. Mobile bank customers visit it on average five times a week and no less than 80% of individual sales of funds are made via digital channels. The group has 36 branches in its market area. The self-service channels and the fact that customers can meet us in person at branches or contact us on the phone, via chat and on Facebook mean that the group is always available to the customer. Customer relationships are built up through both digital and physical meetings that become full conversations across the channels.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's competitive advantage is that while we are a big commercial bank, we also have historic roots in many local savings banks in the region. In 1976, Sparebanken Rogaland (SR-Bank) was established as an amalgamation of 22 local savings banks. The combination of knowledge and understanding the staff possess of the market area and the opportunity SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has as a limited liability savings bank to bring capital to the region is unique. Because Financial goals for 2018:

Return on equity:

**Common equity** tier 1 capital ratio:

11% 15%

we are a regional savings bank, the group has short decision-making chains and knows our market area better than most. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is therefore closer to the people and businesses in our region than other banks.

As one of the SpareBank 1 banks, a banking and product alliance between independent, locally based Norwegian banks, the group also benefits from economies of scale within, for example, IT development.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's largest owner is Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank. The group was converted from an equity certificate bank to a public limited company (limited liability savings bank) with effect from 1 January 2012.

The Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank foundation was established at the same time. The purpose of the foundation is to manage the shares it received upon its formation and to exercise and maintain a substantial, long-term and stable ownership interest in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA. The foundation can distribute the surplus just as savings banks have traditionally done and donates to non-profit projects in the group's market

#### **Capital**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's goal is to produce financial results that provide a good, stable return on equity and a competitive



return in the form of dividends and a higher SRBANK share price for owners. The return on equity and cost/income ratio must be in the upper half of a Nordic benchmark.

The current requirements indicate that the group must have common equity tier 1 capital of 15% from the end of 2017, included a 1 percentage-point management buffer.

#### Profitable customer growth

The group aims to stimulate growth and development in the region. The group is entering a new era and can now contribute even greater financial power than was possible when we were building up our common equity tier 1 capital.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will focus on customer growth in 2018, but that growth will not be achieved at the expense of profitability.

Clear requirements are set for lending in the corporate market. The companies that receive financing must have a long-term perspective and the group must know the owners and

management of the company well. Financing linked to shipping and offshore is managed by a central specialist environment. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's creates value by assuming recognised and acceptable risk. The group therefore invests substantial resources in developing risk management systems, processes and skills in line with leading international practices.

#### Customers

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's vision is to be the customers' first choice. The group needs to build stronger customer relationships and offer comprehensive customer services to achieve this. The group must user customer data in a way that makes it easy to be a customer and take relevant initiatives in relation to customers. This involves both simplifying the customer's everyday life and streamlining the bank's processes – in both cases with digitalisation as a clear driving force. Building stronger customer relationships involves combining the best from two worlds: artificial intelligence, through smart technology and robotisation, and emotional intelligence, through personal contact with professional staff.

#### **Culture and expertise**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is continuously changing in order to rationalise, cut costs and adapt our organisational structure to the customers' behaviour. This will have an impact on employees' duties and the skills we will recruit in the future. In the next five years the group will recruit more mathematicians, engineers and technologists than economists.

Changes and new duties will require SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's employees to be very adaptable. Each employee will have to be energetic and committed in order to understand the customers' needs and their new preferences. The foundation is intended to provide guidelines for everything the employees do in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank.

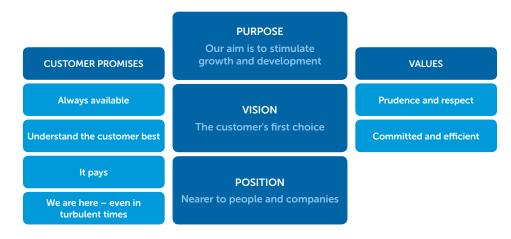
#### **External factors** that affect the business

- Digitalisation and personalised offer for each customer
- Customers expect seamless services
- Untraditional business models and the sharing
- Actors in other industries setting the standards and expectations for user experiences online
- Open mobile phone payment services
- Niche actors in the traditional banking market
- Development of oil prices and region's business and industry
- PSD2 the EU's revised payments directive
- Capital requirements and regulations from the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway



SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's vision is to be the customer's first choice.

#### THE FOUNDATION



# SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Financial Group



SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA

EiendomsMegler 1 SpareBank 1 SR-Boligkreditt AS **SR-Forvaltning AS FinStart Nordic AS SR-Eiendom AS** Regnskapshuset SR AS 100 % SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS SpareBank 1 Kredittkort SpareBank 1 Næring-SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS **BN Bank ASA** skreditt AS AS 19.2%

# Organisation





# Our employees

- Our most important capital in the fight for customers

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No. of full-time equivalents

1,142

Healthy rate 96.4%

Employees and managers have to be performing at their best in order to create added value for customers, directly, and owners, indirectly. The ever faster pace of technological development and changes in customer behaviour constantly require new skills and mean existing employees have to develop in order to achieve the group's goals.

Compared with other financial actors, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's position is "nearer to people and companies". This means our employees have to be able to see things from the customer's perspective. It means that employees have to be genuinely interested in the customer, the competition situation in the market, and which consumer trends are influencing the customer's relationship with the group. In the last year, the group executive management team has made a number of changes in concert with the employees in order to adapt our business operations to current and future customer behaviour.

#### Skills recruitment

At year end 2017, the group had 1,218 full-time equivalents, of which 1,142 were full-time employees. The number of full-time equivalents increased by 46 in 2017.

The number of full-time equivalents increased by 24 in the parent bank, while the number in subsidiaries increased by 22 in the same period.

#### Change and skills

Employees have to be cultivated and developed if they are to perform at their best. Good nourishment is required in the

form of training and skills enhancement organised by the group. At the same time, the group's employees must also be committed and take responsibility for their own skills in order to keep up-to-date with developments. Annual employee performance reviews set out clear expectations vis-à-vis delivery and results.

The group offers good career development opportunities along customer, discipline and management paths.

On average, each employee in the group spends half a business day a week improving their skills.

The rapid development and change in customer behaviour requires an organisation that is both willing and able to change. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is such an organisation. We systemically work to enhance our skills, including through various certification processes.

#### **Working environment**

The average score in the group's organisational survey is high. It is also worth noting that the response rate was good at 80%. The survey shows a rise in parameters such as motivation, learning and development, as well as a high score when it comes to trust in the group executive management team. More than 90% of the employees respond that they have a high degree of job satisfaction and commitment. The survey was reviewed in all departments with the goal of reinforcing the positive development of the working environment.

#### **HSE**

The group systematically works on health, safety and the environment, primarily through a HSE committee, which focuses on operations. The group is an IW company (Including Worklife). In 2016, the IW committee played a major role in developing preventive measures as a means of increasing



wellness in the group. It is also encouraging partial sick leave and focusing on degree of remaining capacity for work during periods of ill health. The healthy rate is stable and high at 96.4%. Where people are on long-term sick leave, we actively work on follow-up and facilitation.

The groups life-phase document enables employees to deliver as desired and planned in various phases of life. It also encourages the groups seniors who want to follow the groups development to stay longer in work.

#### **Gender equality**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank aims to provide employees with equal opportunities for personal development, pay and other career related issues. In 2017, women accounted for 54% of the full-time equivalents in the group and men 46%. There was a small change in the gender ratio from 2016. The average age was 44.8 years old and the average length of service 14.3 years. 37% of the group's managers were women in 2017. Also see the special report on equality under social reporting on page 19.

# Cooperation with employee organisations and the safety service

The group cooperates constructively with both employee organisations and the safety service. They both provide appropriate help based on their missions in order to ensure that the group can achieve its goals.

#### **Employee compensation**

Our strategy is to practise a competitive compensation model that allows us to attract the skills of the future and retain our capable employees. The group's compensation model consists of three elements: fixed salary, variable pay and other employee benefits. Our variable compensation scheme is intended to encourage extraordinary performance and results and has been designed in line with the group's strategies, business goals and values. Variable pay is awarded based on an assessment of both financial and non-financial targets and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Any variable compensation scheme may, based on a discretionary assessment, be curtailed or eliminated entirely if the group's financial situation or other factors indicate that it would not be responsible to pay variable compensation.



#### **Retail market**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is the leader in the retail market in Southern and Western Norway with 318,000 retail customers older than 13.

This represented a market share of around 20% in our market area at year end 2017. In addition to retail customers, the division also serves 5,900 small business and agricultural customers. A complete range of good digital services, a modern customer service centre, and a well-developed network of branches provide our customers with fast, easy access to financial services and expertise via all channels.

#### **Corporate market**

The corporate market division has 15,000 corporate customers in five regional business units and two specialist units: one for the energy and maritime sector and one for the public sector.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a total provider of financial products and services for corporate customers, and a focus area that complements this is a special unit within International Cash Management (ICM). Continuous work is going on to put in place more digital sales and self service solutions to corporate customers.

#### **Capital market**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Markets is the region's leading securities firm.

Its activities include proprietary- and customer trading in interest rate instruments and foreign exchange, providing advice and facilitating debt and equity funding, as well as administrative securities services. Its primary mission is to serve customers in collaboration with the group's other business areas and help combine special expertise with knowledge and an understanding of the local region.

#### Strategy, Innovation and Development

The group's strategy, project and IT development-work is gathered in the business area Strategy, Innovation and Development. This is to strengthen and give increased attention to the all development work ahead in the group.

This business area also has profit responsibility for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's new innovation initiative FinStart Nordic, which has been established as a wholly owned subsidiary, and will be run as a combination of venture and start-up companies.

#### **Customer Services and Marketing**

The business area is responsible for the development of the group's branding and customer journeys, including the ecosystem around the customer and the group's value chain. The area is responsible for developing the group's products and services, marketing and CRM activities.

#### **SUBSIDIARIES**

#### EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS

EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS is the leading real estate agent in the group's market area and the largest company in the nationwide EiendomsMegler 1 chain. Its business operations consist of brokering commercial property and selling holiday homes, new builds and used homes.

#### **SR-Forvaltning AS**

SR-Forvaltning AS is licensed to provide active management and securities management services. The management company has three securities funds: SR-Utbytte, SR-Kombinasjon and SR-Rente, which were all established around three years ago. The company also manages discretionary portfolios for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's pension fund, as well as for external customers on the basis of discretionary mandates. The external customer base comprises pension funds, public and private enterprises, and affluent individuals.

#### SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS

The company was established in the first quarter of 2015 and has since its start-up grown from NOK 0 to NOK 100 million in revenue. At the start of 2018, the company has 7 offices, 4 in Rogaland and 3 in Bergen, which in total serve more than 1,600 customers. Since its start-up, the company has gained a solid market position in Rogaland and Hordaland and is experiencing a good influx of new customers who need modern, efficient accounting services.

#### **SR-Boligkreditt AS**

SR-Boligkreditt AS is a wholly owned subsidiary and was established in the second quarter of 2015. The purpose of the company is to purchase home mortgages from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank and funds this by issuing covered bonds. SR-Boligkreditt enables SpareBank 1 SR-Bank to diversify and optimise its funding. Moody's has given SR-Boligkreditt its best rating, Aaa.

#### **FinStart Nordic AS**

The company will be a start-up factory for new ideas starting 1 January 2018. The company will contribute to develop an even better customer-services offer through the development of financial services, combined with a financial upside.

#### **PART-OWNED COMPANIES**

#### SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS is owned by:

- SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA (19.5%)
- SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge (19.5%)
- SpareBank 1 SMN (19.5%)
- SpareBank 1 Østlandet (12.4%)
- Samarbeidende Sparebanker AS (19.5% owned by 11 savings banks in Southern Norway)
- The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)/ trade unions affiliated to LO (9.6%).

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS owns 100% of the shares in:

- SpareBank 1 Forsikring AS
- SpareBank 1 Skadeforsikring AS
- ODIN Forvaltning AS
- Conecto AS
- SpareBank 1 Factoring AS
- SpareBank 1 Portefølje AS
- SpareBank 1 Spleis AS
- 51% of the shares in SpareBank 1 Medlemskort.

#### SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA

SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA is responsible for alliance processes and the delivery of services to the SpareBank 1 Alliance. It also develops and delivers things such as common IT/mobile phone solutions, branding and marketing concepts, business concepts, products and services, expertise, analyses, processes, best practice solutions

and purchasing. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank owned a 18.0% stake in SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet at year end 2017.

The companies in SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS and SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA together constitute what is called the alliance

The SpareBank 1 Alliance's banks and LO also own direct stakes in the following companies:

- BN Bank ASA
- SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS
- SpareBank 1 Kredittkort AS
- SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS
- SpareBank 1 Markets AS
- SpareBank 1 Betaling AS

# SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS

SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS are licensed mortgage companies and issue covered bonds in the bank's home mortgage and commercial property portfolios, respectively, that have been bought from the owner banks. The companies are owned by the savings banks in the SpareBank 1 Alliance and help ensure that they have access to stable, long-term funding at competitive rates.

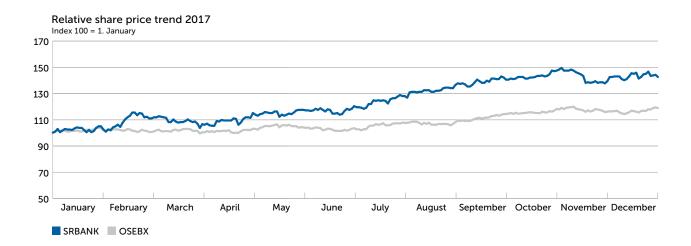
At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS's total lending volume amounted to NOK 177.7 billion, NOK 14.1 billion of which was from home mortgages bought from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. The bank currently owns an 8.0% stake in the company. This is updated at the end of each year in line with the volume sold.

At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS's total lending volume amounted to NOK 9.9 billion, NOK 0.5 billion of which was from loans bought from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. At the end of 2017, the bank owned 19.2% of the company.

#### **BN Bank ASA**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank and the other savings banks in the SpareBank 1 Alliance acquired Glitnir Bank ASA in the fourth quarter of 2008. It has since been renamed BN Bank ASA. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA owns 23.5% of the shares.





#### Facts about our share

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank converted from an equity certificate bank to a limited liability savings bank on 1 January 2012. (Former equity certificate holders received one share for each equity certificate they held at the time of the conversion.)

The share capital amounts to NOK 6,393,777,050 divided into 255,751,082 shares, each with a nominal value of NOK 25.

The ticker code on the Oslo Stock Exchange is "SRBANK". "SRBANK" is included in the Oslo Stock Exchange's main OSEBX, OSEAX All-share index and OSE40 Financials/OSE4010 Banks sector index. The liquidity segment is Match.

#### Facts ABOUT Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank

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The foundation can distribute its surplus and, in line with savings bank traditions, donates to publicly beneficial projects in Rogaland, Aust-Agder, Vest-Agder, and Hordaland.

As at 31 December 2017, the foundation owned 72,419,305 shares, equivalent to 28.3% of shares issued.

Market value:

NOK 22.3 billion

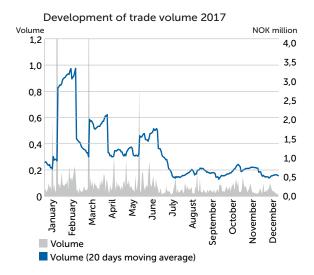
Largest owner:

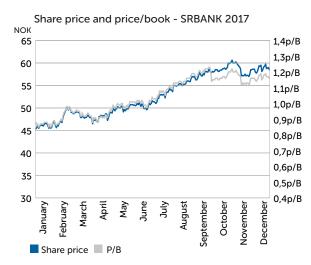
Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank NOK 4.25 per share

Effective yield on share:

46,9%

Dividend 2017:





#### **Dividend policy**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's financial goal for its activities is to achieve results that provide a good, stable return on the bank's equity, thus creating value for the owners in the form of competitive dividends and a higher share price.

Consideration must be given to financial needs, including capital adequacy requirements and the group's targets and strategic plans, when determining the annual dividend. Unless capital requirements dictate otherwise, the goal of the board is to distribute approximately half of the annual net profit for the period as dividends.

The parent company's distributable profit in 2017 was NOK 1,859 million, equivalent to NOK 7.27 per share. In line with SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's dividend policy, various factors have been taken into consideration in determining the dividend, including, in particular, financial strength and the tier 1 capital ratio. The current requirements indicate that the group must have common equity tier 1 capital of 15%, including a 1 percentage-point management buffer.

The board proposes a dividend of NOK 4.25 per share for 2017. This corresponds to a dividend rate of around 52.1% of consolidated earnings per share.

#### **Investor policy**

It is crucial for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank to maintain the confidence of the investor market by disclosing accurate, relevant and timely information about the group's performance and results. Market information is generally provided via quarterly investor presentations, websites, press releases and financial statements. Regular presentations are also made to international partners, rating agencies, lenders and investors.

It is in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's own interests to publish current financial analyses of the highest possible quality. All analysts are treated equally at all times regardless of their recommendations and views on the bank's share. At the end of 2017, 12 brokerage houses officially covered SRBANK. Updated contact information for these is available at all times on: www.sr-bank.no/ir.

#### Information addresses

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank publishes information for the market online at: <a href="https://www.sr-bank.no">www.sr-bank.no</a>.

Other links to financial information: <a href="https://www.ose.no">www.ose.no</a> (Oslo Stock Exchange)

#### 2018 financial calendar

Annual general meeting:	19 April 2018
Ex dividend date:	20 April 2018
First quarter:	26 April 2018
Second quarter:	8 August 2018
Third quarter:	25 October 2018

Preliminary accounting figures for 2018 will be published in February 2019.

#### Ownership

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank aims to ensure the good liquidity of its share and that it has a good range of owners who represent customers, regional investors and Norwegian and international investors.

The share price rose from NOK 60.75 to NOK 87.00 in 2017. Taking into account the paid dividend of NOK 2.25, this represents an effective return of 46.9%. The Oslo Stock Exchange Benchmark Index rose by 19.1% in the same period.

There were 10,834 (10,428) owners of SRBANK at year end 2017. The percentage owned by companies and individuals based abroad was 23.5%, and the percentage owned by companies and individuals resident in Rogaland, the Agder counties and Hordaland was 44.7%. The 20 largest shareholders owned a total of 56.6% of the shares. The bank owned 206,757 treasury shares. Group employees owned a total of 1.6% of the shares at the end of the year.

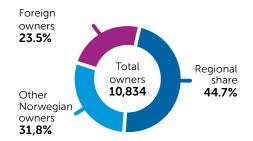
#### **Credit rating**

Moody's Investor Services confirmed its A1 with a negative outlook credit rating of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank on 11 December 2017. The short-term funding rating remained unchanged throughout 2017 at Prime 1.

On 29 December 2017, Fitch Ratings confirmed its A-(long-term) and F2 (short-term) with stable outlook credit ratings of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank.

The table below shows the 20 largest shareholders as at 31 December 2017:

20	largest owners as at 31 December 2017	No. of shares	Stake %
1	Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank	72,419,305	28.3%
2	National Insurance Scheme Fund	16,987,715	6.6%
3	State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	8,913,352	3.5%
4	SpareBank 1-stiftinga Kvinnherad	6,226,583	2.4%
5	Vpf Nordea Norge Verdi	5,957,547	2.3%
6	Danske Invest Norske Instit. II	3,574,538	1.4%
7	Verdipapirfondet DNB Norge (IV)	3,539,205	1.4%
8	Odin Norge	3,506,393	1.4%
9	State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	3,024,820	1.2%
10	Clipper AS	2,565,000	1.0%
11	Pareto Aksje Norge	2,223,764	0.9%
12	KAS Bank NV, The Netherlands	1,935,270	0.8%
13	Danske Invest Norske Aksjer Inst.	1,902,194	0.7%
14	Morgan Stanley and Co Intl plc, UK	1,885,627	0.7%
15	J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A., USA	1,880,641	0.7%
16	KLP Aksjenorge Index	1,810,920	0.7%
17	Westco AS	1,662,987	0.7%
18	Pareto AS	1,640,867	0.6%
19	Vpf Nordea Norge Avkastning	1,639,620	0.6%
20	Norwegian Armed Forces' Personnel Service	1,513,556	0.6%
Tot	al 20 largest	144,809,904	56.6%



Key figures*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Market price 31.12, NOK	87.00	60.75	39.30	52.50	60.25
Dividend per share, NOK	4.25	2.25	1.50	2.00	1.60
Direct return 1)	4.9%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	2.7%
Effective return 2)	46.9%	58.4%	-21.3%	-10.2%	66.0%
Book equity per share, NOK 3)	77.24	71.54	66.14	60.28	55.00
Earnings per share, NOK <sup>4)</sup>	8.16	6.87	6.83	8.20	7.28
Payout ratio, net <sup>4)</sup>	52%	33%	22%	24%	22%
No. of shares issued 31.12	255,751,082	255,751,082	255,751,082	255,751,082	255,751,082
Treasury shares 31.12	206,757	108,983	25,398	231,043	207,645
No. of outstanding shares 31.12	255,544,325	255,642,099	255,725,684	255,520,039	255,543,437

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1)}}$  Dividend as a percentage of market price at year end.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Appreciation during the year plus dividend paid as a percentage of market price at the beginning of the year.

<sup>3)</sup> Equity divided by number of shares issued.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 4)}}$  Dividend as a percentage of the group's net profit for the period



#### SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a responsible social actor

Social responsibility is not something we are given, it is something we take. Through our daily operations and in relation to our stakeholders, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank takes into account our social and environmental responsibilities. We have done so as part of our day-to-day operations ever since the establishment of Egersund Sparebank in 1839. This has formed part of our basic philosophy ever since. With good local knowledge and proximity to customers, the group contributes to a positive community development through value creation, which is about empowering growth and development, while still following decent practices in our own

business. Even though we, as the region's largest and leading financial group, primarily focus on our immediate surroundings, we are just as interested in ensuring that everything we do is sustainable in a global perspective. The group supports the UN Global Compact's 10 principles of sustainability. All operations in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank are carried out at all times within the framework of the applicable laws and regulations in Norway.



#### Status and measures carried out in 2017

#### Employees and the organisation

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank aims to be an attractive and inclusive workplace for employees in all age groups and at all phases of their life. The SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group endeavours to ensure that all employees have a positive experience of the balance between work, home and leisure time. At the same time, a number of different measures have been implemented to motivate employees to stay healthy, both by developing a good working environment and by encouraging them to exercise. We believe that employees whose needs are catered for will perform better, which benefits both them and the group. In 2017, the group again refunded a significant amount to cover part of employees' regular exercise expenses in order to promote better health, greater motivation and satisfaction.

The group has established a thoroughly-prepared framework for managing organisational matters, including: a staff manual, HSE manual, inclusive workplace agreement, and several internal committees regulated by agreements. The executive management team and the group's two unions work well together in these areas.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank mainly focuses on development and competence among its employees. In 2017, the SR-Bank has established a partnership with NTNU in Trondheim to provide employees with a programme of study specially adapted for bank employees in order to develop technological competence within the Group.

#### Gender equality

The SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group has a good distribution between women and men. At the leadership levels in the corporate management, the group has in general a good gender distribution. However, in the group management and in some areas of the group, there is still a way to go in order to achieve a greater proportion of women in management. There have been an organizational change which means tht the group management will be expanded with two persons this year. One position is now occupied by a woman. In relation to pay equity, the group's management has had a focus on this for several years in cooperation with the trades unions. Although targets have not yet been achieved, the figures indicate that there has been a positive development. One of the measures that has been taken is that all employees who go on maternity leave are entitled to salary evaluation in advance of, or during leave. The table on page 20 shows that sickness absence among women is considerably higher than among men. Listings from NAV show that sickness absence among women versus men varies considerably between industries and throughout the country. The difference in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is slightly less than what statistics show both compared to its own industry and in total listings.

In 2017, a gender equality committee was established to ensure focus on the work on equality within the group. The Gender Equality Committee reports to the Coordination Committee in the group, which consists of representatives from corporate management as well as the trades unions.

#### **Equal Opportunities report 2017**

Equal Opportunities report 2017				
	2016		2017	
Equality and diversity	Parent bank	Group	Parent bank	Group
Number of full-time equivalents in total	861	1,172	914	1,218
Percentage of women	56%	55%	55%	54%
Percentage of men	44%	45%	45%	46%
Women employed part-time	5.5%	5.9%	5.8%	6.2%
Men employed part-time	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%
Proportion of women by position level				
Management level 1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Management levels 2 and 3	29%	30%	26%	26%
Management level 4	47%	43%	43%	41%
Percentage of women on the board of directors	50%	50%	50%	50%
Average Salary				
Women	549,960	533,887	577,494	556,590
Men	732,069	696,211	756,225	713,317
Women's wages relative to men by position level				
Management level 1	-	-	-	-
Management levels 2 and 3	77%	79%	75%	77%
Management level 4	88%	86%	92%	90%
Parental leave taken, average number of weeks				
Women	37.5	37.4	39.6	39.8
Men	7.6	7.5	10.3	9.0
Work absence				
Total	3.59%	3.60%	3.80%	3.56%
Women	4.24%	4.84%	5.24%	5.01%
Men	2.99%	2.47%	2.29%	2.02%
Work absence due to child illness (day's work)				
Women	331.0	364.9	329.4	370.4
Men	148.6	187.6	157.2	177.8

#### Social development through wealth creation

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's commitment to entrepreneurs was extended in 2017 expanded and two new entrepreneurial hubs were established in Bergen and Kristiansand. In 2017 the Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank foundation



established an annual prize for entrepreneurs with the first award to take place in 2018. The main prize is NOK 250,000. In total, NOK 700,000 will be awarded annually in prizes to entrepreneurs in order to encourage entrepreneurship in the region.

To help create further growth and competence-based jobs, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, along with partners, has put in place more than 250 million kroner in private capital for a potential future national seed fund. Work has been carried out systematically in respect of the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Fisheries in order to obtain a similar amount in government funding. The work is still ongoing. The purpose of such a seed fund is to create a broader diversity of businesses and jobs within more industries, both nationally and regionally.

#### **Environment and climate**

As a responsible financial group, we have an active relationship to the climatechallenges. In 2017, organizational changes to the group were carried out. This led to the group for the first time earmarking a function related to the field of sustainability in order to further increase our efforts in the fields of environment and climate, as well as other tasks that belong under the concept of sustainability.

Ongoing efforts are being made to become a resource-saving and environmentally- efficient organisation through setting requirements to the group, suppliers and partners. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's new headquarters, Finansparken, will be one of the largest commercial timber buildings in Europe. Finansparken is certified according to BREEAM NOR and aims to achieve classification as Excellent. The certification is based on documented environmental performance in nine categories-management, health and indoor environment, energy, transport, water, materials, waste, land use and ecology as well as pollution. The building will be ready for occupation in the autumn of 2019.

The group regularly introduces measures that are intended to help reduce the consumption of electricity, paper and other resources, as well as to ensure that resource-demanding travel is limited. During 2017, 10 additional Skype/video meeting rooms have been established. This helps to limit travel activity.

A great deal of attention has also been paid to managing technological waste and purchasing environmentally-friendly solutions. Environmental and energy requirements are specific assessment criteria for procurement, and all technological equipment is handled as special waste.

Over time, the group has had a focus on digitization, thereby reducing its environmental impact. There has been a decrease in paper usage of 15.9% from 2016 to 2017. In terms of power consumption, there has been a reduction of 14.5% from 2016 to 2017.

In order to chart the carbon footprint of the group, a climate accounting tool has been introduced. All vehicles that are part of the group's company car system are included. The group's climate accounts show that total CO2 emissions in 2017 were 507.5 tonnes. The calculated emissions include a total of 2,787,873 kilometres travelled by air and a total 319,886 kilometres travelled using the group's vehicles. The decrease in number of driven kilometers is a result of reduced number of vehichles in 2017. Total emissions in 2017 represent an increase compared with 2016.

#### **Ethics and anti-corruption**

In 2017, four meetings were conducted in the Group's Ethics Council, with the aim of evaluating and improving the group's code of ethics. The code of ethics is signed each year by each employee. An annual update on ethics is also carried out through the authorization scheme for financial advisers and the approval scheme for salespersons and advisers in non-life insurance.

#### Money laundering and financing of terrorism

Economic crime, including the laundering of proceeds of crime, undermines the legal economy of any society. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank supports measures aimed at combating economic crime and financing of terrorism. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank adheres to legislative requirements and has adopted measures aimed at combating economic crime and financing of terrorism.

#### **Ethical management**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's investment activities, both on its own account and on behalf of customers, adheres to rules that are intended to ensure that the group avoids participating in violations of human- and labour rights, corruption, serious environmental harm or other actions that in general could be considered unethical. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank does not invest in companies which, themselves or through units they control, produce tobacco or pornography. The same applies for companies involved in anti-personnel mines and cluster munitions or in companies that develop and manufacture core components of weapons of mass destruction.

#### **Funding**

The group's credit strategy also makes it clear that our corporate customers must have a long-term perspective and that their companies must be run in line with applicable laws and regulations that include considerations to the environment and human rights. The group does not have credit exposure to either coal mining or coal-fire power plants.

#### Support for non-profit purposes

As part of our business, we support initiatives that support good living conditions. In the course of 2017, the group has contributed more than NOK 20 million in the form of grants and sponsorship agreements to various organizations, associations and teams.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's largest shareholder is Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank (SR-Bank Foundation) with a stake of 28.3 per cent. The tradition of the savings bank is continued through the SR-Bank Foundation. The Foundation may allocate profits, in the form of dividends from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, for the distribution of gifts for generally beneficial purposes. This is to be done in line with the foundation's vision of "Creating Values Together" as well as the foundation's values of "Together we are to create, enrich and develop healthy communities." This enhances SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's local presence and local involvement. In 2017, NOK 57 million was distributed among 402 beneficiaries in Rogaland, Hordaland and Agder.

#### **Future actions**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will also have a sharp focus on corporate social responsibility and the environment in the future. The group's goal is to be an organization that actively takes corporate social responsibility and responsibility for the environmental challenges society is facing.

# For 2018, the following actions are planned:

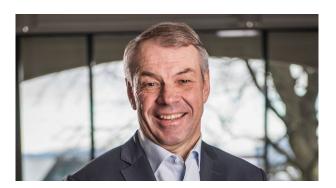
- Continue to reduce overall paper usage, total energy consumption, reduce the number of flights and increase the use of video conferencing.
- Include nature and the environment in the ethical guidelines of the group.
- Conduct materiality analysis and assess compliance with relevant national and international standards in sustainability and reporting.
- Start the development of sustainable products and services
- Further improve the group's websites regarding reporting and highlighting the actions and activities undertaken related to sustainability.
- Analyse differences between women and men in the group, so as to introduce measures to ensure a working environment and culture where equality in career paths for both sexes is actively stimulated throughout the group.

#### Socio-economic impact analysis 2017

Strategic	2016	2017
Group strategy	Updated	Updated
CSR strategy	Updated	Updated
Value creation		
Taxes and fees (NOK million) 1)	832	1,007
Net salary/pensions and other benefits (NOK million)	1,166	1,263
Cash dividend shareholders (MNOK)	575	1,087
Growth capital, retained earnings (NOK millions)	1,457	781
Purchased goods and services (NOK millions)	866	904
Social factors		
No. of working full time equivalents, incl. temps	1,172	1,218
Healthy rate	96.37	96.40 %
Average age	44.7	44.8
Satisfaction in the organization <sup>2)</sup>	900	79
Inclusive workplace agreement	Continued	Continued
Life phase strategy	Continued	Continued
Management development programme	Continued	Continued
No. of meetings of ethics committee	3	4
Grants/Sponsorship from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank (NOK million)	20	20
Number of grants provided by the Sparebank Foundation	358	402
Total grants provided by the Sparebank Foundation (NOK million)	29.1	57
Environment		
Technological waste (tons)	2.2	3.2
Reduction in paper consumption (tons)	17.7 %	14.5 %
Energy consumption (kWh)	5,646,327	4,826,198
Air travel	4,537	5,738
Number of kilometres travelled in connection w/ flights	2,116,747	2,787,873
Emissions KgCO2e in connection w/ flights	341,356	453,249
No. of vehicle kilometres	617,291	319,886
KgCO2 total vehicle fleet emissions	89,842	54,245
No. of electric vehicles in fleet	2	5
No. of videoconferencing rooms	25	35
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1)}$  Including company tax, tax paid by employees as well as employer's fee  $^{\rm 2)}$  New measurement method was introduced in 2017 - very good results

# Group executive management



### **Arne Austreid**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Austreid (1956) has been the chief executive of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank since January 2011. He is a trained petroleum engineer and holds an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from the University of Aberdeen, UK. He has previously worked for Transocean ASA and Prosafe SE: offshore, onshore and abroad, where his final position was President and CEO of Prosafe SE. He is board member in SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS and SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 94,156



## Inge Reinertsen

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Reinertsen (1971) became CFO in February 2010.
Reinertsen has a degree in Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen. He has experience from various management positions in the SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group and has worked for the group since 2001. Reinertsen chairs the boards of SR-Boligkreditt AS, SR-Forvaltning AS and FinStart Nordic AS. He is the deputy chair of SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and board member in SpareBank 1 SR-Banks Pensjonskasse, Monner AS and SpareBank 1 Markets AS.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 80,433



# Ella Skjørestad

# EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CUSTOMER SERVICES AND MARKETING

Skjørestad (1980) took up her post as Executive VP Customer Services and Marketing in February 2018. She holds a master's degree in Comparative Politics from the University of Bergen (1999-2005). She has previously worked for Storebrand within P&C insurance and as head of digital sales at Storebrand Direkte. She joined SpareBank 1 SR Bank in June 2010 as head of marketing in the retail banking market. Since then she has held positions such as marketing director and director of customer services PM. Skjørestad is board member in BN Bank ASA.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 3,659



#### Frode Bø

#### **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, RISK MANAGEMENT**

Bø (1968) became Executive VP Risk Management in January 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Management and has also completed a master's degree programme in operational auditing and risk management at BI Norwegian Business School. Until 2016 he was also a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Economics, Risk Management and Planning at the University of Stavanger. He has worked for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank since 2001.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 17,242



### Glenn Sæther

# EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, STRATEGY, INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Sæther became Executive VP Strategy, Innovation and Development in January 2018. He was former Executive VP Business Support & Development. He was educated in economics and business administration at BI Norwegian Business School. He has worked for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank since 2005. He is the chair of the board of Finansparken Bjergsted AS and board member in SpareBank 1 Skadeforsikring AS, SMB Lab AS, FinStart Nordic AS and SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 20,213



#### **Tore Medhus**

#### **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE MARKET**

Medhus (1965) became Executive VP Corporate Market in September 2000. He holds a Master of Business and Marketing (Handelsøkonom) from Oslo Business School/BI. He has previous experience from Elcon Finans, Forende Credit Finans and Telenor. Medhus has worked for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank since 1994. He is the chair of the board of SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS, deputy chair of BN Bank ASA and board member in Conecto AS, SpareBank 1 Factoring and FinStart Nordic AS.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 46,051



#### Jan Friestad

#### **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, RETAIL MARKET**

Friestad (1966) became Executive VP Retail Market in August 2011. He holds a degree in economics and business administration from Stavanger University College and has also taken various Master of Management courses within marketing strategy and management at BI Norwegian Business School. He has worked for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank since 1988. He is the chair of the board of EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS and board member in SpareBank 1 Betaling AS, SpareBank 1 Kredittkort and FinStart Nordic AS.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 37,768



Thor-Christian Haugland
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Haugland (1963) became the Executive VP Communications in 2005. He was educated at Stavanger University College, the University of Salford and BI Norwegian Business School in economics, communications and management. He has previously worked as the sales and marketing manager for Radisson SAS in Stavanger and general manager in Brødrene Pedersen AS. He has more than twenty years' experience from various positions in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. Haugland is board member in Odin Forvaltning AS, Monner AS and Nordic Edge AS.

No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 18,450

\*No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank as at 31 December 2017: The figures also include shares belonging to immediate family members and companies in which the person has a determining influence. More detailed CVs are available for all board members on: <a href="https://www.sr-bank.no/ir">www.sr-bank.no/ir</a>.

# The board of directors



Dag Mejdell

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dag Mejdell (1957) has extensive experience from various management positions in business, most recently as the CEO of Posten Norge AS from 2006 to 2016. He was earlier the CEO of Dyno Nobel ASA and Dyno ASA. Mejdell holds a degree in Economics and Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen. Chair of the boards of Norsk Hydro ASA, NSB AS, International Post Corporation CV, Telecomputing Finco AS, and deputy chair of the board of SAS AB. Chair of the board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since June 2016.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 20 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 25,000



Kate Henriksen

BOARD MEMBER

Kate Henriksen (1960) is CEO of Miles Bergen AS.
She was formerly the divisional director, retail market, at
Sparebanken Vest. Henriksen has a degree in business
administration from the Norwegian School of Economics
and Business Administration (NHH). She has also studied
information technology and automation at Bergen College of
Engineering. She has been a board member of
SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since June 2015.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 20 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 0



Birthe Cecilie Lepsøe

**BOARD MEMBER** 

Birthe Cecilie Lepsøe (1971) is a partner in Vest Corporate Advisors. She was previously the finance manager in Grieg Shipping Group, Bergen, and also has many years of experience from DnB's shipping division. She graduated in business economics (Siviløkonom) from BI Norwegian Business School. She is board member in Smedvig Eiendom AS, Smedvig Capital AS, Smedvig AS and Inventura Group AS. Member of the board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since June 2008.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 19 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 0



Tor Dahle

**BOARD MEMBER** 

Tor Dahle, (1952) is the general manager in Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank. His has previous experience from various management positions in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA, including as CFO and latest as managing director in SR-Investering AS. Dahle holds a master's degree in economics from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH). Chairman of the board of EM Software Partners AS and board member in the Norwegian Savings Banks Association. He has been a board member of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since June 2013.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 18 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 72,456,358



Therese Log Bergjord

**BOARD MEMBER** 

Therese Log Bergjord (1965) is CEO of Skretting Group. Former Nordic managing director of the Compass Group, managing director of ESS Support Services AS, Norwegian and global sales director at Skretting, and CFO and commercial director at Pan Fish ASA. She is a graduate of the University of Stavanger – finance/economics, marketing and entrepreneurship. Member of the board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since April 2017.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 15 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 0



Jan Skogseth

**BOARD MEMBER** 

Jan Skogseth (1955) was CEO of Aibel AS until 2016. He has 35 years of experience from the oil, gas and renewables industries, in oil companies and on the supply side, nationally and internationally. Graduated from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. He is board member in Scatec Solar ASA and PSW Technology AS. Member of the board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since April 2017.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 19 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 3,600



Kristian Kristensen

**EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE BOARD MEMBER** 

Kristian Kristensen (1982) is the deputy of the Finance Sector Union of Norway SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. He holds a Bachelor in Market Communication from BI Norwegian Business School. He is borad member in the Finance Sector Union of Norway, Rogaland division. He has been a board member of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since June 2016.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 20 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 3,020



Sally Lund-Andersen

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE BOARD MEMBER

Sally Lund-Andersen (1961) is the head group employee representative at SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA. Chair of the Finance Sector Union of Norway, Rogaland division. Member of the board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA since January 2012.

No. of board meetings in 2017: 20 out of 20 No. of shares in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA\*: 941



The board of directors and executive management team of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank annually review the corporate governance principles and how they are functioning in the group. The formal requirements for this report follow from section 3-3b of the Accounting Act and the Oslo Stock Exchange's requirements concerning complying with, or explaining deviations from, the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance.

# 1. Implementation and reporting on corporate governance

There are no significant deviations between the Code of Practice and SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's compliance with it. One deviation is described below under section 14.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's objectives are to stimulate growth and development for customers, community and owners. It is the very foundation of the company's business model. Allocating capital, for both business development and house building, is the most important social task the company performs. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's vision is: "The customer's first choice". The values that will support our vision are: "Prudence and respect. Committed and efficient." The vision and values provide the basis for the group's code of conduct and corporate responsibility. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA shall be characterised by high ethical standards and good corporate governance. The code of conduct states that employees of the group shall show respect and consideration, and that all communication shall be open, honest and plain. The group's code of conduct is available from the bank's website.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank wants to make use of the group's collective knowledge and resources to ensure it takes into account social and environmental considerations in the group's day-to-day operations. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank complies with the UN Global Compact's 10 principles, which cover human rights, labour rights, the environment and combating corruption. The actions we take every day must help to secure capital for business development and housebuilding. The group's collective resources must also contribute expertise and actively participate in creating a good environment for children that will ensure sustainable growth based on a regional, national and global perspective. Active social involvement creates value directly by reducing risk, opening

up new business opportunities, producing motivated staff and, not least, helping to maintain a good reputation. The guidelines for corporate social responsibility and sustainability are available on the company's website.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 2. Business

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's business is explained in the company's articles of association. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's purpose is to manage the funds controlled by the group in a prudent manner and in accordance with the applicable legislation at any given time. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank can perform all normal banking transactions and banking services in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank can also provide investment services within the framework of the licences it holds at any given time. The full text of the articles of association is available on the company's website. The group's goals and main strategies are described in the annual report.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 3. Equity and dividends

The board of directors assesses the capital situation on an ongoing basis in light of the company's objectives, strategies and desired risk profile. As at 31 December 2017, the SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group had equity of NOK 19.9 billion (incl. allocated dividend). According to the applicable calculation rules for financial institutions' capital ratio, the group had a common equity tier 1 capital ratio of 15.1% as at 31 December 2017. The board considers the capital adequacy ratio satisfactory.

#### Dividend

Financial needs, including capital adequacy requirements and the group's targets and strategic plans, must be taken into account when determining the annual dividend. Unless capital requirements dictate otherwise, the goal of the board is to distribute approximately half of the annual net profit for the period as dividends.

#### Share buy back

At its meeting on 20 April 2017, the general meeting authorised the board to acquire and register liens on the bank's own shares for up to 10% of the bank's share capital. The shares must be acquired in the securities market via the Oslo Stock Exchange. Each share can be purchased at a price of between NOK 1 and NOK 150. The authorisation is valid for 12 months from the date it is adopted by the general meeting.

#### Capital increases

The board is not currently authorised to increase capital in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank.

# 4. Equal treatment of shareholders and transactions with close associates

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has one class of share. All shares have equal voting rights. In the event of an increase in share capital, existing shareholders have pre-emptive rights, unless special circumstances dictate that these rights can be waived. The background for such a waiver would then have to be explained. In cases where the board asks the general meeting to authorise a share buy back, any buy back must be carried out in the market at market prices.

#### Largest shareholder

Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank is SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's largest shareholder with a stake of 28.3%. The foundation was established on 1 January 2012 when SpareBank 1 SR-Bank was converted into a public limited company. Pursuant to the foundation's articles of association, its purpose is to manage the shares that were transferred to the foundation upon its establishment and to exercise and maintain a significant long-term and stable stake in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. The ownership interest must represent at least 25% of the outstanding shares of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank.

#### Transactions with close associates

The instructions issued to the board stipulate that the board shall ensure that the company complies with sections 3-8 and 3-9 of the Public Limited Liability Companies Act in agreements between the company and the parties listed therein. The board shall obtain the opinion of an independent third party when entering into agreements between the company and shareholders, board members or members

of the group executive management team, or any close associates of these. All board members and members of the group executive management team must immediately inform the board if they have a direct or indirect interest in a transaction or agreement that the company has entered into or is considering entering into. This applies even if the board member is deemed to be disqualified from considering the matter

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 5. Freely negotiable shares

The bank's shares are listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange with the ticker SRBANK and are freely negotiable. The articles of association contain no restrictions on the negotiability of shares.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 6. General meetings

#### Annual general meeting:

The supreme authority in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is the general meeting, which represents the bank's shareholders. Pursuant to the articles of association, the annual general meeting must be held before the end of April each year. The notice and registration form must be sent to shareholders and published on the group's website no later than 21 days before the date of the meeting. Procedures for voting and submitting proposals must be specified in the notice. The chair of the board, at least one representative of the nomination committee, and the auditor take part in the general meeting. Other board members are free to attend. The chief executive and chief financial officer take part from the executive management team. The minutes of general meetings are available on the company's website.

In general, resolutions require a simple majority. Decisions about disposals of shares, mergers, demergers, sales of a substantial part of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's operations or issuing shares in the company require the approval of at least two thirds of the votes and share capital represented at the general meeting.

Voting procedures allow for separate votes for each candidate to the various bodies. It is possible for shareholders to issue a proxy to others. A person is also appointed to act as a proxy who can vote for shareholders. To the extent possible, the proxy form is designed in such a way that it allows for voting on each agenda item and for each candidate standing for election.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 7. Nomination committee

The nomination committee comprises up to five members that are elected by the general meeting for a period of two years. Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank must also be represented on the nomination committee. The nomination committee provides detailed recommendations to the general meeting concerning the election of the chair and members of the board and the chair and members of the nomination committee. The recommendation should provide pertinent information about the candidates' background and independence. The nomination committee also proposes the remuneration for members of the bodies mentioned above. The general meeting determines the nomination committees' remuneration. Information about the nomination committee and how to submit contributions to the nomination committee can be found on the company's website.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

# 8. Board of directors, composition and independence

#### **Board of directors**

The board is elected by the general meeting for up to two years at a time. The board consists of eight members, including two employee representatives. No members of the group executive management team are members of the board. The composition of the board should be such that it can protect the interests of the shareholder community. A suitability assessment is made when board members are being elected that takes into account the need for continuity and independence. Ensuring the board has a balanced composition is also important. The combined expertise of the elected board members must satisfy all the requirements concerning qualifications, including any statutory ones. Both genders shall be represented by at least 40% of the board members, ref. section 6-11a of the Public Limited Liability Companies Act, and the members must be independent of the company's executive management team.

As at 31 December 2017, the board had eight members, including two employee representatives. Three of the board's shareholder-elected members were women, as was one employee representative. All board members are independent of the bank's executive management team and important business connections. The individual board members' backgrounds and participation in board meetings in 2017 are described in the presentation of the board in a separate chapter of the annual report and on the company's website. The board held 20 board meetings in 2017.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 9. The work of the board of directors

#### The board's duties

The board's duties are set out in the board's instructions, which govern the board's duties and responsibilities, the board's procedures, the matters that must be considered by the board, and the rules for convening meetings and considering matters in meetings. The board has also issued instructions to the chief executive. The minutes are available on the company's website.

The board adopts a meeting and work schedule every year that encompasses strategy work, financial reports, prognoses for the group and control work. Matters for the board are prepared by the chief executive in cooperation with the chair of the board. The board annually conducts an evaluation of its activities and competence and discusses improvements to the organisation and execution of the board's work. The self-assessment report is available to the nomination committee.

The board has established three permanent board committees, which consist of members of the company's board and are described in more detail below. The committees make no decisions but supervise, on behalf of the board, the executive management team's work and prepare matters for the board's consideration within their areas of responsibility. The committees are free to draw on resources in the group and on resources, advice and recommendations from sources outside the group.

#### **Audit committee**

The audit committee consists of three members who normally meet six times a year. The composition of the committee satisfies the Code of Practice's independence and competence requirements. The audit committee must ensure that the group has an independent and effective external auditor and satisfactory financial reporting in accordance with the law and regulations.

#### Risk committee

The risk committee consists of three members and an observer who normally meet six times a year. The committee is tasked with ensuring that the group's risk and capital management underpins the group's strategic development and goal attainment, while ensuring financial stability and prudent asset management.

#### Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee consists of three members who normally meet five times a year. The committee is tasked with doing the preparatory work for the annual review of the group's remuneration packages and the chief executive's contract and terms by the whole board.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 10. Risk management and internal control

The board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank focuses on risk management, which is an integral part of its work.

The company's overall risk exposure and risk trends are monitored via periodic risk reports for the company's executive management team and board. General risk monitoring and reporting is performed by the risk management department, which is independent of the business units.

The bank's economics and finance department prepares financial reports for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank and ensures that the reporting complies with applicable laws, accounting standards, set accounting policies and the board's guidelines. Processes and controls have been established to ensure the quality assurance of financial reporting.

The core purpose of the banking industry is to create value by assuming deliberate and acceptable risk. The group therefore invests significant resources in the further development of risk management systems and processes in line with leading international practice.

Risk and capital management in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank should create financial and strategic added value through:

- a good risk culture characterised by a high awareness of risk management and the group's core values
- a good understanding of which risks drive earnings
- pricing activities and products in line with their underlying risk, insofar as this is possible
- having adequate financial strength based on a chosen risk profile and simultaneously striving for optimal capital allocation to the various business areas
- utilising diversification effects
- preventing single events seriously damaging the group's financial position

The framework is described in more detail in note 3 to the financial statements, as well as in the Pillar III document for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, which is available on the bank's website. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank focuses is organized in a way that make management and control independent, and this responsibility is divided between the different roles in the organisation. The board sets the group's risk profile, the overall limits, authorities and guidelines for risk management, and ensures that the group has a satisfactory capital base based on the risk borne by the group and regulatory requirements. The board

has adopted a code of conduct that contributes to raising awareness and compliance with the ethical standards.

#### First line of defence (day-to-day risk management)

The chief executive is responsible for ensuring the group's risk management is monitored within the framework adopted by the board. Business units are responsible for overall risk management within their business area.

# Second line of defence (general risk reporting and follow-up)

The risk management department is organised independently of the business units and reports directly to the chief executive. The department is responsible for the ongoing development of the risk management framework, including risk models and risk management systems. The department is also responsible for independently monitoring and reporting risk exposure and for ensuring the group complies with current laws and regulations.

#### Third line of defence (independent confirmation)

The internal audit monitors that the risk management processes are targeted, effective and function as intended. The group's internal audit function has been outsourced, and this ensures that the function has the required independence, competence and capacity. The internal audit function reports to the board. The internal audit function's reports and recommendations for risk management improvements are reviewed and implemented on an ongoing basis in the group. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is also cognisant of the need to have good processes to ensure compliance with legislation and regulations. Focus areas are continuous monitoring of compliance with the current regulations and ensuring that the group has adapted to future regulatory changes as best as it can.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's compliance function is organised independently of the business units. The department bears overall responsibility for the framework, monitoring and reporting within the area. The head of compliance reports directly to the chief executive. The investment firm and subsidiaries have their own compliance officers where this is required.

The internal control and systems also cover the company's core values, code of conduct and corporate responsibility.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None.

#### 11. Remuneration of the board of directors

The remuneration of the board's members and subcommittees is fixed by the general meeting based on the recommendations of the nomination committee. Board members' remuneration is not linked to financial performance or similar factors. None of the directors, other than the employee representatives, has responsibilities to the company beyond their board duties. Information about all remuneration paid to the individual board members is presented in note 22 to the annual financial statements.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 12. Remuneration of executive personnel

SpareBank 1 SR-bank has established a remuneration scheme that applies to all employees.

The group's remuneration scheme shall be consistent with the group's overall objectives, risk tolerance and long-term interests and shall help to promote and provide incentives for good management and control of the group's risk, discourage excessive or unwanted risk taking, and help to avoid conflicts of interest, and shall comply with the Financial Undertakings Regulation of 9 December 2016. The total remuneration shall be competitive, but the group shall not be a wage leader. It shall ensure that the group attracts, develops and retains competent employees over time. The scheme will ensure a reward model that is perceived to be fair, predictable and future-oriented and motivating. Fixed salaries shall make up the main element of the total remuneration, which shall also consist of variable pay, pensions and benefits in kind.

The board's guidelines for the remuneration of executive personnel are disclosed in note 22.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 13. Information and communications

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has dedicated pages on the company's web pages for investor information. The bank makes every effort to ensure that correct, relevant and timely information about the group's performance and results inspires investor market confidence. All price sensitive information is published in both Norwegian and English. Stock exchange notices, annual and interim reports, presentation materials and webcasts are available on the company's website.

Information for the market is distributed via quarterly investor presentations. Regular presentations are made to international

partners, lenders and investors. All reporting is based on openness and the equal treatment of market players in the securities market. The group's financial calendar is published on the company's website.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

#### 14. Take-overs

The board of directors of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA will deal with any takeover bid in accordance with the principle of equal treatment of shareholders. At the same time, the board will ensure that shareholders receive the most comprehensive information possible in all situations that affect the interests of shareholders. When acquiring shares in a financial institution involving any stake of more than 10% of the share capital, consent must be applied for from the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway. In connection with SpareBank 1 SR-Bank receiving permission to convert to a public limited company, a condition was set that Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank would maintain an ownership stake that would amount to at least 25% of the shares issued in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank.

Deviations from the Code of Practice:

The board has not established explicit general principles for handling take-over bids. The reason for this is the Financial Institutions Act's restrictions on ownership of financial institutions and the licensing conditions in connection with the conversion to ASA. The board endorses the Code of Practice's wording on this point.

#### 15. Auditor

The external auditor presents an annual audit plan to the audit committee and board

The audit committee recommends the election of an auditor to the board. The board holds at least one annual meeting with the auditor without the executive management team being present. The audit committee makes recommendations to the board concerning approval of the external auditor's fees. The board then presents the proposals concerning fees to the general meeting for approval.

The external auditor shall provide the audit committee with a report on the main elements of the audit of the previous financial year, including, in particular, any material weaknesses identified with respect to internal control relating to the financial reporting process.

Deviations from the Code of Practice: None

# Report on corporate governance pursuant to section 3-3b of the Accounting Act

#### The report complies with the requirements of the act.

- 1. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA complies with the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance issued by the Norwegian Corporate Governance Board (NCGB).
- 2. The Code of Practice is available on www.nues.no
- 3. Any deviations from the Code of Practice are commented on in the board's report on corporate governance.
- 4. Point 10 of the report provides a description of the main elements of the internal control and risk management systems associated with financial reporting processes.
- 5. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has no articles of association that deviate from chapter 5 of the Public Limited Liability Companies Act that deals with general meetings.
- 6. An account is provided of the composition of the board and its working committees, and a description is provided of the main elements of the guidelines and mandates for these bodies in points 8 and 9 of the report.
- 7. An account of the provisions of the articles of association that regulate the appointment and replacement of board members is provided in point 8 of the report.
- 8. An account of the provisions of the articles of association and authorisations that empower the board to decide that the enterprise will buy back or issue its own shares is provided in point 3 of the report.



The SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 2,610 million in 2017. The net profit for the year was NOK 2,086 million, an increase of NOK 331 million from NOK 1,755 million for 2016. The return on equity after tax was 11.0%, compared with 10.0% in 2016. The board of directors is very satisfied with the result for 2017.

Solid efforts by employees, good credit work and good relationships with customers were important drivers behind a good result. Our market position as Southern and Western Norway's leading financial group was further strengthened by a net increase of 6,000 retail customers aged 13 and older and more than 450 new corporate customers.

Lending, including loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS, rose by 2.6% in 2017. Deposits from customers grew by 11.0% in 2017. The deposit coverage ratio, measured as deposits as a percentage of total loans, was 55.3% at year end 2017, compared with 54.5% in 2016.

Net interest income rose to NOK 3,162 million in 2017, compared with NOK 2,871 million in 2016. Net interest income as a percentage of average total assets increased to 1.52% in 2017, from 1.48% in 2016. The increase was due to lower funding costs and interest rate rises in parts of the home mortgage portfolio with effect from January 2017.

Net commissions and other operating income totalled NOK 1,524 million in 2017, up from NOK 1,443 million in 2016. The increase was mainly due to higher income from estate agency due to better activity in the housing market in the Stavanger region. The net return on financial investments amounted to NOK 634 million in 2017, compared with NOK 654 million in 2016. This includes the profit shares from SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS and other associated companies. The profit from the sale of the shares in Visa Europe Ltd to Visa Inc. amounted to NOK 94 million in 2016.

The group's operating costs for the year amounted to NOK 2,167 million in 2017, compared with NOK 2,032 million in 2016, an increase of NOK 135 million (6.6%) since 2016. Personnel costs rose by NOK 97 million (8.3%) to NOK 1,263 million. NOK 34 million of the increase was due to more activity in EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS and SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS. NOK 10 million was set aside for reorganisation costs in 2017, bonus provisions increased by NOK 31 million, while NOK 34 million of the increase resulted from the 5% financial activity tax on personnel costs introduced on 1 January 2017.

Other operating costs rose by NOK 38 million (4.4%) to NOK 904 million. The cost/income ratio, measured as operating costs as a percentage of operating income, was reduced from 40.9% in 2016 to 40.7% in 2017.

Impairment losses on loans totalled NOK 543 million, compared with NOK 778 million in 2016. The impairment losses on loans in 2017 largely involved write-downs linked to individual commitments within oil-related activities. Closely monitoring customers and preventive work remain important tools for maintaining a good risk profile in the group's loan portfolio in order to reduce future losses.

The allocation of the year's profit is based on the parent bank's distributable profit of NOK 1,868 million for 2017. The board proposes that NOK 1,087 million be paid out as dividends, corresponding to NOK 4.25 per share, while NOK 781 million be allocated to other equity and enhancing the group's financial strength.

The common equity tier 1 capital ratio increased from 14.7% at the start of the year to 15.1% at year end 2017. The tier 1 capital ratio (including hybrid tier 1 capital) increased in the same period to 16.0% from 15.6% in 2016. At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is in a sound financial position and the group has a good starting point for further

position and the group has a good starting point for further developing its leading position in Southern and Western Norway. The board has now set a long-term target for the common equity tier 1 capital ratio of 15.0%. This includes a 1-percentage point management buffer.

#### Nature of the business

The SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group consists of the parent bank, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA, and subsidiaries.

The most important subsidiaries are:
EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS,
SR-Forvaltning AS, SR-Boligkreditt AS,
SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS and FinStart Nordic AS.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's head office is in Stavanger and it has 36 branches in the counties of Rogaland, Hordaland, Vest-Agder and Aust-Agder. The group's primary activities

are selling and procuring a wide range of financial products and services, investments services, leasing, estate agency and accounting services. The group wants to strengthen its focus on customers in the central Eastern Norway region and will at the beginning of 2018 establish its own branch in Oslo that will serve major corporate and retail customers.

#### **Group's performance**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank recorded good progress in all of the group's business areas in 2017. The bank's position as the market leader in Rogaland was strengthened in both the retail market and the corporate market, and at the same time the group strengthened its positions in Hordaland and the Agder counties. The capital market division has established itself as the region's leading expert environment in its field and strengthened its presence by opening an office in Bergen. The group's position in the estate agency market has helped EiendomsMegler 1 become the largest chain of estate agents in Norway. EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS is the market leader in Rogaland and Vest Agder, and further strengthened its position in Hordaland and Aust Agder in 2017.

The group's subsidiaries and its strategic stakes in the SpareBank 1 Alliance's product companies make a significant contribution to SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's earnings.

The competition for customers in the banking market remained strong in 2017. The moderate lending growth was due to a combination of the focus on building up capital and profitable growth, as well as moderate to flat price rises for homes in our main market Rogaland. The group saw a rise in demand for loans from retail and corporate customers during the course of 2017. The margins for loans to retail and corporate customers expanded in 2017 due to lower funding costs and the reprising of parts of the home mortgage portfolio in January 2017. Deposit margins were reduced during the year in both the retail market and the corporate market due to falling market interest rates. Deposits grew by 11.0% in 2017 due to a strong focus on higher deposits in the organisation and more new public sector customers. Overall, earnings from net interest income were better in 2017 than the year before.

Net commissions and other operating income increased from 2016 to 2017. The NOK 81 million increase is largely attributable to the NOK 41 million rise in income from estate agency. Income from SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR rose by NOK 15 million in the same period. Other commissions increased by 2.9% from 2016, with money-transfer services, insurance, savings and investments making positive contributions due to increased income.

The equity markets were positive throughout 2017 with rising prices and an all-time high on the Oslo Stock Exchange, while the

credit interest rate market in Norway was more volatile. Capital gains from securities totalled NOK 127 million for the full year. This was due to a combination of capital losses of NOK 152 million in the interest portfolio, which were counteracted by positive effects totalling NOK 143 million from hedging instruments, as well as capital gains of NOK 136 million from the portfolio of shares and equity certificates.

Impairment losses on loans totalled NOK 543 million in 2017, compared with NOK 778 million in 2016. This resulted in impairments as a percentage of gross loans, including loans sold to the mortgage companies, amounting to 0.29%. The impairment losses on loans in 2017 largely involved individual commitments within oil-related activities. The board regards the quality of the loan portfolio and risk management as good.

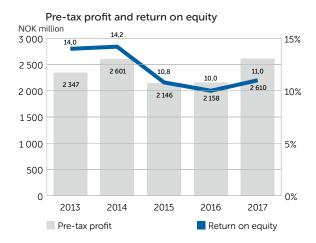
#### Developments in the group's market areas

Households' optimism about the development of the Norwegian economy improved in 2017. Mainland Norway's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow by around 2.1% in 2018, an increase from 2.0% in 2017. Higher oil prices and the slowing fall in oil investments in 2017 have resulted in rising optimism and expectations of greater activity in the Norwegian oil industry going forward.

Demographic development trends are very important for the group's framework conditions. For a long time now, the group's primary area has seen high migration and population growth. The percentage of people with a disability is also significantly lower than the national average. The population is relatively young in and around the regional centres, and along the coast of Southern and Western Norway. The population growth trend has changed in recent years and Rogaland and Hordaland have in particular been lower than the national average, while growth in the Agder counties has been increased in line with the national average. Statistics Norway's population growth forecasts reinforce expectations that growth in Rogaland and Hordaland especially will remain above the national average in the long run. On the other hand, the drop in oil investments in the last few years has made the aforementioned forecast more uncertain.

According to the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV) the unemployment rate in Norway was 2.4% at the end of December 2017. In Rogaland the unemployment rate was 3.2%, in Hordaland it was 2.7%, and in Vest- Agder and Aust-Agder it was 2.7% and 3.0% respectively.

In the last few years, the Stavanger region has seen weaker growth in house prices than the rest of the country, but this turned around in 2017. The Stavanger region saw a 0.0% change in prices in 2017, compared with the national average of a 2.1% fall in prices.

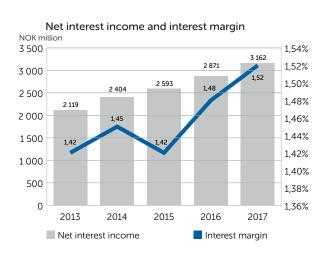


#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### Net interest income

The group's net interest income increased by NOK 291 million from NOK 2,871 million to NOK 3,162 million in 2017. Net interest income amounted to 1.52% of average total assets, an increase from 1.48% in 2016.

Net interest income must be seen in the context of the commissions from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS. Commissions from these companies amounted to NOK 149 million in 2017, compared with NOK 149 million in 2016. Net interest income and commissions increased by a total of NOK 291 million, compared with 2016. The increase was due to a combination of increased lending and deposit volumes, as well as lower funding costs due to a 33-basis point reduction in the 3-month NIBOR during 2017. Interest rate increases for parts of the home mortgage portfolio that took effect from January 2017 also made a positive contribution.



#### Other operating income

Net commissions and other operating income totalled NOK 1,524 million in 2017, compared with NOK 1,443 million in 2016. The NOK 81 million increase from 2016 is largely attributable to income from estate agency services increasing by NOK 41 million to NOK 389 million in 2017 (NOK 348 million) due to the improvement in housing market activity in the Stavanger region.

Income from SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR increased by NOK 15 million to NOK 96 million in 2017 (NOK 81 million), in part as a result of the acquisition of Regnskaps Partner Bergen AS with effect from 1 January 2017.

Other commissions increased by 2.9% from 2016, with money-transfer services, insurance, savings and investments making positive contributions due to increased income.

Net income from financial investments dropped to NOK 634 million from NOK 654 million in 2016. Dividends amounted to NOK 11 million (NOK 110 million). In 2016, dividends included NOK 94 million in a received cash payment in connection with the sale of Visa Europe Ltd to Visa Inc. Capital gains on securities amounted to NOK 127 million (NOK 53 million) and capital gains on interest rate and currency trading amounted to NOK 71 million (NOK 107 million). Furthermore, income from ownership interests totalled NOK 425 million (NOK 384 million).

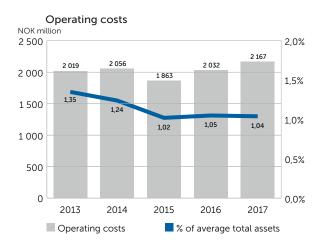
The capital gains on securities amounting to NOK 127 million (NOK 53 million) in 2017 were due to a combination of capital losses of NOK 152 million (capital losses of NOK 156 million) in the interest portfolio, which were counteracted by positive effects totalling NOK 143 million (NOK 158 million) from hedging instruments, as well as capital gains of NOK 136 million (NOK 51 million) from the portfolio of shares and equity certificates.

Income from ownership interests in 2017 amounted to NOK 425 million (NOK 384 million). The share of the net profit for the year from SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS amounted to NOK 349 million (NOK 318 million), from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS it amounted to NOK -25 million (NOK -14 million), and from SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS it amounted to NOK 13 million (NOK 22 million). The share of the profit from BN Bank AS was NOK 70 million (NOK 61 million).

#### **Operating costs**

The group's operating costs totalled NOK 2,167 million in 2017. This represents an increase of NOK 135 million (6.6%) compared with 2016. NOK 34 million of the increase was due to more activity in EiendomsMegler 1 and Regnskapshuset SR. NOK 10 million was set aside for reorganisation costs in 2017, bonus provisions increased by NOK 31 million, while NOK 34 million of the increase resulted from the 5% financial activity tax on personnel costs introduced on 1 January 2017. Other operating costs rose by NOK 38 million (4.4%) to NOK 904 million.

The group's cost/income ratio, costs measured as a percentage of income, was reduced to 40.7% in 2017 (40.9%).



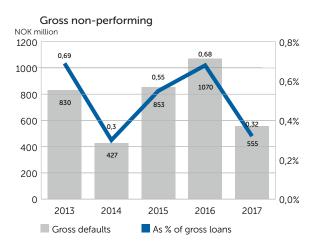
At year end 2017, the group had 1,218 full-time equivalents, of which 1,142 were full-time employees. The number of full-time equivalents rose by 46 in 2017. There were 24 more in the parent bank and 22 more in subsidiaries. The increase of 24 man-years in the group is largely due to temporary employments related to the implementation of new products and solutions to customers.

# Impairment losses on loans and non-performance

In 2017, the group recognised net impairment losses on loans totalling NOK 543 million (NOK 778 million). This corresponds to impairments as a percentage of gross loans, including loans to mortgage companies, of 0.29% (0.42%). The impairment losses on loans in 2017 largely involved individual commitments within oil-related activities. Closely monitoring customers and preventive work remain important tools for maintaining a good risk profile in the group's loan portfolio in order to reduce future losses.

Gross non-performing commitments amounted to NOK 555 million in 2017 (NOK 1,070 million). This represented

0.30% (0.59%) of gross loans, inclusive of loans sold to the mortgage companies. The portfolio of impaired (not non-performing) loans totalled NOK 1,562 million (NOK 1,141 million). This represented 0.83% (0.62%) of gross loans, inclusive of loans sold to the mortgage companies. Total non-performing and impaired loans in 2017 came to NOK 2,117 million (NOK 2,211 million). In terms of gross loans, including loans sold to the mortgage companies, this represents a reduction from 1.21% to 1.13% in 2017. The loan loss provisions ratio, measured as individual impairments as a percentage of non-performing and impaired loans, was 24% (26%) and 33% (28%), respectively, at year end 2017.



#### **Balance sheet**

The group's total assets recognised on the balance sheet increased from NOK 193.4 billion to NOK 216.6 billion in 2017. The increase was due to the buy back of loan portfolios from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS, lending growth and increased investments in certificates and bonds. At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank had sold loans worth NOK 14.6 billion to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS, compared with NOK 24.7 billion at year end 2016. If the loan portfolios of these part-owned mortgage companies are taken into account, lending growth amounted to 2.6% and total loans NOK 187.1 billion at year end 2017 (NOK 182.3 billion). Retail market lending rose by 3.1% and lending to the corporate market and public sector increased by 2.0%. The distribution between loans to the retail market (including SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS) and the corporate market/public sector (including SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS) was 63.1% to 36.9%, respectively, at year end 2017, compared with 63.0% to 37.0% in 2016.

On 1 January 2017, SpareBank 1 SR-Finans was merged into the parent bank and its lending volume has, for 2016 and the years before, been allocated based on estimates of 38% for the retail market and 62% for the corporate market in order to produce comparable figures. The historical record has thus changed compared with previous annual reports.



# Gross loans, % growth, retail and corporate market

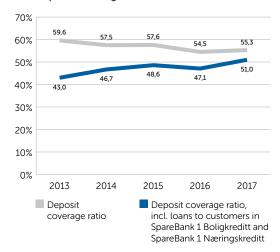


Deposits from customers increased by 11.0% in 2017 (-3.9%) to NOK 95.4 billion (NOK 85.9 billion). Deposits primarily increased due to larger deposits from public sector customers. Deposits from the corporate market and public sector accounted for 53.6% (50.1%) of the group's customer deposits at year end 2017.

At year end 2017, the deposit coverage ratio, measured as deposits as a percentage of gross loans, was 55.3% (54.5%). In a highly competitive market, the group has maintained both

a good deposit coverage ratio and strengthened its long-term funding. The liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), which measures the group's liquidity coverage in a serious, 30-day stress scenario, was 168% at year end 2017 (174%). In addition to ordinary customer deposits, the group had NOK 21.3 billion (NOK 17.4 billion) under management, primarily through SR-Forvaltning AS and ODIN Forvaltning AS.

#### Deposit coverage ratio



#### **Business areas**

SR-Finans AS was merged into the parent bank with effect from 1 January 2017 and is included in the divisions' results and balances from the same date. The comparisons with last year in the comments and figures below are therefore based on historical financial statements from before the merger. Segment reporting (note 4) has been modified and contains comparable figures in which the results and balances from SR-Finans AS are included in the divisions' results and balances from 1 January 2016.

### **Retail market division**

The retail market division's profit contribution before impairment losses on loans was NOK 1,598 million at year end 2017. The result was NOK 347 million higher than in 2016 due to the merger with SR-Finans, higher interest margins, and increased commissions. Costs rose by NOK 37 million (6.5%) in 2017, primarily due to the merger and 5% financial activity tax. In 2017, the division grew lending by 3.1% and deposits by 3.1%. Greater optimism in the business sector has generally not yet resulted in greater demand for mortgages.

Digital channels continued to grow in 2017. The number of digital sales increased by 40% in 2017 and most sales of savings accounts, funds and savings agreements now take place in digital channels. The launch of new web pages, improved chat solutions, online meetings, biometric ID, and more products in digital channels will continue to grow digital traffic going forward.

The division gained 6,000 new customers aged 13 and older in 2017. The systematic development of existing customer portfolios, targeted growth and the launch of new payment products contributed to this growth.

Net impairment losses on loans remained low and the percentage of non-performing loans over 30 days was 0.39% of total loans at year end 2017.

#### Corporate market division

The corporate market division's profit contribution before impairment losses on loans was NOK 1,529 million in 2017. This is NOK 124 million higher than in 2016. The higher result was due in part to the merger with SR-Finans and increased net interest margins. Costs increased by NOK 34 million from 2016 to 2017, primarily due to the higher number of employees and increased operating costs due to the merger with SR-Finans and the 5% financial activity tax.

In the last 12 months, the division increased its lending by 2.0% and deposits increased by 23.2%. It is actively working on across-the-board sales of the group's products, and product coverage is increasing. Commissions and other operating income were up compared with 2016.

Net individual impairment losses of NOK 482 million and a NOK 2 million reduction in collective impairment losses were recognised in 2017, compared with NOK 510 million in individual impairment losses and NOK 144 million in collective impairment losses in 2016. The division's ordinary pre-tax profit was NOK 298 million higher than at the same time in 2016.

Balanced, profitable volume growth, good customer relations, and a well-developed range of products are priority areas for the division, as is closely monitoring the development of risk in the portfolio.

#### Capital market division

The division's areas of expertise complement traditional banking operations and the group's resources within securities activities and management. Securities activities are organised under the SR-Bank Markets brand and include customer and own account trading in fixed income instruments, foreign exchange and corporate finance services.

In 2017, SR-Bank Markets saw operating income before the allocation of customer income to other business areas of NOK 201 million (NOK 175 million). The increase in the value of the bank's bond portfolio in 2017 made a positive contribution compared with the same period last year. The bulk of our income still comes from customer trading in interest rate and currency instruments. Revenue from sales of equities and bonds ceased in the fourth quarter of 2017

due to the equities desk being sold to SpareBank 1 Markets. Corporate Finance completed a number of projects in 2017 and achieved a result on a par with 2016.

#### **Subsidiaries**

The subsidiaries' products and services enable the group to offer a broader range to customers and enhance the bank's earnings basis. Good internal teamwork and joint marketing make the group a one-stop provider of financial products and services

**EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS** is well represented throughout the group's entire market area and has 40 branches from Grimstad in the south to Bergen in the north. It is the leading estate agent in Rogaland and Vest-Agder, and is also increasing its market share in both Hordaland and Aust-Agder. The company achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 26.7 million (NOK 16.2 million). The improved result was largely due to the better housing market in the Stavanger region with a higher number of sales in 2017.

6,565 properties were sold in 2017 compared with 6,042 the year before. Overall the company sold properties worth almost NOK 20,6 billion compared with NOK 19.0 billion the year before. The supply of new assignments is good and was 13% higher than in 2016. The company still enjoys a strong market position in Rogaland with a market share of more than 40%, as well as good market positions in the Agder counties and Hordaland. There was a good supply of commercial property for both lease and sale. The vacancy rate for office premises in the Stavanger region stabilised in 2017. Activity in the lease market has increased and steadily more tenants are looking for premises suitable for the anticipated level of activity going forward. The levels of activity in Bergen are still good within both the sale and leasing of commercial properties and the company has established itself as a leading player in commercial estate agency in the Bergen region.

**SR-Forvaltning AS** is an investment firm licensed to provide active management and fund management services. Pre-tax profit was NOK 33.5 million in 2017 (NOK 28.1 million). The company saw good customer growth in 2017, especially with respect to discretionary mandates. The assets under management at year end 2017 amounted to NOK 11.0 billion (NOK 9.5 billion).

**SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS** was established in the first quarter of 2015 and has since its start-up grown from NOK 0 to NOK 100 million in revenue. At year end 2017, the company had seven offices, four in Rogaland and three in Bergen, and more than 1 600 customers. Regnskapshuset's acquisitions have provided it with a solid foothold in Southern and Western Norway, and it has built up a good foundation for

further growth in the bank's market area. SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR AS achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 3.5 million in 2017 (NOK 1.6 million), which includes NOK 1.9 million in depreciation of intangible assets (NOK 1.6 million).

SR-Boligkreditt AS is a wholly owned subsidiary and was established in the second quarter of 2015. The purpose of the company is to purchase home mortgages from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank and it funds this by issuing covered bonds. SR-Boligkreditt AS enables SpareBank 1 SR-Bank to diversify and optimise its funding. Moody's has given SR-Boligkreditt AS its best rating, Aaa. The company achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 272.8 million in 2017 (NOK 113.1 million). At year end 2017, the company had issued covered bonds with a nominal value of NOK 39.6 billion and bought loans worth NOK 40.8 billion from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank (NOK 29.4 billion).

#### **Associated companies**

# SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS

SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS are licensed mortgage companies and issue covered bonds in the bank's home mortgage and commercial property portfolios, respectively, that have been bought from the owner banks. The companies are owned by the savings banks in the SpareBank 1 Alliance and help ensure that they have access to stable, long-term funding at competitive rates.

At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS's total lending volume amounted to NOK 177.7 billion, NOK 14.1 billion of which was from home mortgages bought from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. The bank currently owns an 8.0% stake in the company. This is updated at the end of each year in line with the volume sold.

At year end 2017, SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS's total lending volume amounted to NOK 9.9 billion, NOK 0.5 billion of which was from loans bought from SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. At the end of 2017, the bank owned 19.2% of the company.

#### SpareBank 1 Alliance

The SpareBank 1 Alliance's purpose is to acquire and provide competitive financial services and products and to exploit economies of scale in the form of lower costs and/or higher quality. The alliance helps secure the participating banks' value creation for the benefit of their own region and the banks' owners.

The SpareBank 1 banks run the alliance through their ownership and participation in SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA,

while the development and operation of product companies is organised through the banks' ownership of the holding company SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS.

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS is owned by SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA (19.5%), SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge (19.5%), SpareBank 1 Østlandet (12.4%), SpareBank 1 SMN (19.5%), SpareBank 1 Østlandet (12.4%), Samarbeidende Sparebanker AS (19.5% – owned by 11 savings banks in Southern Norway), together with the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)/trade unions affiliated to LO (9.6%).

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS owns 100% of the shares in SpareBank 1 Forsikring AS, SpareBank 1 Skadeforsikring AS, ODIN Forvaltning AS, Conecto AS, and SpareBank 1 Gruppen Finans AS, as well as 51% of the shares in SpareBank 1 Medlemskort.

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS delivered a pre-tax profit of NOK 2,210 million in 2017 (NOK 2,019 million). The improved result was primarily due to the high financial income in SpareBank 1 Forsikring resulting due to good returns on the equities portfolio and rises in the value of properties. Other companies in the group delivered good results and improvements on 2016, with the exception of SpareBank 1 Skadeforsikring, which saw a weaker result in 2017 due to higher claims and cost/income ratios. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's share of the profit in 2017 was NOK 349 million, compared with NOK 318 million in 2016.

#### SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA

SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA is responsible for alliance processes and the delivery of services to the SpareBank 1 Alliance. It also develops and delivers things such as common IT/mobile phone solutions, branding and marketing concepts, business concepts, products and services, expertise, analyses, processes, best practice solutions and purchasing. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank owned a 18.0% stake in SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet at year end 2017.

#### **BN Bank ASA**

BN Bank is a nationwide bank with its head office in Trondheim. The bank is owned by the banks in the SpareBank 1 Alliance. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank owns a 23.5% stake. BN Bank achieved a pre-tax profit of NOK 395 million in 2017 (NOK 348 million). The improved result was largely due to higher interest income and lower losses compared with 2016.

#### **Events after the balance sheet date**

No material events have been registered after 31 December 2017 that affect the annual financial statements as prepared.

## **Accounting policies**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank prepares its parent bank and consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU.

The description of the accounting policies applied by the group, in note 2 to the accounts, sets out a more detailed account of important factors relating to treatment for accounting purposes in accordance with IFRS.

# **Corporate governance**

Corporate governance in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank comprises the objectives and overriding principles according to which the group is governed and controlled, to secure the interests of shareholders, customers and other stakeholders. Governance of the group's activities shall ensure prudent asset management and greater assurance that publicly declared goals and strategies are reached and realised.

The corporate governance principles are based on three main pillars: openness, predictability and transparency. The group has defined the following main corporate governance principles:

- Value creation for shareholders and other interest groups
- A structure that ensures goal-oriented and independent management and control
- Systems that ensure good measurability and accountability
- Effective risk management
- Well set-out, easily understood and timely information
- Equal treatment of shareholders and a balanced relationship with other interest groups
- Compliance with legislation, regulations and ethical standards

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has no provisions in its articles of association that restrict the right to sell the company's shares. The board is not aware of any agreements between shareholders that limit opportunities to sell shares or to exercise voting rights for shares. According to the terms of the licence, the Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank foundation must own at least 25% of outstanding shares. The board approves the guidelines for the remuneration of executive personnel each year. The guiding policies for the coming financial year are presented to the general meeting for an advisory vote, while the binding guidelines for the allocation of shares, etc. as part of the group's remuneration scheme for the coming financial year are presented to the general meeting for approval.

The group's corporate governance policy is based on the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance. Further information on corporate governance, pursuant to section 3-3b of the Accounting Act, is provided in a separate section of the annual report. There is also a special section on

corporate social responsibility. The information has also been published on: www.sr-bank.no/ir.

#### Risk management

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's core activity is to create value by assuming recognised and acceptable risks. The group, therefore, invests significant resources in maintaining and developing risk management systems and processes that are in line with leading international practice. The board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has established its own risk committee.

The risk and capital management should underpin the group's strategic development and goal attainment, while ensuring financial stability and prudent asset management. This shall be achieved through:

- a good risk culture characterised by a high awareness of risk management and the group's core values
- a good understanding of which risks drive earnings
- pricing activities and products in line with their underlying risk, insofar as this is possible
- having adequate financial strength based on a chosen risk profile and simultaneously striving for optimal capital allocation to the various business areas
- utilising diversification effects
- preventing single events seriously damaging the group's financial position

The group's risk is quantified, inter alia, by computing expected losses and risk-adjusted capital so it can cover any unexpected losses. Expected losses describe the amount one statistically expects to lose during a 12-month period, while risk-adjusted capital describes how much capital the group believes it needs to cover the actual risk to which the group is exposed.

The most important risks the group is exposed to are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk and ownership risk.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is managed via the framework procedures for granting credit, monitoring commitments and portfolio management. The general credit strategy stipulates that the group shall have a moderate risk profile. Non-performance has decreased and loan losses are lower in 2017. A good and sustained focus on risk management has helped maintain the good credit quality of the portfolio.

The quality of the corporate market portfolio is considered good and stable. The quality of the retail market portfolio is very good and its development in 2017 was characterised by unchanged loan-to-collateral value ratios and a low risk profile

in the portfolio. Most of the portfolio is secured by mortgages on real estate, and the LTV is, for the most part, moderate. This implies that potential losses are limited as long as the values are not significantly impaired.

#### Market risk

Market risk is managed on the basis of conservative limits for positions in interest instruments and currencies, as well as investments in shares and bonds. The board reviews and approves the limits at least once a year.

Part of the group's market risk is linked to investments in bonds and certificates. At the end of 2017, the group's holdings of liquid assets in the form of bonds and certificates totalled NOK 31.9 billion. When quantifying risks linked to impairment in the value of the liquidity portfolio, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank distinguishes between systematic risk (market risk) and unsystematic risk (default risk). Default risk connected with the above-mentioned portfolio is quantified as credit risk.

Risk activities relating to trading in foreign exchange, interest rate instruments and securities arise within the limits, authorities and credit lines for counterparties that are adopted at any time. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank assumes, to a limited extent, the interest rate and foreign exchange risk in connection with trading activities for own account. As far as possible, income from operations is generated in the form of customer margins in order to ensure earnings are as stable and reliable as possible.

The group's market risk exposure is deemed moderate.

#### Liquidity risk

The bank's framework for managing liquidity risk shall reflect the bank's conservative risk profile. Liquidity risk shall be low. The group's lending is financed primarily by customer deposits and long-term funding, including the sale of home mortgage portfolios to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS. The liquidity risk is restricted by diversifying securities issued in terms of markets, funding sources, instruments and maturity periods.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank had very good liquidity at year end 2017 and believes it will continue to have good access to long-term funding at competitive prices. The group strives to achieve an even maturity structure for funding and believes it is important to have good relations with Norwegian and international investors and banks. The liquidity buffer¹ was NOK 32.3 billion at year end 2017 and would cover normal operations for 32 months in the event of closed markets. NOK 10.9 billion of the

bank's external funding will fall due in the next 12 months. In addition to the liquidity buffer, the bank has NOK 19.7 billion in home mortgages ready for covered bond funding.

The group's liquidity situation is very good and in the last year the group has continued to enjoy a high proportion of long-term funding. The group's net stable funding ratio (NSFR<sup>2</sup>) at year end 2017 was 119% (118%).

#### **Operational risk**

The processes for managing operational risk shall ensure, as far as possible, that no single incident caused by operational risk is able to seriously harm the group's financial position. The risk management is based on insight into and an understanding of what creates and drives operational risk in the group, and must, as far as possible, reconcile effective processes with the desired level of exposure.

The group uses a systematic process to identify and quantify operational risks that the group is exposed to at any time, and it has established its own systems for reporting adverse events and following up improvement measures. This helps SpareBank 1 SR-Bank remain a robust and profitable organisation over time through proper prioritisation and continuous improvement.

#### Ownership risk

Ownership risk is the risk that SpareBank 1 SR-Bank bears if it suffers negative results from stakes in strategically owned companies and/or the need to inject fresh capital into these companies. Ownership is defined as companies in which SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has a significant stake and influence. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is mainly exposed to owner risk through its stakes in:

SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS (19.5%); SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS (8.0%); SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS (19.2%); BN Bank ASA (23.5%); SpareBank 1 Kredittkort AS (17,9%); SMB Lab (20%) and SpareBank 1 Betaling AS (19,7%).

#### Compliance

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's goal is to have good processes to ensure compliance with legislation and regulations. The board adopts the group's compliance policy that describes the main principles for responsibility and organisation.

<sup>1</sup> Liquidity buffer: cash, short-term investments, and drawing rights in Norges Bank (bonds including covered bonds). Assuming deposits and lending remain unchanged and no new borrowing during the period.

<sup>2</sup> NSFR is calculated in accordance with guidelines from the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway and is calculated as available stable funding relative to necessary stable funding.

The EU's work on harmonising regulations within the EU/EEA results in new regulations to which the group must adapt. The group continuously assesses the best way of adapting to new regulations and rules to ensure compliance and effectiveness of the organisation. New regulations and rules that affect the group's operations must be included in routines and quidelines on an ongoing basis.

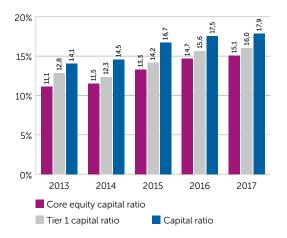
SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's compliance function is the responsibility of the risk management and compliance department and is organised independently of the business units. The department bears overall responsibility for the framework, monitoring and reporting within the area.

#### Capital management

Capital management shall ensure that SpareBank 1 SR-Bank balances the relationship between:

- Effective funding and capital allocation in relation to the group's strategic objectives and adopted business strategy
- · Competitive returns on equity
- Satisfactory capital ratio on the basis of the adopted risk profile and the regulations issued by the authorities, as well as the demands of market players at any time
- Competitive terms and ample access to long-term funding from the capital markets
- Exploitation of growth opportunities in the group's defined market area.

# Core equity tier 1 capital, tier 1 capital and capital ratio



A capital plan is drawn up every year to ensure long-term, effective capital management. These projections take into account both expected developments in the coming years and a situation involving a serious economic recession over several years. Various stress tests are carried out of both individual factors and scenario analyses where the group is exposed to a range of negative macroeconomic events over several years.

In addition, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has prepared contingency plans for dealing with such crises as effectively as possible should they nevertheless arise. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is in a solid financial position. At year end 2017, the common equity tier 1 capital ratio was 15.1% (14.7%) while the tier 1 capital ratio was 16.0% (15.6%) and the capital ratio was 17.9% (17.5%). Because of the transitional rules, the minimum requirement for capital adequacy cannot amount to less than 80% of the corresponding amount calculated according to the Basel I rules

The total common equity tier 1 capital ratio requirement for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, inclusive of the countercyclical buffer and Pillar 2 premium, as at 31 December 2017 was 14.0% and the capital ratio requirement was 17.5% in addition to a 1,5 percentage-point management buffer. The requirements are met by a good margin. Banks classified as systemically important financial institutions are also subject to a special capital buffer requirement. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has not been identified as a systemically important financial institution.

There is a countercyclical capital buffer requirement in Norway in the range of 0-2.5% in the form of common equity tier 1 capital. The purpose of the countercyclical capital buffer is to make the banks more solid and robust in relation to lending losses. The buffer capital requirement increased from 1 percentage point to 2.0 percentage points on 31 December 2017.

The Pillar 2 premium is an institution-specific premium intended to ensure that Norwegian banks have adequate capital to cover the risk associated with operations, including risks not covered by the regulatory minimum requirement. The Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway has in its assessment of the group stipulated a Pillar 2 premium of 2.0%.

#### **External audit**

The group's external auditor is PricewaterhouseCoopers AS (PwC).

#### **Internal audit**

Internal audits are carried out by Ernst & Young AS (EY). Internal audits report directly to the board.

# **Employees and working environment**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's employees are its most important resources for creating value for the benefit of its customers, the region and the bank. At year end 2017, the group had 1,218 full-time equivalents, of which 1,142 were full-time employees. The number of full-time equivalents increased by 46 in 2017. The number of full-time equivalents increased by 24 in the parent bank, while the number in subsidiaries

increased by 22 in the same period. The increase is largely due to temporary employments related to the implementation of new products and solutions to customers. The group is an important knowledge-based workplace in the region and is perceived as an attractive employer providing good development opportunities.

The group's organisational and working environment surveys for 2017 show that employees are satisfied and have a good relationship with the group as an employer. The surveys are reviewed and followed up in all units in order to ensure a positive development and strengthen a healthy working environment characterised by a long-term approach, openness, honesty and security in line with the group's basic values.

### Skills development

The group has for many years systematically focused on skills development to meet the increasing demands of both customers and the authorities, and to ensure that customers experience that it offers better advice and services than the competition. On average, between 5% and 10% of working hours are spent on updating and developing skills, and more than NOK 10,000 (NOK 8,000) per employee was invested in skills development in 2017.

#### Health, safety and the environment

Health, safety and environment (HSE) work is a high priority in the group. A good working structure has been established and we deem the cooperation with employees' representatives to be very good. Compulsory HSE training has been introduced for all managers and safety representatives and the group constantly strives to improve safety routines through various training measures.

The group strives to ensure sustainable environmental management and seeks to contribute both through its own operations and by influencing customers and suppliers to make environmental and climate-friendly choices. The group's direct environmental impact is primarily related to greenhouse gas emissions and waste production through office operations, while its indirect impact is through the purchase of goods and services, as well as demands made of customers and suppliers.

#### Sick leave and the inclusive workplace scheme

The group has a set a long-time target for the healthy rate of 97%. At the year end 2017, the healthy rate was 96.4% (96.4%). Over time, the group has worked comprehensively and systemically to promote and improve the employees' health, maintain this over time and help those who become sick to return to work. The group constantly strives to lower sick leave

through participation in the Inclusive Workplace scheme (IW) and good follow-up by managers.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has prepared a life-phase document in order to offer employees a range of measures tailored to the individual's life-phase that will generally improve the employee's everyday life and contribute to a rise in the retirement age. The target retirement age is 64.5 and the average retirement age in 2017 was 63.0, a decrease of 0.9 years from 2016.

#### **Gender equality**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank aims to provide employees with equal opportunities for personal development, pay and other career related issues. The ratio between men and women in 2017 was 46% men and 54% women. There was no significant change in the gender ratio from 2016. The average age was 44.8 years old and the average length of service 14.3 years. In 2017, 37.0% of the group's managers were women.

#### The bank's share

The share price for the bank's share (SRBANK) was NOK 87.00 at year end 2017. This represents an increase of 46.9% since year end 2016, taking into account the dividend of NOK 2.25. The main Oslo Stock Exchange index rose by 19.1% in the same period. Trading in the SRBANK share increased throughout 2017.

There were 10,834 (10,428) shareholders of SRBANK at year end 2017. The proportion owned by foreign companies and individuals was 23.5%, whilst 47.7% were owned by residents of Rogaland, the Agder counties and Hordaland. The 20 largest shareholders owned a total of 56.6% of the shares. The bank holds 206,757 treasury shares, while group employees owned 1.6%.

### Going concern

Financial strength improved in 2017 and the market outlook appears to be good. Together with implemented and planned measures, this contributes to a good prospect of further progress for the group in 2017. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the group is a going concern.

# Allocation of profit for the year/dividend

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's financial goal for its activities is to achieve results that provide a good, stable return on the bank's equity, thus creating value for the owners in the form of competitive dividends and a higher share price. Consideration is given to financial needs, including capital adequacy requirements and the group's targets and strategic plans, when determining the annual dividend. Unless capital

requirements dictate otherwise, the goal of the board is to distribute approximately half of the annual net profit for the period as dividends.

The dividend distributed is based on the parent bank's profit. The parent company's profit for 2017 was NOK 1,859 million or NOK 7.27 per share. In line with the dividend policy, various factors are taken into consideration when proposing dividends, with particular weight being attached to capital requirements and the tier 1 capital ratio. The board is, therefore, proposing a dividend of NOK 4.25 per share for 2017, which corresponds to around 52.1% of the group earnings per share.

The board proposes the following allocations for the 2017 financial year:

	NOK million
Parent company net profit for the year	1,859
Transferred from the fund for valuation differences	9
Distributable	1,868
Dividend (NOK 4.25 per share)	1,087
Retained earnings	781
Total	1,868

In the opinion of the board, following the proposed allocations and other completed and planned actions, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's financial strength will be good and it will have sufficient flexibility to support the group's planned activities for the future.



\*Dividend divided by share price at year end.

#### **Outlook for 2018**

Moderate to increasing growth is expected in the global economy in 2018 and 2019. Growth in the Norwegian economy is good and activities in oil-related operations are

showing signs of improvement. Investments in the petroleum sector fell by around 10% in 2017. The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate is expecting a weak increase in oil investments of around 1.5% in 2018 and a further marked increase of 13% in 2019

The total level of activity in Rogaland was subdued in 2017 but is expected to rise in coming years. Both oil companies and the supply industry are now reporting better prospects with higher sales, new investments and more hiring. Export-oriented industries are experiencing growth due to a weak Norwegian kroner and greater competitiveness. The building and construction industry is seeing the positive effects of an improving local housing market and moderately increasing activity is expected in this sector going forward. Continued, stable activity is expected within most sectors in Hordaland and the Agder counties.

Unemployment in Norway has been gradually falling and was 2.4% at year end 2017. In Rogaland, unemployment has fallen from 4.5% a year ago to 3.2% at year end 2017. Unemployment also fell in Hordaland and Agder. EiendomsMegler 1 is reporting higher activity in the housing market, with the total market in Rogaland growing by 7.7% in the last year. The market was stable in Agder and fell slightly in Hordaland. The figure for the rise in house prices in Norway over the last 12 months turned from 12.8% as per December 2016 to -2.1% as per December 2017, while the fall in prices in Stavanger turned from -2.6% as per December 2016 into growth of 0.0% as per December 2017. Some uncertainty is expected concerning the development of transaction volumes and house prices in the total market going forward. The combination of lower unemployment in the group's market area and the fact that the fall in house prices seen in the Stavanger region has now turned around means that going forward the group expects lending volumes to rise moderately by 4-6% in 2018.

The group's long-term return on equity target is at least 12%. The group also has a common equity tier 1 capital ratio target of 15%. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a solid, profitable group and has in recent years increased its financial strength in line with the authorities' requirements. This was achieved through earnings via a business model involving good breadth in earnings and efficient operations.

The group's prognoses take account of the fact that the group will in 2018 have to make impairments that exceed the average in an economic cycle. Some of the bank's customers in the oil industry are still experiencing a demanding market. At the same time, unemployment and house prices have developed better than previously forecast and the majority of the bank's

customers have now switched from pessimism to optimism. Given this, the need for impairments in 2018 is expected to amount to around NOK 400-500 million. The board would like to stress that a certain level of uncertainty is associated with all assessments of future conditions.

The group is investing in new technology and employee skills to provide even better customer experiences, improve efficiency and increase sales. The results of this investment include the provision of new payment services via the merger of Vipps, BankAxept and Bank ID. At the same time, customers will experience better availability and service levels thanks to the development of our own chat robot and the fact that we are the first bank in Norway with a digital solution for consent-based loan applications. As part of its development of new technology, the group has also established FinStart Nordic, a wholly owned subsidiary that will invest in companies involved in development and innovation work

that may give the bank a competitive edge. The group wants to strengthen its focus on customers in the central Eastern Norway region and will in the beginning of 2018 establish its own branch in Oslo that will serve large corporate and retail customers. Together with customer growth, correct risk pricing for loans, and cost control, this will ensure the group is competitive going forward.

A good mutual relationship between the region's inhabitants, the business sector and the bank is important for growth in the group's market area. The board would like to thank the group's customers, owners and other partners for their loyal support of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank in 2017 and assure them that it will make every effort to ensure that this teamwork continues. The board would also like to thank the group's employees and elected officers for their good contributions and good teamwork in 2017.

Stavanger, 8 March 2018

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# **INCOME STATEMENT**

Parent bar			_	Group	
2016	2017	(Figures in NOK millions)	Note	2017	2016
4,868	4,863	Interest income	19	5,747	5,563
2,407	2,095	Interest income	19	2,585	2,692
2,461	2,768	Net interest income	19	3,162	2,871
.,401	2,700	Net interest income	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	3,102	2,071
1,054	1,069	Commissions	20	1 597	1,511
68	76	Commission costs	20	79	72
5	8	Other operating income	20	6	4
991	1,001	Net commissions and other operating income		1,524	1,443
109	9	Dividends		11	110
776	500	Income from ownership interests	38	425	384
145	238	Net income/loss from financial investments	21	198	160
1,030	747	Net income from financial investments		634	654
1,030	, , ,	Net meone non manetal mestinents			
4,482	4,516	Total net income		5,320	4,968
854	952	Personnel costs	22	1,263	1,166
680	724	Other operating costs	23	904	866
1,534	1 676	Total operating costs before impairment losses on loans		2,167	2,032
2,948	2,840	Operating profit before impairment losses on loans		3,153	2,936
684	542	Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	11	543	778
2,264	2,298	Pre-tax profit		2,610	2,158
343	439	Taxes	25	524	403
1,921	1,859	Net profit for the year	·•····································	2,086	1,755
1,921	1,857	Shareholders' share of the earnings		2,084	1,755
-	2	Hybrid capital owners' share of the earnings		2	
1,921	1,859	Net profit for the year		2,086	1,755
		Statement of Comprehensive Income			
-62	-12	Actuarial gains/losses on pensions		-12	-62
15	3	Tax effect of actuarial gains/losses on pensions		3	15
-47	-9	Total items not reclassified through profit or loss		-9	-47
-62	9	Change in value of financial assets available for sale		9	-62
-	-	Share of comprehensive income in associated companies and joint ventures		8	-7
-62	9	Total items that can be reclassified through profit or loss		17	-69
-109	-	Year's comprehensive income		8	-116
1,812	1,859	Total comprehensive income		2,094	1,639
		Earnings per share			
7.51	7.27	Earnings per share	40	8.16	6.87
7.51	7.27	Diluted earnings per share	40	8.16	6.86

# **BALANCE SHEET**

Parent	bank		Grou	р	
2016	2017	(Figures in NOK millions)	Note	2017	2016
		Assets			
1,079	207	Cash and receivables from the central bank	36	207	1,079
10,138	1,607	Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	7	1,608	4,334
120,252	130,579	Loans to customers	8,10,12,14	171,237	156,372
22,042	32,203	Certificates and bonds	14, 27	31,909	21,024
5,057	6,033	Financial derivatives	28	5,541	4,315
433	507	Equities, units and other equity interests	29	717	596
22	-	Operations that will be sold	41	-	22
2,884	2,363	Investments in ownership interests	38	3,953	4,460
3,713	4,853	Investments in group companies	38	-	-
-	-	Intangible assets	30	96	89
354	329	Tangible fixed assets	31	572	495
344	395	Other assets	32	778	622
166,318	179,076	Total assets		216,618	193,408
		Liabilities			
2,140	4,538	Debt to financial institutions	7	2,335	1,583
86,183	95,635	Deposits from customers	33	95,384	85,913
54,079	51,307	Securities issued	34	90,497	80,275
2,711	5,013	Financial derivatives	28	3,787	2,515
621	393	Payable tax	25	487	681
315	417	Deferred tax liabilities	25	393	360
1,063	960	Other liabilities	35, 24	1,082	1,147
2,646	2,764	Subordinated loan capital	37	2,764	2,646
149,758	161,027	Total liabilities		196,729	175,120
		Equity			
6,394	6,394	Share capital	40	6,394	6,394
1,587	1,587	Share premium reserve		1,587	1,587
575	1,087	Allocated dividend		1,087	575
52	43	Fund for unrealised gains		43	52
-	150	Hybrid capital	40	150	-
7,952	8,788	Other equity		10,628	9,680
16,560	18,049	Total equity		19,889	18,288
166,318	179,076	Total liabilities and equity		216,618	193,408

Stavanger, 8 March 2018

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Figures in NOK millions)

Deventhant	Share	Share premium	Hybrid	Other	Fund for unrealised	Takal andian
Parent bank	capital	reserve	capital	equity	gains 163	Total equity
Equity as at 31 Dec 2015	6,394	1,587		6,990	103	15,134
Net profit for the year				2,032	-111	1,921
Actuarial gains/losses after tax on pension schemes				-47		-47
Change in value of financial assets available for sale				-62		-62
Year's comprehensive income	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	1,923	-111	1,812
Dividends in 2015, final determination in 2016	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	-384	•	-384
Trade in treasury shares				-2		-2
Transactions with shareholders	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	-386	•	-386
Equity as at 31 Dec 2016	6,394	1,587		8,527	52	16,560
Net profit for the year				1,868	-9	1,859
Actuarial gains/losses after tax on pension schemes				-9		-9
Change in value of financial assets available for sale				9		9
Year's comprehensive income	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	······································	1,868	-9	1,859
Hybrid capital	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	150			150
Interest hybrid capital				-3		-3
Tax effect interest hybrid capital				1		1
Merger SR-Finans				65		65
Dividends in 2016, final determination in 2017	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	······································	-575		-575
Trade in treasury shares				-8		-8
Transactions with shareholders	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	······································	-583		-583
Equity as at 31 Dec 2017	6,394	1,587	150	9,875	43	18,049
Group						
Equity as at 31 Dec 2015	6,394	1,587		8,770	163	16,914
Net profit for the year				1,866	-111	1,755
Actuarial gains/losses after tax on pension schemes				-47		-47
Change in value of financial assets available for sale				-62		-62
Share of comprehensive income from associated companies				-7		-7
Year's comprehensive income				1,750	-111	1,639
Corrected equity in associated companies				121	•	121
Dividends in 2015, final determination in 2016				-384		-384
Trade in treasury shares	••••••			-2	***************************************	-2
Transactions with shareholders	••••••			-386	***************************************	-386
Equity as at 31 Dec 2016	6,394	1,587		10,255	52	18,288
Net profit for the year				2,095	-9	2,086
Actuarial gains/losses after tax on pension schemes				-9		-9
Change in value of financial assets available for sale				9		9
Share of comprehensive income from associated companies				8	•••••	8
Year's comprehensive income				2,103	-9	2,094
Hybrid capital		•	150			150
Interest hybrid capital				-3		-3
Tax effect interest hybrid capital				1		1
Corrected equity in associated companies				-58		-58
Dividends in 2016, final determination in 2017	•	***************************************	****	-575		-575
Trade in treasury shares				-8		-8
Transactions with shareholders	•			-583		-583
Equity as at 31 Dec 2017	6,394	1,587	150	11,715	43	19,889

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent b	oank			Group	)
2016	2017		Note	2017	2016
16,959	-10,609	Change in loans to customers	8	-14,916	-2,448
4,256	4,313	Interest receipts from loans to customers		5,199	5,095
-3,448	9,451	Change in deposits from customers	33	9,470	-3,530
-839	-829	Interest payments on deposits from customers		-823	-835
-1,963	9,279	Change in receivables and deposits with financial institutions	7	738	-1,837
-491	-593	Interest on receivables and debt to financial institutions		-776	-629
-1,728	-10,196	Change in certificates and bonds	27	-10,901	-1,510
443	445	Interest receipts from certificates and bonds		446	422
991	1,016	Commission receipts		1,540	1,445
60	-25	Capital gains from sale of trading		-43	59
-1,495	-1,550	Payments for operations		-2,039	-1,990
-544	-621	Paid tax	25	-683	-637
-481	3,911	Other accruals		3,697	369
11,720	3,992	A Net change in liquidity from operations	••••••	-9,091	-6,026
			•••••	•	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
-85	-50	Investments in tangible fixed assets	31	-156	-167
-	8	Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	31	8	-
-1,090	-2,145	Long-term investments in equities		-158	-168
368	919	Receipts from sales of long-term investments in equities		756	376
886	509	Dividends from long-term investments in equities		387	681
79	-759	B Net change in liquidity from investments		837	722
8,395	5,382	Increase in securities issued	34	16,303	29,255
-15,813	-10,256	Repayment – securities issued		-9,471	-19,332
-835	-519	Interest payments on securities issued		-737	-1,075
-	930	Borrowing and sale of own subordinated loans	37	930	-
-746	-825	Repayments - subordinated loans	37	-825	-746
-132	-103	Interest payments on subordinated loans		-102	-132
-	150	Increase in debt established by issuing hybrid capital		150	-
-	-3	Interest payments on debt run up by issuance of hybrid capital		-3	-
-384	-511	Dividend to shareholders	<b>.</b>	-511	-384
-9,515	-5,755	C Net change in liquidity from financing		5,734	7,586
2.224	0.500	A BOOK A COLOR OF THE COLOR OF			0.000
2,284	-2,522	A+B+C Net change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		-2,520	2,282
1,109	3,393	Cash and cash equivalents 1 Jan		3,393	1,111
3,393	871	Cash and cash equivalents 31 Dec	······································	873	3,393
	······································		······		
		Specification of cash and cash equivalents			
1,079	207	Cash and receivables from the central bank		207	1,079
2,314	664	Receivables from financial institutions at call		666	2,314
3,393	871	Cash and cash equivalents 31 Dec		873	3,393
•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		•	<b>.</b>	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and deposits in the central bank, and that part of total loans to and deposits in financial institutions that relate to pure placements in financial institutions. The statement of cash flow shows how the parent bank and group generated liquid assets and how these were applied.

In total, the group's liquidity portfolio was reduced by NOK 2,520 million in 2017.

#### **NOTE 1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank group consists of the parent bank SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA ("The Bank") with subsidiaries.

### Subsidiaries - Ownership 100%

# Investments in associated companies Ownership interest in %

SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS	8.0
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS	19.2
BN Bank ASA	23.5
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort AS	17.9
SMB Lab AS	20.0
SpareBank 1 Betaling AS	19.7

# Investments in joint controlled

operations	Ownership interest in %
SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS	19.5
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA	18.0

# Distribution of ownership interests in companies where the management structure is regulated in agreement

structure is regulated in agreement between the owners (percentage of ownership)	SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS	BN Bank ASA
SpareBank 1 SR-Bank	19.5	23.5
SpareBank 1 SMN	19.5	33.0
SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge	19.5	23.5
Samarbeidende Sparebanker AS	19.5	20.0
SpareBank 1 Østlandet	12.4	
Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions (LO)	9.6	

The bank's head office is in Stavanger and it has 36 branches in Rogaland, Vest-Agder, Aust-Agder and Hordaland. Some of the branches share premises with EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom AS. All of the subsidiaries have their head offices in Stavanger.

The group's primary activities are selling and procuring a wide range of financial products and services, investments services, accounting services, and leasing and estate agency.

The group's financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8/3/2018. The annual general meeting is the bank's supreme authority.

# NOTE 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES BASIS FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The parent bank and group accounts for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ("The Group") 2017 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU. This also includes interpretations of the IFRS Interpretation Committee and its predecessor, the Regular Interpretation Committee (SIC).

The annual accounts for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank for 2017 have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS rules for the parent bank and the group.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a public limited company registered in Norway with its headquarters in Stavanger. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange.

The basis for measurement used in both the bank's and the consolidated financial statements is acquisition cost, with the following modifications: financial derivatives, parts of financial assets, and parts of financial liabilities are recognised at fair value with value changes through profit or loss.

Preparing financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of estimates. Furthermore, applying international reporting standards requires management to use its judgement. Areas that involve a great deal of discretionary estimates, a high degree of complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant for the bank's and the consolidated financial statements are described in note 3.

The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with IFRS standards and interpretations mandatory for annual accounts as of 31/12/2017. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the group is a going concern.

New and revised standards are taken into use in 2017: No new standards, amendments to the standards or interpretations that materially affected the accounts of the group or the parent company were adopted from 1 January 2017.

New standards and interpretations that have not been adopted yet: A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations will be compulsory in future annual financial statements. The most important of these, which the group has chosen not to apply early, are described below:

IFRS 9 replaces the classification and measurement models in IAS 39. Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement with one simple model, which basically only has two categories: amortised cost and fair value. The classification of loans depends on the unit's business model for managing its financial assets and the attributes of the cash flows of the financial assets.

Note 42 provides a more exhaustive account of the assessments regarding IFRS 9.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers deals with recognising revenue. This will replace IAS 18 which applies to contracts for goods and services and IAS 11 which applies to construction contracts. The new standard is based on the principle of revenue recognition when control of a product or service is transferred to a customer. The principle of control replaces the existing principle of risk and return on investment.

The group's assessment is that the accounts will, to a limited extent, be affected by the implementation of IFRS 15 as of 1/1/2018.

IFRS 16 Leases will primarily affect the lessee's accounting and will result in almost all leases being capitalised. The standard eliminates the current distinction between operational and financial leases and requires recognition of a right of use asset (the right to use this leased asset) and a financial liability to pay the lease for almost all leases. Exemptions exist for short-term leases and low value leases.

The income statement will also be affected because the total cost is usually higher in the first few years of a lease and lower in later years. Operating costs will also be replaced with interest and depreciation, so important ratios will change.

Cash flows from operations will increase because payment of the principal of the lease liability will be classified as a financing activity. Only the part of the payments that are interest can be presented as cash flow from operations.

The lessor's accounting will not be materially changed. Some differences may arise as a consequence of new guidelines on the definition of a lease. Under IFRS 16, a contract is a lease, or contains a contract, if the lease transfers the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period in exchange for remuneration. The group is currently assessing the effects of IFRS 16.

There are no other standards or interpretations that have not entered into force which are expected to have a material impact on the group's financial statements.

#### **Presentation currency**

The presentation currency is the Norwegian krone (NOK), which is also the group's presentation currency. The functional currency of parent company and all major subsidiaries is the Norwegian crown (NOK). All figures are in NOK millions unless otherwise stated.

### **Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries' assets are valued using the cost method of accounting in the bank's financial statements. Investments are assessed at the acquisition cost of the shares assuming that no write-downs have been necessary.

Dividends, group contributions and other distributions are recognised as income in the year that they are approved by the annual general meeting. If the dividend or group contribution exceeds the share of retained profit after the acquisition, the excess amount represents a repayment of invested capital, but has been

recognized as income in the payment year in accordance with the change in IAS 27.

#### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include all subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) controlled by the group Control over a unit occurs when the group is exposed to variability in the return from the unit and has the ability to influence this return through its power over the unit. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the day control arises and deconsolidated when control ceases.

The acquisition method is used for acquisitions of business. The remuneration paid is measured at the fair value of the assets transferred, liabilities assumed and equity instruments issued. The fair value of all assets or liabilities according to the agreement on conditional consideration are also included in the remuneration. Identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are recognised at their fair value on the acquisition date. Minority interests in the acquired business are measured from time to time at either fair value or their share of the net assets of the acquired business.

Costs linked to the acquisition are recognised as costs when they are incurred.

When an acquisition occurs in multiple steps, the assets from previous acquisitions must be revalued at fair value on the date the check is made and the change in value recognised.

Conditional consideration is measured at fair value on the acquisition date. The treatment of subsequent changes in the fair value of conditional consideration depends on whether the conditional consideration is classified as an asset, liability or equity. Assets and liabilities that are not financial assets or liabilities (i.e. outside the scope of IAS 39) are measured at fair value with value changes presented through profit or loss. Financial assets or liabilities are measured at fair value and changes in value must, in accordance with IAS 39, be recognised or presented in other comprehensive income. No new measurement is made of conditional consideration that is classified as equity and subsequent settlements are recognised against equity.

Intra-group transactions, intra-company balances and unrealised profit between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated. Reported figures from subsidiaries are, if necessary, restated so they correspond with the group's accounting policies.

The minority interest's (non-controlling owner's) share of the group's profit is presented in a separate line under net profit after tax in the income statement. Their share of the minority's equity is shown as a separate item.

# Change in ownership interests in subsidiaries without loss of control

Transactions with minority interests (non-controlling owners) in subsidiaries that do not result in loss of control are treated as equity



transactions. In the event of further acquisitions, the difference between the remuneration and the shares' proportional share of the carrying amount for net assets in the subsidiary is recognised against the equity of the parent company's owners. Gains or losses from sales to minority interests are similarly recognised against equity.

### Disposal of subsidiaries

In the event of a loss of control, any remaining ownership interest is measured at fair value with changes recognised through profit or loss. Fair value will thereafter constitute the acquisition cost for further accounting, as an investment in an associated company, joint venture or financial asset. Amounts that were previously recognised in other comprehensive income relating to this company are treated as if the group had disposed of underlying assets and liabilities. This could entail amounts that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income being reclassified to the income statement.

#### **Associated companies**

Associated companies are entities in which the group has a significant interest but not control. Normally, significant influence arises when the group has a stake of between 20% and 50% of the voting capital. Investments in associated companies are recorded in accordance with the cost method of accounting in the bank's financial statements and the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.

New investments are recorded at acquisition cost in consolidated financial statements. Investments in associated companies include goodwill/badwill identified at the time of the acquisition, reduced by any possible later write-downs.

The group's share of profits or losses in associated companies are recorded and added to the book value of the investments. The group's share of comprehensive income in the associated company is recognised in the group's extended profit and also includes capitalized amounts for the investments. The group does not recognize the share of any loss if this means that the capitalized amount of the investment will be negative (including unsecured receivables on the unit) unless the group has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associated company.

#### Joint arrangements

Under IFRS 11, investments in joint arrangements must be classified as either a joint operation or a joint venture, depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has assessed its joint arrangements and determined that they are joint ventures. Jointly controlled ventures are accounted for using the equity method in the group and the cost method in the company accounts.

When the equity method is used joint ventures are recognised at their original acquisition cost. The carrying amount is thereafter adjusted to recognise the share of the results after the acquisition and the share of comprehensive income. When the group's share of a loss in a joint venture exceeds the capitalized amount (including

other long-term investments that are in reality part of the group's net investment in the venture), no further loss is recognized unless liabilities have been assumed or payments have been made on behalf of the joint venture.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the group and its joint ventures are eliminated according to the ownership interest in the business. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction gives evidence of a fall in value on the transferred asset. Amounts reported from joint ventures are, if necessary, restated to ensure they correspond with the accounting policies of the group.

#### Lending and impairment losses on loans

Loans with variable rates are measured at amortised cost in accordance with IAS 39. The amortised cost is the acquisition cost minus repayments on the principal, taking into account transaction costs, plus or minus cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method, and less any amount for impairment in value or exposure to loss. The effective interest rate is the interest that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments over the expected life of the financial instrument.

Fixed-rate loans to customers are earmarked upon initial recognition at fair value, with value changes through profit or loss, in accordance with IAS 39.9. Gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value are recorded through profit or loss as a change in value. Accrued interest and premiums/discounts are recorded as interest. The bank uses the fair value option for measuring fixed-rate loans, as this largely eliminates inconsistencies in measuring other comparable instruments in the balance sheet.

#### Sales of loans

The bank has concluded an agreement concerning the sale of loans with good security and collateral in real estate to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS. In line with the administration contract between the bank and financial institutions, the bank administers the loans and maintains the contact with customers. The bank receives a fee in the form of commissions for the duties involved in administering the loans. The agreements between the Bank and SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS mean that the Bank has transferred practically all risks and benefits of ownership related to the sold loans. The sales are treated as pure sales and the loans are fully removed from the bank's balance sheet. This is described in note 9.

The bank has concluded an agreement concerning the sale of loans with good security and collateral in real estate to SR-Boligkreditt AS. In line with the administration contract between the bank and mortgage companies, the bank administers the loans and maintains the contact with customers. The bank receives a fee in the form of commissions for the duties involved in administering the loans.

## Assessment of impairment of financial assets

On each balance sheet date, the group assesses whether there is any objective evidence that the cash flow expected when the item was initially recorded will not be realised and that the value of the financial asset or group of financial assets has been reduced. An impairment in value of a financial asset assessed at amortised cost

or group of financial assets assessed at amortised cost has been incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment that could result in a reduction in future cash flows to service the commitment. The impairment must be the result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition (a loss event) and it must be possible to measure the result of the loss event (or events) in a reliable manner. Objective evidence that the value of a financial asset or group of financial assets is reduced includes observable data that is known to the group as the following loss events:

- The issuer or borrower is experiencing significant financial difficulties
- Breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payment of instalments and interest
- The bank granting the borrower special terms for financial or legal reasons relating to borrower's financial situation
- Likelihood of the debtor entering into debt negotiations or other financial reorganisation
- Disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties
- Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decline in future cash flows from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, even though the decline cannot yet be fully identified with the individual financial assets in the group including:
  - adverse changes in the payment status of the borrowers in the group
  - national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults of the assets in the group

The group first considers whether there is individual objective evidence of impairment of financial assets that are significant individually. For financial assets that are not individually significant, the objective evidence of impairment is considered individually or collectively. If the group decides that there is no objective evidence of impairment of an individually assessed financial asset, significant or not, the asset is included in a portfolio of financial assets with the same credit risk characteristics. The group is tested for any impairment on a portfolio basis. Assets that are assessed individually with respect to impairment, and where an impairment is identified or continues to be identified, are not included in a general assessment of impairment. See note 3.

If there is objective evidence that impairment has occurred, the amount of the loss is calculated as the difference between the asset's book (carrying) value and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's latest effective interest rate. The book value of the asset is reduced using an allowance account and the loss is recorded in the income statement.

Future cash flows from a group of financial assets that are tested for impairment on a portfolio basis are estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows for the group and historical losses on assets with a similar credit risk. Historical losses are adjusted for existing observable data in order to take into account the effects of existing

circumstances that were not present at the time of the historical losses and to adjust for the effect of earlier circumstances that do not exist today.

#### Non-performing and loss exposed commitments

The total commitment to a customer is considered to be in default (non-performing) and included in the group's summaries of defaulted loans when an instalment or interest is not paid 90 days after due date, a line of credit is overdrawn for 90 days or more, or the customer is bankrupt. Loans and other commitments that are not in default, but where the customer's financial situation makes it likely that the group will incur a loss, are classified as loss exposed commitments.

#### **Realised losses**

When it is highly probable that the losses are final, the losses are classified as realised losses. Realised losses that are covered by earlier specific loss provisions are recorded against the provisions. Realised losses without cover by way of impairment losses on loans and over or under coverage in relation to previous impairment losses on loans are recognised through profit or loss.

#### **Repossessed assets**

As part of the handling of non-performing loans and guarantees, the group acquires, in some cases, assets that have been lodged as security for such commitments. At the time of takeover, the assets are valued at their assumed realisation value and the value of the loan commitment is adjusted accordingly. Repossessed assets to be realized are classified as operations that will be sold and holdings or fixed assets held for sale are accounted for in accordance with relevant IFRS standards (usually IAS 16, IAS 38, IAS 39 or IFRS 5).

#### Leases

Financial leases are recorded under the main item «Net lending to customers» in the balance sheet and are recognized in accordance with the amortized cost principle. All fixed income during the expected term of the lease is included when calculating the lease's effective interest.

The group has no contracts of the type «sale and lease back» covering property, plant and equipment.

#### **Securities**

Securities comprise equities and units, certificates and bonds. Equities and units are recognised either as held for sale or at fair value with change in value through profit or loss. Certificates and bonds are classified either as held for sale, at fair value with value change through profit or loss, as held to maturity or as a receivable. The group uses the price on the trade date upon initial recognition of securities.

All financial instruments that are classified as held for sale or at fair value with value change through profit or loss, are measured at fair value, and changes in the value from the opening balance are recorded as income from financial investments. The group is of the opinion that financial instruments classified at fair value with value change through profit or loss provide more relevant information

about the values of these items in the balance sheet than if they were assessed at amortised cost. The financial instruments included in this category are regularly reported and managed based on fair value. Certificates and bonds that are classified as held to maturity or as receivable are measured at amortized cost using an effective interest rate method. See description of this method in the section on lending.

#### **Derivatives and hedging**

Derivatives consist of currency and interest rate instruments. Derivatives are recognised at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of derivatives includes the value of counterparty credit risk (CVA)

The group uses derivatives for operational and accounting (funding) hedging purposes to minimise the interest rate risk in fixed-rate instruments (fixed-rate funding and fixed-rate loans), bonds (assets and liabilities), and certificates (assets and liabilities). The efficiency of the hedging is assessed and documented both when the initial classification is made and on an ongoing basis. When fair value hedging is used the hedging instrument is recognised at fair value, but as far as the hedged item is concerned changes in fair value linked to the hedged risk are recognised through profit and loss and against the hedged item. See note 28 for further information.

#### Goodwill/badwill

Goodwill is the positive difference between the cost of acquiring a business and the fair value of the Bank's share of the net identifiable assets in the business at the time of acquisition. Goodwill on the acquisition of subsidiaries is classified as intangible assets. Goodwill on the acquisition of shares in associated companies and joint ventures is included in the investment and tested for depreciation as part of the book (carrying) value of the investment. Goodwill is not subject to amortisation, but is subject to annual impairment testing with the purpose of identifying any indications that impairment may have occurred, in accordance with IAS 36. Any assessment of a fall in value is assessed at the lowest level in the undertaking where goodwill is followed up for internal management purposes. Writedowns of goodwill cannot be reversed. In those cases where the cost of acquiring a business is lower than the fair value of the bank's share of net identifiable assets at the time of acquisition, so-called badwill, the difference is immediately recorded as income and included in income from ownership interests.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprise buildings, plots of land and operating equipment. Buildings and operating equipment are recognised at cost less depreciation and write-downs. Plots of land are recorded at cost price less write-downs. Plots of land are not depreciated. The cost price includes all direct costs related to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is on a straight-line basis in order to allocate the cost price, less possible residual value, over the useful life of the operating equipment.

#### Operations/assets that will be sold

These items in the balance sheet contain the group's assets it has decided to sell. The items include assets and liabilities relating to repossessed properties and property companies that are to be syndicated and disposed of by selling parts to customers. The item is valued at the lowest value of the carrying amount and fair value minus sales expenses.

#### **Funding**

Funding is initially recorded at the cost at which it is raised, which is fair value of the proceeds received after deducting transaction costs. Loans raised with variable rates are thereafter measured at amortised cost, and any discount/premium is accrued over the term of the loan. Funding with fixed interest is valued at fair value with discounting according to the current interest rate curve, but not taking into account changes in own credit spread and transaction costs as the group uses fair value hedging for such funding. Deposits from customers and financial institutions are assessed at amortised cost.

#### **Pensions**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank group has two types of pension schemes: defined benefit based and defined contribution based. The group has both covered and uncovered defined benefit pension schemes. The covered defined benefit pension scheme was, until 31 December 2015, covered by the group's pension fund. In addition to the pension liabilities covered by the pension fund, the group has uncovered pension liabilities that cannot be covered by the assets in the collective schemes.

The covered define benefit pension scheme was closed to new members from and including 1 April 2011. A decision was also taken at the board meeting in June 2015 that employees who are still members of the defined benefit pension scheme must transfer to a defined contribution pension scheme from 1 January 2016.

#### Defined benefit scheme

A defined-benefit scheme is defined as a scheme that is not a defined contribution scheme.

A defined benefit scheme will typically define an amount an employee will receive from and including the date of retirement, usually dependent of age, number of years worked and pay.

The liability that must be recognised for the defined benefit scheme is the present value of the liability on the balance sheet date, with deductions for the fair value of the pension assets. The gross liability is calculated by an independent actuary using the unit credit method during calculations. The gross liability is discounted to the present value using the interest rate on high quality corporate bonds with almost the same term to maturity as the payment horizon of the liability.

Gains and losses that occur with the recalculation of the liability due to experience gains and losses, and changes in actuarial assumptions, are recognised against equity via the comprehensive income statement in the period they arise. The effects of changes in the schemes' plans are recognised immediately.

#### **Defined contribution scheme**

In the case of defined contribution plans, the company pays a fixed contribution to an insurance company. The company has no legal or self-imposed obligation to inject further assets if there proves to be insufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits linked to their earnings in this or earlier periods. The subscriptions are recorded as a payroll cost. Any pre-paid subscription is recorded as an asset (pension asset) to the extent that the subscription can be refunded or reduces future subscription payments.

#### **Contingent liabilities**

The group issues financial guarantees as part of its ordinary business. Gross latent liabilities are specified in note 35. Impairment assessments are made as part of assessing impairment losses on loans and in accordance with the same policies, and are reported with these, ref. note 11. Provisions are made for other uncertain liabilities if it is more probable than not that the liability will materialise and the financial consequences can be reliably calculated. Information is disclosed about contingent liabilities that do not satisfy the criteria for balance sheet recording if they are significant.

Provisions are made for restructuring costs when the group has a contractual or legal obligation, payment is probable and the amount can be estimated, and the size of the obligation can be estimated with sufficient reliability.

#### Subordinated loans and issued bonds

Subordinated loans are classified as subordinated loan capital in the balance sheet and are measured at amortized cost such as other long-term loans. The bank uses fair value hedging for measuring fixed-rate loans. The group has fund bonds that can be classified as debt or equity based on various valuation alternatives. Fund bonds, which are a nominal interest rate bond, where the group is not obliged to pay interest for a period when no dividend is paid, and where the investor also has no future claims on interest not paid, is classified as subordinated loan capital in the balance sheet. Such bonds are measured at amortized cost as other long-term loans and interest rates are not accumulated. Fund bonds which are perpetual, and where the group has a unilateral right not to pay interest to investors under certain conditions, do not satisfy the definition of financial obligations under IAS 32. Such bonds are classified as equity in the balance sheet (hybrid capital) and the interest rate is presented as a reduction in other equity.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends are recognised as equity in the period prior to being approved by the bank's annual general meeting.

#### Interest income and interest costs

Interest income and interest costs related to assets and liabilities that are measured at amortised cost are recorded continuously in the income statement in accordance with the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the interest rate that results in the present value of the expected cash flow over the expected life of a financial asset or liability being equal to the book value (carrying value) of the respective financial asset or liability.

In calculating the effective interest rate, the cash flow effect stated in the agreement is estimated, but without taking into account future credit losses. The calculation thus takes into account fees, transaction costs, premiums and discounts.

If a financial asset is written down due to impairment, a new effective interest rate is calculated based on adjusted estimated cash flows.

Interest income and expenses on financial instruments measured at fair value are classified as interest income and interest expenses, respectively. Other changes in value are classified as income from financial instruments.

#### **Commissions and commission costs**

Commissions and commission costs are generally accrued in line with the delivery/receipt of a service. Fees relating to interest-bearing instruments are not recognised as commissions, but are included in the calculation of the effective interest rate and recognised accordingly through profit or loss. Advisory/consultancy fees are accrued in accordance with the signed agreement, typically at the time the service is delivered.

The same applies to day-to-day management services. Fees and charges related to the sale or brokerage of financial instruments, properties or other investment objects that do not generate balance sheet items in the consolidated financial statements, are recognised when the transaction is completed.

# Transactions and balance sheet items in foreign currency

Transactions involving foreign currencies are converted into Norwegian krone using the exchange rates at the time of the transactions. Gains and losses related to executed transactions, or to the conversion of holdings of balance sheet items in currency on the balance sheet date are recognized in the income statement. Gains and losses on non-monetary items are included in the income statement in the same way as the corresponding balance sheet item.

The exchange rate on the balance sheet date is used when converting balance sheet items.

#### **Taxes**

Taxes consist of payable tax and deferred tax. Payable tax is the estimated tax on the year's taxable profit.

Payable tax for the period is calculated according to the tax laws and regulations enacted or substantively enacted on the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxes are accounted for using the liability method in accordance with IAS 12. Deferred tax assets or liabilities are calculated based on all the temporary differences, which are the differences between the book values of assets and liabilities for accounting purposes and for taxation purposes. However, no tax deferred liability or benefit is calculated on goodwill that does not

provide a tax deduction, nor on initially recognised items that neither affect accounting or taxable profit.

Deferred tax assets are calculated for tax loss carry forwards. Assets with deferred tax are included only to the extent that future taxable profits are expected to make it possible to exploit the related tax benefit.

#### Cash flow statement

The statement of cash flow shows cash flows grouped by source and application area. Cash is defined as cash, deposits in central banks, and deposits in financial institutions with no period of notice. The statement of cash flow is prepared using the direct method.

#### Segment reporting

A business segment is part of an entity that is engaged in providing individual products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. A geographic market (segment) is a part of a business that supplies products and services within a limited geographic area that is subject to risks and returns that are different from other geographic markets. As regards segment reporting, the group executive management team is considered to be supreme

decision-making authority. The figures in the segment reporting are based on internal reporting to group executive management team.

#### **Events after the balance sheet date**

The financial statements are published after the board has approved them. The general meeting and the regulatory authorities may refuse to approve the published financial statements subsequent to this but they cannot change them.

Events that take place before the date on which the financial statements are approved for publication, and which affect conditions that were already known on the balance sheet date, will be incorporated into the pool of information that is used when making accounting estimates and are thereby fully reflected in the financial statements. Events that were not known on the balance sheet date will be reported if they are significant.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of a going concern assumption.

The board's proposed dividend is specified in the board of directors' report and note 43. The proposed divided is classified as equity until it has finally been approved.

# NOTE 3 CRITICAL ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS CONCERNING USE OF THE ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Impairment losses on loans and guarantees

The group assesses its entire corporate market portfolio annually. Large commitments, non-performing loans and high-risk exposures are subject to quarterly assessments. Loans to retail customers are subject to evaluation when they are in default for more than 60 days. Large non-performing loans are evaluated on a quarterly basis.

The group's risk classification systems are described under financial risk management.

The group makes write-downs if there is objective evidence that can be identified for an individual commitment, and the objective evidence entails a reduction in future cash flows for servicing the commitment. Objective evidence may be default, bankruptcy, insolvency or other significant financial difficulties.

Individual write-downs are calculated as the difference between the loan's book (carrying) value and the present value of future cash flows based on the effective interest rate at the time of the calculation of the initial individual write-down. Subsequent changes in interest rates are taken into account for loan agreements with variable rates if these changes affect the expected cash flow.

Collective write-downs are calculated on groups of loans where there is objective evidence indicating that a loss event has occurred

after the initial recording of the loans. Objective evidence includes observable data that results in a measurable reduction in estimated future cash flows from the group of loans, including negative changes in the payment status of debtors in the groups of loans, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with default in the group of loans. If objective evidence of a fall in value exists, loan losses shall be calculated as the difference between the carrying amount (book value) and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate.

#### Fair value of equity interests

Financial assets assessed at fair value through profit or loss will normally be traded in active markets and the fair value can thus be determined with reasonable certainty. Market values for assets and liabilities that are recognised at amortised cost and appear in notes may be estimates based on discounted expected future cash flows, multiplier analyses or other calculation methods. Such methods can be subject to significant uncertainty. With the exception of a few equities, liquidity in the Norwegian stock market is poor. Share prices will under most circumstances be the last known traded price.

#### Fair value of derivatives

The fair value of derivatives is usually determined by using valuation methods where the price of the underlying object, for example, interest and currency rates, is obtained from the market. In the case of options, volatility will be either observed implicit volatility or calculated volatility based on historical price movements for the underlying object.

#### **NOTE 4 SEGMENT REPORTING**

The executive management team has assessed which segments are reportable based on the form of distribution, products and customers. The primary reporting format is based on the risk and return profile of the assets, and it is divided between the retail market (including self-employed people), the corporate market, capital market and subsidiaries of significant importance. Account trading/staff/support includes all staff departments and treasury area in the parent bank. The activity in SR-Boligkreditt is divided between the segments retail market and account trading/staff/support in the parent bank. Commissions from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt are reported under the item "Net commissions and other income". From 1 January 2017, SpareBank 1 SR-Finans was merged into the parent bank and the accounting figures for 2016 were distributed on the basis of estimates of 38% for the retail market and 62% for the corporate market in order to produce comparable figures.

#### Reporting per business area:

(Figures in NOK millions) 2017	Retail market	Corporate market	Capital market	Own account trading/ staff/ support	Eiendoms- Megler 1	Other business	Elimi- nations	SR-Bank Group
Interest income	1,992	1,922	135	1,724	2	3	-31	5,747
Interest costs	448	447	97	1,617	-	4	-28	2,585
Net interest income 1)	1,544	1,475	38	107	2	-1	-3	3,162
Commissions	697	340	24	7	389	199	-59	1,597
Commission costs	44	25	4	29	-	35	-58	79
Other operating income	-	-	-	8	-	-	-2	6
Net commissions and other operating income	653	315	20	-14	389	164	-3	1,524
Dividends	2	-	-	7	-	2	-	11
Income from ownership interests	-	9	-	490	-	-	-74	425
Net income/loss from financial investments	6	-3	80	61	-	14	40	198
Net income from financial investments	8	6	80	558	- -	16	-34	634
Personnel costs	415	201	53	284	226	88	-4	1,263
Administration costs	99	32	16	282	37	12	-	478
Other operating costs	94	35	6	162	101	54	-26	426
Total operating costs before impairment losses on loans	608	268	75	728	364	154	-30	2,167
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	1,598	1,529	63	-77	27	25	-10	3,153
Change in individual impairment losses on loans and guarantees	59	482	-	-	-	-	-	541
Change in group write-downs on loans and guarantees	4	-2	-	_	-	-	-	2
Pre-tax profit	1,535	1,049	63	-77	27	25	-10	2,610
Net interest income								
Net external interest income	1,549	1,475	38	102	·····-		-2	3,162
Net internal interest income	1,549 -5	1,475	-	5	2	-1	-2 -1	3,102
Net interest income	1,544	1,475	38	107	2	-1	3	3,162
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Balance sheet								
Gross loans to customers	108,700	61,060	293	2,668	-	-	-167	172,554
Individual impairments	-93	-546	-	-	-	-	-	-639
Impairments on groups of loans	-67	-611	-	-	-	-	-	-678
Certificates/bonds/financial derivatives	-	-	2,393	37,081	-	11	-2,035	37,450
Other assets	-490	1,440	169	11,327	173	1,020	-5,708	7,931
Total assets	108,050	61,343	2,855	51,076	173	1,031	-7,910	216,618
Deposits from customers	49,239	46,009	9	377	-	-	-250	95,384
Other liabilities and equity 1)	58,811	15,334	2,846	50,699	173	1,031	-7,660	121,234
Total liabilities and equity	108,050	61,343	2,855	51,076	173	1,031	-7,910	216,618
Total loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	14,114	469						14,583
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(continuation of note 4)	Retail market	Corporate market	Capital market	Own account trading/ staff/ support	Eiendoms- Megler 1	Other business	Elimi- nations	SR-Bank Group
Interest income	1,781	1,983	30	1,941	2	3	-177	5,563
Interest costs	507	526	16	1,848	_	-	-174	2,692
Net interest income 1)	1,274	1,457	46	93	2	3	-3	2,871
Commissions	668	331	48	10	348	167	-61	1,511
Commission costs	44	35	4	17	_	30	-58	72
Other operating income	-	-	-	5	-	-	-1	4
Net commissions and other operating income	624	296	44	-2	348	137	-3	1,443
Dividends	5	-	2	103	-	- -	-1	110
Income from ownership interests	-	18	-	758	-	-	-392	384
Net income/loss from financial investments	7	11	37	61	-	-1	45	160
Net income from financial investments	12	29	39	922	-	-1	-348	654
Personnel costs	400	196	54	237	205	79	-4	1,166
Administration costs	89	31	16	283	35	11	-1	464
Other operating costs	103	41	11	134	94	22	-3	402
Total operating costs before impairment losses on loans	592	268	81	654	334	112	-8	2,032
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	1,318	1,514	48	359	16	27	-346	2,936
Change in individual impairment losses on loans and guarantees	39	581	-	-	-	-	-	620
Change in group write-downs on loans and guarantees	6	152	-	-	-	-	-	158
Pre-tax profit	1,273	781	48	359	16	27	-346	2,158
Net interest income								
Net external interest income	1,319	1,531	46	-26	-	3	-2	2,871
Net internal interest income	-45	-74	-	119	2	-	-1	-
Net interest income	1,274	1,457	46	93	2	3	-3	2,871
Balance sheet								
Gross loans to customers	95,820	59,264	379	2,183	_	_	-8	157,638
Individual impairments	-65	-442	_	-	_	_	-83	-590
Impairments on groups of loans	-64	-612	-	-	-	-	_	-676
Certificates/bonds/financial derivatives	-	-	2,222	25,098	-	9	-1,990	25,339
Other assets	15	960	71	18,490	148	789	-8,777	11,696
Total assets	95,706	59,170	2,672	45,771	148	798	-10,857	193,408
Deposits from customers	47,754	37,355	4	1,072	-	-	-272	85,913
Other liabilities and equity 1)	47,952	21,815	2,668	44,699	148	798	-10,586	107,494
Total liabilities and equity	95,706	59,170	2,672	45,771	148	798	-10,857	193,408
Total loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt								
and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	24,177	517						24,694
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Net interest income and other liabilities contain allocated arrangements between the segments. The interest on intercompany receivables for the retail market division and the corporate market division is determined on the basis of expected observable market interest rates (NIBOR) plus expected additional costs in connection with the group's long-term funding (credit premium). Differences between the group's actual funding costs and the interest applied on intercompany receivables are eliminated in the parent bank.

#### (continuation of note 4)

The group primarily operates in a geographical area bounded by Grimstad in the south east and Bergen in the north west. Important asset classes (loans and deposits) are also segmented geographically in separate notes under loans and deposits.

	Rogaland		Agder		Hordaland		SR-Bank Group	
Geographic distribution	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net interest income	2,627	2,386	251	228	283	257	3,162	2,871
Net commissions and other operating income	1,229	1,164	133	126	162	153	1,524	1,443
Net income from financial investments	631	651	1	1	2	2	634	654
Operating costs	1,868	1,752	135	127	163	153	2,167	2,032
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	2,619	2,449	250	228	284	259	3,153	2,936
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	516	771	6	1	21	6	543	778
Pre-tax profit	2,103	1,678	244	227	263	253	2,610	2,158
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Gross loans to customers	139,256	127,218	16,463	15,040	16,835	15,380	172,554	157,638
Individual impairments	-546	-492	-40	-56	-53	-42	-639	-590
Impairments on groups of loans	-509	-655	-53	-8	-116	-13	-678	-676
Certificates/bonds/financial derivatives	37,450	25,339	-	-	-	-	37,450	25,339
Other assets	7,928	11,692	1	2	2	3	7,931	11,696
Total assets	183,579	163,102	16,371	14,978	16,668	15,328	216,618	193,408
Deposits from customers	85.418	76,937	5,058	4,555	4,908	4,421	95.384	85,913
Other liabilities and equity	98,161	86,165	11,313	10,423	11,760	10,907	121,234	107,494
Total liabilities and equity	183,579	163,102	16,371	14,978	16,668	15,328	216,618	193,408
Total loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt.	12,027	21,735	1,780	1,929	776	1,030	14,583	24,694

#### **NOTE 5 CAPITAL ADEQUACY**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Capital adequacy is calculated and reported in accordance with the EU's capital requirements for banks and securities undertakings (CRD IV/CRR).

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has permission from the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway to use internal measurement methods (Internal Rating Based Approach) for quantifying credit risk. The use of IRB requires the bank to comply with extensive requirements relating to organisation, expertise, risk models and risk management systems.

All capital adequacy figures are based on the transitional rule (Basel I floor) that states that the capital requirement for using internal methods cannot be less than 80% of the capital requirement according to the Basel I regulations.

The total minimum common equity tier 1 capital ratio requirement for SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, inclusive of the countercyclical buffer and Pillar 2 premium, as of 31 December 2017 was 14.0%. The requirement consists of a 4.5% minimum requirement plus other buffer requirements, which consist of a capital conservation buffer of 2.5%, a systemic risk buffer of 3.0% and a countercyclical buffer of 2.0%. The Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway has also set an individual Pillar 2 requirement of 2.0%.

Investments in associated companies and joint ventures are recognised in the group using the equity method and in accordance with the cost method in the parent bank. The investments are treated identically for the purposes of determining the capital adequacy ratio except for the group's investments in SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt, SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt, BN Bank og SpareBank 1 Kredittkort. A proportionate consolidation is carried out for the group's capital adequacy.

Paren	t bank		Group	
2016	2017		2017	2016
6,394	6,394	Share capital	6,394	6,394
1,587	1,587	Share premium reserve	1,587	1,587
575	1,087	Allocated dividend	1,087	575
52	43	Fund for unrealised gains	43	52
-	150	Hybrid capital	150	-
7,952	8,788	Other equity	10,628	9,680
16,560	18,049	Total recorded equity	19,889	18,288

Parent bank Group

(continuation of	f note 5)			
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Tier 1 capital		
_	-	Deferred tax, goodwill and other intangible assets	-116	-94
-575	-1,087	Deduction for allocated dividend	-1,087	-575
-210	-277	Deduction in expected losses IRB less loss provisions	-337	-263
	-150	Hybrid capital that cannot be included in common equity tier 1 capital	-150	
_	-	Deduction common equity tier 1 capital for essential investments in financial institutions	-72	-163
-36	-42	Value adjustment due to requirements concerning proper valuation	-38	-50
15,739	16,493	Total common equity tier 1 capital	18,089	17,143
	150	Hybrid capital	392	- 17,113
791	797	Tier 1 capital instruments	797	1,084
16,530	17,440	Total tier 1 capital	19,278	18,227
10,550	17,440	Total del Leapital	15,270	10,227
		Tier 2 capital		
1,778	1,897	Non-perpetual subordinated capital	2,254	2,276
-60	-43	Deduction for essential investments in financial institutions	-43	-60
1,718	1,854	Total tier 2 capital	2,211	2,216
18.248	19,294	Net primary capital	21,489	20,443
		Credit risk Basel II		
17,228	19,218	SME	19,220	17,231
18,176	20,724	Specialised enterprises	21,916	19,471
6,435	6,735	Other enterprises	6,868	6,785
997	1,115	Mass market SME	1,303	1,194
15,599	16,019	Mass market - mortgage on real estate	27,026	25,899
1,992	1,905	Other mass market	1,942	2,027
10,439	9,387	Equity positions	_	-
70,866	75,103	Total credit and counterparty risk IRB	78,275	72,607
68	51	States and central banks	51	68
269	118	Local and regional authorities, state-owned enterprises	140	333
3,400	1,803	Institutions	1,864	2,169
3,324	8,903	Enterprises	9,474	7,446
546	1,838	Mass market	2,531	2,058
-	-	Mass market - mortgage on real estate	1,353	2,506
1,400	2,330	Covered bonds	2,686	1,817
2,938	4,029	Equity positions	5,036	4,950
824	916	Other assets	1,678	1,726
12,769	19,988	Total credit and counterparty risk standard method	24,813	23,073
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415	562	Risk of weaker creditworthiness at counterparty (CVA)	933	701
5,458	5,591	Operational risk	7,430	7,054
-	-	Transitional scheme	8,709	13,216
89,508	101,244	Risk-weighted balance sheet	120,160	116,651
4,028	4,556	Minimum requirement common equity tier 1 capital 4.5%	5,407	5,249
		Buffer requirement		
2,238	2 ,531	Capital conservation buffer 2.5%	3,004	2,916
2,685	3,037	System risk buffer 3%	3,605	3,500
1,343	2,025	Countercyclical buffer 2.0%	2,403	1,750
6,266	7,593	Total buffer requirement for common equity tier 1 capital	9,012	8,166
5,446	4,344	Available common equity tier 1 capital after buffer requirement	3,670	3,728
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20.39 %	19.06 %	Capital adequacy	17.88 %	17.52 %
18.47 %	17.23 %	tier 1 capital ratio	16.04 %	15.63 %
1.92 %	1.83 %	tier 2 capital ratio	1.84 %	1.90 %
17.58 %	16.29 %	Common equity tier 1 capital ratio	15.05 %	14.70 %
20.39 %	19.06 %	Capital ratio IRB	19.28 %	19.76 %
18.47 %	17.23 %	Tier 1 capital ratio, IRB	17.30 %	17.62 %
17.58 %	16.29 %	Common equity tier 1 capital ratio, IRB	16.23 %	16.57 %
9.17 %	9.13 %	Leverage ratio	7.37 %	7.28 %

#### NOTE 6 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

# Risk and capital management in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank should create financial and strategic added value through:

- a good risk culture characterised by a high awareness of risk management and the group's core values
- a good understanding of which risks drive earnings
- pricing activities and products in line with their underlying risk, insofar as this is possible
- having adequate financial strength based on a chosen risk profile and simultaneously striving for optimal capital allocation to the various business areas
- · utilising diversification effects
- preventing single events seriously damaging the group's financial position

# SpareBank 1 SR-Bank bases its risk and capital management on the following main principles:

- The group's risk and capital management framework must be documented and based on the best international practices
- The group must have a management and control structure that promotes prudent, independent management and control
- The risk and capital management shall form an integral part of the management and decision process in the group
- Risk and capital management in the group shall support the group's strategic development and achievement of objectives while ensuring financial stability and sound management of assets
- The group must have a good risk culture characterised by a high awareness of risk and capital management
- The board must approve the group's desired risk profile on at least an annual basis
- SpareBank 1 SR-Bank shall have a willingness to assume risk that provides a sufficient buffer in relation to the group's risk capability, and that no single events can seriously damage the group's financial position
- The risk identification process must be implemented regularly, look forwards, and cover all significant areas of risk
- Quantification of risk must be based on recognised methods and be sufficiently conservative to properly take account of any weaknesses in the model
- Thorough analyses must be carried out of the identified risks in order to understand the risks' effects on income, costs and losses
- Based on the risk analysis, effective management and control
  measures shall be established for the individual risks based on
  the risk analysis. Measures that reduce probability shall take
  precedence over measures that reduce consequences
- The group must prepare a minimum 5-year financial prognosis
  at least once a year, and this must as a minimum cover expected
  financial developments, as well as a period involving a serious
  financial set back the serious financial set back must be severe,
  but realistic
- Return on economic capital shall be one of the most important strategic result measurements for the internal control of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank. Risk-adjusted returns shall be the basis for determining the credit-based framework for EAD between BM and PM, respectively.

- The group must carry out comprehensive, periodic risk follow-up and reporting
- The group shall, insofar as it is possible, price activities and products in line with the underlying risk to ensure the right level of risk is assumed
- The group shall draw up robust contingency and recovery plans so it can manage critical situations in the best possible way should they arise
- The group must have clear, unambiguous definitions of the various types of risk

#### SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is exposed to various types of risk:

**Credit risk:** the risk of loss resulting from the inability or unwillingness of customers or counterparties to fulfil their obligations

**Liquidity risk:** the risk that the group is unable to refinance its debt or does not have the ability to fund increases in assets without significant additional costs

**Market risk:** the risk of loss due to changes in observable market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and securities markets

**Operational risk:** the risk of losses due to weak or inadequate internal processes or systems, human error or external incidents

**Ownership risk:** the risk that SpareBank 1 SR-Bank bears if it suffers negative results from stakes in strategically owned companies and/ or the need to inject fresh capital into these companies. Owned companies are defined as companies where SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has a significant stake and influence.

**Compliance risk:** the risk that the group incurs public sanctions/ penalties or financial loss as a result of failure to comply with legislation and regulations.

**Business risk:** the risk of unexpected income and cost variations due to changes in external factors such as market conditions or government regulations

**Reputation risk:** the risk of a failure in earnings and access to capital because of lack of trust and reputation in the market, i.e. customers, counterparties, stock market and authorities

**Strategic risk:** the risk of losses resulting from the wrong strategic decisions

**Concentration risk:** the risk of an accumulation of exposure to an individual customer, sector or geographical area arising. Sectoral concentration risk is exposure that can arise across different types of risk or business areas in the group, e.g. due to common underlying risk drivers such as the price of oil

#### Risk exposure in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is exposed to various types of risk and the most important risk groups are described below:

Credit risk is managed via the framework procedures for granting credit, monitoring commitments and portfolio management.

The group's credit strategy comprises overriding credit strategy limits to ensure a diversified portfolio and a satisfactory risk profile. The limits set requirements and limitations related to overall loss profile and portfolio quality respectively.

The group particularly focuses on the concentration risk associated with exposure to large individual customers and certain industries. In order to avoid undesirable concentration risk, the strategic credit limits also set restrictions in relation to exposure and risk profile at a portfolio level, and for different industries and individual customers. These restrictions are additional to the limits stipulated by the Regulation regarding Major Commitments. The group's credit policy guidelines stipulate minimum requirements that apply to all types of financing, except commitments granted as part of the exercise of special credit hedging authorities. In addition to the general credit policy guidelines, a set of more specific credit policy guidelines related to sectors or segments that can entail a special risk have been prepared. For example, in the case of financing property commitments, minimum requirements are imposed for equity, advance sales of housing projects and degree of financing in relation to rental income on rental property.

The board is responsible for the group's granting of loans and credit, but delegates the responsibility to the chief executive, within certain limits. The chief executive then delegates these within his own authority. The delegated credit authorities are linked to a commitment's probability of default and degree of loss. The authority is personal. The credit review routines regulate in detail all factors related to the granting of credit by the group and follow-up of commitments.

The group utilises credit models for risk classification, risk pricing and portfolio management. The risk models are based on three main components:

1. **Probability of default (PD):** Customers are classified into default classes based on the probability of them defaulting during a period of 12 months, based on a long-term outcome in a complete loss cycle. The probability of default is calculated on the basis of historical series of data for financial key figures related to earnings and deterioration, as well as the basis of non-financial criteria such as conduct and age. When funding commercial property for leasing, a special credit model must be used internally that calculates the probability of default based on the expected cash flow from the leasing activities combined with behavioural criteria. Nine default classes (A – I) are used to classify the customers according to the probability of default. The group has two additional default classes (J and K) for customers with defaulted and/or written-down commitments.

- 2. Exposure at default (EAD): This is an estimate of what the group's exposure will be were a customer to default. This exposure consists of lending volume, guarantees and approved, but not drawn limits respectively. Approved, but not drawn facilities of a retail market customer has a conversion factor equal to 1. This means that the limit is assumed 100 percent withdrawn given default. For the corporate market, approved but not drawn facilities are multiplied by a conversion factor that varies between 60-90%, depending on the customer's probability of default. For guarantees, the conversion factor is an authority-set parameter set to 1 for loan guarantees and 0.5 for other warranties.
- 3. Loss given default (LGD): This is an estimate of how much the group can potentially lose if the customer defaults on his obligations. The assessment takes into account, among other things, the value of underlying collateral, degree of recovery on unsecured part of the commitment, degree of recovery before realization and collection costs. The group determines the realization value of collateral based on statistical data over time, as well as expert assessments in cases where statistical data do not have sufficient statement power. Realization values are set so that they reflect an assumed realization value in a recession based on a conservative assessment. Seven different classes are used (1-7 7) for classifying commitments in relation to loss given default.

The group continuously develops and tests the risk management system and the credit granting process to ensure that it is of high quality over time. Quantitative validation is intended to ensure that the estimates used for the probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default are always of adequately good quality. Analyses are carried out to assess the models' ability to rank the customers according to risk (discrimination ability), and the ability to determine the correct level for the risk parameters. In addition, the stability of the models' estimates and the models' cyclical sensitivity are analysed. The quantitative validation will be supplemented by more qualitative assessments in some cases. This is especially true if the amount of statistical data is limited.

In addition to the credit risk in the lending portfolio, the group has credit risk through its exposure in the liquidity reserve portfolio. This portfolio consists mainly of low risk certificates and bonds that qualify for loans from Norges Bank.

For further information please see notes 7-14.

**Liquidity risk** is managed via the group's general liquidity strategy, which is reviewed and adopted by the board at least once a year. Liquidity management is based on conservative limits and reflects the group's moderate risk profile. The group's treasury department is responsible for liquidity management, while the risk management and compliance department monitors and reports on the utilisation of limits in accordance with the liquidity strategy.

The group's lending is mainly funded by customer deposits and long-term security debt. The liquidity risk is restricted by diversifying securities issued in terms of markets, funding sources, instruments and maturity periods.

For further information see notes 17 and 18.

**Market risk** is managed through the market risk strategy, which defines the group's willingness to assume risk. The strategy and the associated specification of the necessary risk ceilings, reporting procedures and authorities are reviewed and adopted by the board at least once a year.

Market risk in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank primarily relates to the group's long-term investments in securities. In addition, the group is exposed to some market risk through trading activities in interest rate and currency markets, as well as from activities that underpin ordinary funding and lending activities. The group's market risk is measured and monitored on the basis of conservative limits that are renewed and approved by the board at least once a year. The size of the limits is determined on the basis of stress tests and analyses of negative market movements. The group's exposure to market risk is moderate.

Interest rate risk is the risk of losses incurred due to changes in interest rates. The group's interest rate risk is regulated by limits for maximum value change following a change in the interest rate level of 1 percentage point. The interest rate commitments for the group's instruments are mostly short-term and the group's interest rate risk is low.

Currency rate risk is the risk of losses due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The group measures currency risk on the basis of net positions in the different currencies in which the group has exposure. Currency risk is regulated by nominal limits for maximum aggregate currency positions and maximum positions within individual currencies. The scope of the group's trading in foreign currency is modest and the currency rate risk is considered low.

Price risk is the risk of losses that arise following changes in the value of the group's bonds, certificates, and equity instruments. The spread risk is defined as the risk of changes in the market value of bonds as a result of general changes in the credit spreads. Credit spread risk expresses the potential loss in the bond portfolios beyond the bankruptcy risk. Quantification of the risk-adjusted capital for spread risk in the bond portfolios is calculated based on the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway's model for risk-based supervision of market risk in insurance companies. The group's risk exposure to this type of risk is regulated through limits for maximum investments in the different portfolios.

For more information see notes 15, 16 and 28.

**Operational risk** is managed via a risk strategy that is set annually by the board and which defines the group's willingness to assume risk. According to the current strategy, this requires the group to strive for a good balance between trust and control that ensures efficiency is safeguarded, at the same time as ensuring it is not exposed to unnecessary risk. The strategy includes specific limits for the level of operational risk exposure that will be permitted.

In order to ensure that the management is performed on the basis of an up-to-date and relevant risk picture, the group takes a dynamic approach to managing operation risk in which new and changed risk estimates are updated on an ongoing basis and risk reducing measures are assessed. In addition to this, a total review is conducted each year for important business areas together with process and risk owners.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank regards corporate culture as the most important single factor in operational risk management. Therefore, every employee in the organisation is regularly surveyed on operational risk culture.

Ownership risk is managed through active board participation in a number of the part-owned companies. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is mainly exposed to ownership risk through its stakes in SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS (19.5%), BN Bank ASA (23.5%), SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS (8.0%), SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS (19.2%), Sparebank 1 Banksamarbeidet DA (18.0 prosent), SpareBank 1 Kredittkort AS (17.9 prosent), SpareBank 1 Betaling AS (19.7 prosent) og SMB Lab AS (20.0 prosent)

Compliance risk is governed by the compliance framework provided by the bank's compliance policy and will ensure that the group does not incur public sanctions/fines or financial losses due to non-implementation and compliance with laws and regulations. The group's compliance policy is adopted by the board and describes the main principles for responsibility and organisation.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is cognisant of the need to have good processes to ensure compliance with legislation and regulations. Focus areas are continuous monitoring of compliance with the current regulations and ensuring that the group has adapted to future regulatory changes as best as it can.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's compliance function is organised independently of the business units. The department bears overall responsibility for the framework, monitoring and reporting within the area. The investment firm and subsidiaries have their own compliance officers where this is required.

### NOTE 7 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - RECEIVABLES AND LIABILITIES

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent ba	nk		Group	
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Loans to and receivables from financial institutions		
2,314	664	At call	666	2,314
7,824	943	With agreed maturities or notice	942	2,020
10,138	1,607	Total	1,608	4,334
7,550	943	NOK	944	2,018
2,588	664	Currency	664	2 316
10,138	1,607	Total	1,608	4,334
		Debt to financial institutions		
1,813	4,537	At call	2,334	1,258
327	1	With agreed maturities or notice	1	325
2,140	4,538	Total	2,335	1,583
1,582	3,306	NOK	1,103	1,028
558	1,232	Currency	1,232	555
2,140	4,538	Total	2,335	1,583
		Received securities that can be sold or mortgaged		
1.005		Resale agreements		1.005
1,005	-	Certificates and bonds	-	1,005
1,005	<b>-</b>	Total received securities	<b>-</b>	1,005
		Of which received securities that are sold or mortgaged		
-	-	Certificates and bonds	-	-

Securities that are bought due to a buy back agreement are not recognised since the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets has not been transferred. Such transactions generally involve interest-bearing securities. Received securities, including collateral, are recognised off the balance sheet independent of whether the group is allowed to sell or mortgage the security. When received securities are sold, the group will recognise a liability on the balance sheet. The balance sheet item "Loans to and receivables from financial institutions" includes receivables with resale agreements.

# **NOTE 8 LOANS TO CUSTOMERS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent b	oank		Group	
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Distribution by type of receivable		
-	5,093	Financial leasing	5,093	5,129
19,148	17,628	Overdraft facilities and operating credits	29,573	26,635
3,216	2,556	Building loans	2,556	3,215
99,256	106,601	Instalment loans	135,281	122,981
132	116	Excess value of fixed-rate lending/amortisation of front-end fees	116	118
272	297	Accrued interest	334	301
-741	-399	Net cooperate accounts currency 1)	-399	-741
21,283	131,892	Gross loans	172,554	157,638
-434	-639	Individual impairments	-639	-590
-597	-674	Impairments on groups of loans	-678	-676
120,252	130,579	Net loans	171,237	156,372
		Distribution by market		
60,523	64,099	Retail market	104,299	91,171
60,954	67,458	Corporate market	67,883	66,497
143	321	Public sector	321	292
			116	
132	116	Excess value of fixed-rate lending/amortisation of front-end fees		118
272 -741	297 -399	Accrued interest	334 -399	301 -741
		Net cooperate accounts currency 1)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
21,283	131,892	Gross loans	172,554	157,638
-434	-639	Individual impairments	-639	-590
-597	-674	Impairments on groups of loans	-678	-676
20,252	130,579	Net loans	171,237	156,372
		Of which subordinated loan capital		
45	45	Primary capital	45	45
45	45	Subordinated loan capital recording as lending	45	45
4.045	4.047		2.462	2.500
1,945	1,947	Loans to employees	2,462	2,500
617	428	Of which loans in SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	536	815
304	227	Of which loans in SR Boligkreditt	289	418
		The terms are one percentage point lower than the standardised rate set by the Ministry of Finance.		
29,333	40,790	Loans sold to SR-Boligkreditt	-	-
15	26	Received commissions from SR-Boligkreditt	-	-
24,177	14,114	Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	14,114	24,177
145	146	Received commissions from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	146	145
517	469	Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	469	517
4	3	Received commissions from SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	3	4
		T 1.1		
77777	77.064	Total commitment by probability of default (PD) 2) 3) 4)	445.450	404040
77,337	77,861	0.00 - 0.50%	115,458	104,240
50,721	56,331	0.50 - 2.50 %	62,479	59,296
13,007	15,077	2.50 - 5.00 %	15,415	14,244
7,098	8,540	5.00 - 99.9 %	8,930	8,574
2,034	2,104	Commitments in default	2,104	2,155
.50,196	159,913	Total commitments	204,386	188,510
-19,154	-18,978	Unused credit lines for customers	-22,712	-21,037
-9,759	-9,043	Guarantees	-9,120	-9,835
.21,283	131,892	Gross loans	172,554	157,638
		Gross loans by probability of default (PD) 2) 3) 4)		
62,623	65,049	0.00 - 0.50%	98,735	87,347
41,071	46,790	0.50 - 2.50 %	52,970	49,687
10,532	11,216	2.50 - 5.00 %	11,573	11,936
5,748	6,900	5.00 - 99.9 %	7,300	7,185
1,647	1,923	Commitments in default	1,925	1,806
	413	Accrued interest and excess value of fixed-rate lending/amortisation of front-end fees	450	419
404				
404 -741	-399	Net cooperate accounts currency 1)	-399	-741

Parent			Grou	n
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Individual impairments by risk class 4)		
434	639	Commitments in default	639	590
434	639	Total	639	590
•••••	•	Expected annual average net loss by probability of default PD) 21 31 41		······
9	10	0.00 - 0.50%	11	9
73	76	0.50 - 2.50 %	77	78
56	85	2.50 - 5.00 %	86	60
90	137	5.00 - 99.9 %	138	104
6	28	Commitments in default	28	7
234	336	Total	339	258
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		Total commitments by sector and industry		
6,746	7,372	Agriculture/forestry	7,493	7,094
650	1,433	Fisheries/fish farming	1,434	900
4,866	9,825	Mining operations/extraction	9,827	5,109
3,941	3,785 6.470	Industry  Reward and water supply/building and construction	3,800 6.595	4,534
4,602 4,070	6,479 4,327	Power and water supply/building and construction Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	6,585 4,416	5,327 4,596
9,469	12,123		12,196	10,042
33,217	27,379	Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport	27,387	33,354
8,509	10,451	Property management Service sector	10,492	10,633
3,825	3,423	Public sector and financial services	3,423	3,837
79,895	86,597	Total industry	87,052	85,426
70,301	73,316	Retail market	117,334	103,084
150,196	159,913	Total	204,386	188,510
130,130			20 1,000	100,010
		Gross lending by sector and industry		
4,199	4,711	Agriculture/forestry	4,833	4,549
506	860	Fisheries/fish farming	860	755
4,535	4,874	Mining operations/extraction	4,876	4,780
2,320	3,617	Industry	3,632	2,914
2,808	3,560	Power and water supply/building and construction	3,666	3,533
2,358	2,895	Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	2,984	2,885
9,189	9,941	Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport	10,015	9,766
27,115	27,034	Property management	27,042	27,269
6,317	8,418	Service sector	8,428	8,441
1,749	1,869	Public sector and financial services	1,869	1,898
61,097	67,779	Total industry	68,204	66,789
60,523	64,099	Retail market	104,299	91,171
404	413	Accrued interest and excess value of fixed-rate lending/amortisation of front-end fees	450	419
-741	-399	Net cooperate accounts currency 1)	-399	-741
121,283	131,892	Gross loans	172,554	157,638
		Individual write-downs by sector and industry	<u>.</u>	
7	4	Agriculture/forestry	4	8
-	-	Fisheries/fish farming	-	-
-	-	Mining operations/extraction	-	-
9	28	Industry  Reward and water supply/building and construction	28	15 26
13 25	7 29	Power and water supply/building and construction  Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	7 29	26 25
25		Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants  Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport	308	25 212
93	308 89	Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport  Property management	308 89	92
93 27	89 87	Service sector	89 87	92 150
۷/	87	Public sector  Public sector and financial services	87	150
384	552	Total industry	- 552	528
50	87	Retail market	332 87	62
434	639	Total	639	590
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Parent b	ank		Group	)
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Expected annual average net loss by sector and industry 2) 3)		
2	6	Agriculture/forestry	6	
1	2	Fisheries/fish farming	2	1
18	38	Mining operations/extraction	38	20
14	30	Industry	30	18
37	40	Power and water supply/building and construction	40	38
18	24	Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	24	2
31	36	Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport	36	3
73	86	Property management	86	7
22	47	Service sector	47	2
4	6	Public sector and financial services	6	
220	315	Total industry	315	24
14	21	Retail market	24	1
234	336	Total	339	25
•	•••••		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
		Gross loans by geographic area		
82,287	86,335	Rogaland	117,332	109,30
10,532	11,997	Agder counties	15,848	13,98
19,753	22,126	Hordaland	26 651	24,11
2,490	2,565	International	2,619	2,50
6,221	8,869	Other	10,104	7,72
121,283	131,892	Gross loans	172,554	157,63
•		Loans and receivables related to financial leasing		
		-		
		Gross investments related to financial leasing		
	1,570	Up to 1 year	1,570	1,72
	2,134	Between 1 to 5 years	2,134	3,09
	1 611	Later than 5 years	1 611	50
······································	5,315	Total	5,315	5,31
		Net investments related to financial leasing		
	1,432	Up to 1 year	1,432	1,57
	1,976	Between 1 to 5 years	1,976	2,86
	1,540	Later than 5 years	1,540	48
	4,948	Total	4,948	4,93

<sup>1)</sup> Loans to customers with a positive balance on group accounts

# NOTE 9 LOANS SOLD TO SPAREBANK 1 BOLIG-KREDITT AND SPAREBANK 1 NÆRINGSKREDITT

## Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS

SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS is owned by the savings banks that make up the SpareBank 1 Alliance and shares premises with SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS in Stavanger. The bank owned a 8.0% stake as at 31 December 2017 (13.9% as at 31 December 2016). The purpose of the mortgage company is to ensure the alliance banks access to stable, long-term funding for home mortgages at competitive prices. Covered bonds issued by

SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS have an Aaa and AAA rating from Moody's and Fitch, respectively. SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS also issues bonds with a lower rating that are not covered bonds. SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS acquires loans with collateral in housing and issues covered bonds in accordance with the regulations established for this in 2007. As part of the SpareBank 1 Alliance, the bank can offer SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS the opportunity to buy loans and the bank sells loans to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS as part of its funding strategy. Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS are secured by collateral in housing up to a ceiling of 75% of their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> PD = Probability of Default

The expected average annual net loss is the amount that the parent bank and the group statistically expect to lose on the lending portfolio over a 12-month period. The calculations are based on a long-term average over an economic cycle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4)</sup> In the event of a write-down, all the loan capital is moved to the default class irrespective of earlier classification.

#### (continuation of note 9)

valuation. The sold loans are legally owned by SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and the bank has, apart from the right to administer them and receive commissions, as well as the right to take over fully or partially written down loans, no right to use the loans. At the end of December 2017, the value of transferred loans amounted to NOK 14.1 billion (NOK 24.2 billion). The Bank administers the sold loans and receives commissions based on the net return on the loans the Bank has sold less the company's costs.

#### Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS

SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS was established in 2009 and has a licence from the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway to operate as a mortgage company that issues covered bonds (OMF). OMF issued by SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS has an Aaa rating from Moody's. The company is owned by savings banks that are part of the SpareBank 1 alliance and shares premises with SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS in Stavanger. The bank owned a 19.2% stake as at 31 December 2017 (21.9% as of 31 December 2016). The purpose of the mortgage company is to ensure the banks in the alliance have access to stable, long-term funding for commercial property at competitive prices. SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS acquires loans with collateral in commercial property and issues covered bonds in accordance with the regulations established for

this in 2007. As part of the SpareBank 1 Alliance, the bank can offer the company the opportunity to buy loans and the bank sells loans as part of its funding strategy. Loans sold to SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS are secured by collateral in commercial properties up to a ceiling of 60% of their valuation. The sold loans are legally owned by SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS and the bank has, apart from the right to administer them and receive commissions for this and the right to take over fully or partially written down loans, no right to use the loans. At the end of December 2017, the value of sold loans amounted to NOK 0.47 billion (NOK 0.52 billion). The Bank administers the sold loans and receives commissions based on the net return on the loans the Bank has sold less the company's costs.

The loans sold to SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS are very well collateralised and are very unlikely to result in losses.

The agreements between the bank and SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt AS mean that the bank has transferred practically all risks and benefits of ownership related to the sold loans. The sale is therefore treated as a pure sale and the loans are thus fully eliminated from the bank's balance sheet.

#### NOTE 10 AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DUE BUT NOT WRITTEN DOWN LOANS

(Figures in NOK millions)

The table below shows amounts due on loans, overdrafts/deposits and by number of days after their due date that are not due to delays in money-transfer services.

### Parent bank

2017	Less than 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	More than 91 days	Total
Loans to customers					
- Retail market	950	104	33	125	1 212
- Corporate market	1,381	180	3	68	1,632
Total	2,331	284	36	193	2,844
2016					
Loans to customers	,				
- Retail market	1,190	49	4	74	1,317
- Corporate market	356	26	-	253	635
Total	1,546	75	4	327	1,952
Group					
2017					
Loans to customers	,				
- Retail market	1,079	120	33	125	1 357
- Corporate market	1,381	180	3	68	1,632
Total	2,460	300	36	193	2,989
2016					
Loans to customers	'				
- Retail market	1,347	61	6	89	1,503
- Corporate market	395	31	3	261	690
Total	1,742	92	9	350	2,193

# NOTE 11 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS AND GUARANTEES

(Figures in NOK millions)

# Parent bank

	2017					
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	Retail market	Corporate market	Total	Retail ( market	Corporate market	Total
Change in individual impairments in the period	28	28	56	-2	236	234
Change in collective impairments in the period	1	-1	-	3	144	147
Realised losses on commitments previously written down	14	248	262	31	95	126
Realised losses on commitments not previously written down	18	213	231	5	173	178
Change in impairments in repossessed assets in the period	1	-	1	-	-	-
Amortised loans	-1	9	8	-1	7	6
Recoveries on loans and guarantees previously written down  Total impairment losses on loans and guarantees	-7 54	-9 488	16 542	-3 33	-4 651	-7 684
Individual impairments			•	•	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
Individual impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 1 Jan	61	461	522	63	225	288
Individual impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 1 Jan SR-Finans	4	70	74			200
Realised losses in the period on loans and guarantees previously written down individually	-14	-248	-262	-31	-95	-126
Reversal of impairments in previous years	-8	-15	-23	-6	-40	-46
$Increase\ in\ impairments\ in\ commitments\ previously\ written\ down\ individually$	3	160	163	11	22	33
Amortised cost	2	1	3	1	-8	-7
Impairments in commitments not previously written down individually	45	130	175	23	357	380
Individual impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 31 Dec	93	559	652	61	461	522
Impairments on groups of loans						
Impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 1 Jan	48	550	598	45	406	451
Impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as of 1 Jan SR-Finans	14	62	76			
Impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees in the period	1	-1	<b>-</b>	3	144	147
Collective impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 31 Dec	63	611	674	48	550	598
Impairments by sector and industry						
Agriculture/forestry		1 %	4		0 %	3
Fisheries/fish farming		0 %	-		0 %	-
Mining operations/extraction		0%	-		0 %	-
Industry  Power and water supply/building and construction		0 %	1		1 %	4
Power and water supply/building and construction Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants		1 % 3 %	-3 15		1 % 1 %	8 5
Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport		35 %	188		28 %	194
Property management		6 %	33		4 %	30
Service sector		46%	250		40 %	271
Transferred from impairments in groups of loans		0 %	-		21 %	147
Retail market		10 %	54		3 %	22
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees		100 %	542		100 %	684
Non-performing and impaired commitments		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Non-performing commitments		555	917	829	395	804
Other impaired commitments		1,562	1,069	493	481	378
Total impaired loans		2,117	1,986	1,322	876	1,182
Individual impairment losses on loans and guarantees		-652	-522	-288	-302	-405
Net impaired commitments		1,465	1,464	1,034	574	777

#### Group

Group		2017			2016	
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	Retail market	Corporate market	Total		Corporate	Total
Change in individual impairments in the period	28	28	56	market 2	market 275	Total 277
Change in collective impairments in the period	4	-2	2	6	152	158
Realised losses on commitments previously written down	14	248	262	31	111	142
Realised losses on commitments previously written down	18	213	231	18	190	208
Change in impairments in repossessed assets in the period	10	-	1	-	-	200
Amortised loans	-1	8	7	-1	7	6
Recoveries on loans and quarantees previously written down	-7	-9	16	-8	-5	-13
Total impairment losses on loans and guarantees	57	486	543	48	730	778
Individual impairments						
Individual impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 1 Jan	65	530	595	63	255	318
Realised losses in the period on loans and guarantees previously written	05	330	393	03	233	310
down individually	-14	-248	-262	-31	-110	-141
Reversal of impairments in previous years	-8	-15	-23	-6	-45	-51
Increase in impairments in commitments previously written down individually	3	160	163	11	22	33
Amortised cost	2	2	4	1	-8	-7
Impairments in commitments not previously written down individually	45	130	175	27	416	443
Individual impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 31 Dec	93	559	652	65	530	595
Impairments on groups of loans						
Impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 1 Jan	64	612	676	58	460	518
Impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees in the period	4	-2	2	6	152	158
Collective impairments to cover losses on loans and guarantees as at 31 Dec	68	610	678	64	612	676
Impairments by sector and industry						
Agriculture/forestry		1 %	4		1 %	4
Fisheries/fish farming		0 %	-		0 %	-
Mining operations/extraction		0 %	-		0 %	-
Industry		0 %	1		1 %	10
Power and water supply/building and construction		1 %	-3		3 %	21
Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants		3 %	15		1 %	5
Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport		35 %	188		25 %	195
Property management		6 %	33		4 %	29
Service sector		46%	250		41%	322
Transferred from impairments in groups of loans		0 %	-		20 %	158
Retail market		10 %	55		4 %	34
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees		100 %	543		100 %	778
Non-performing and impaired commitments		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Non-performing commitments		555	1,070	853	427	830
Other impaired commitments		1,562	1,141	548	513	439
Total impaired loans		2,117	2,211	1,401	940	1,269
Individual impairment losses on loans and guarantees		-652	-595	-318	-322	-446

The interest on commitments in 2017 with an impairment as of 31 December 2017 amounts to NOK 72 million in the parent bank and NOK 72 million in the group. The fair value of the collateral related to loans and receivables that are the object of individual write-downs is equal to the book value plus the impairment. The collateral is in the form of cash, securities, guarantees and properties.

# NOTE 12 CREDIT RISK EXPOSURE FOR EACH INTERNAL RISK CLASS

(Figures in NOK millions)

	Average unsecured exposure	Total commitments	Average unsecured exposure	Total commitments
Parent bank	20:	L7	201	16
Probability of default (PD) 1)				
0.00 - 0.50%	23.6 %	77,861	27.5 %	77,337
0.50 - 2.50 %	28.6 %	56,331	30.0 %	50,721
2.50 - 5.00 %	37.9 %	15,077	33.6 %	13,007
5.00 - 99.9 %	37.7 %	8,540	33.1 %	7,098
Non-performing and written down	53.9 %	2,104	42.6 %	2,034
Total	27.9 %	159,913	29.3 %	150,196
Group				
Probability of default (PD) 1)				
0.00 - 0.50%	18.2 %	115,458	22.4 %	104,240
0.50 - 2.50 %	26.9 %	62,479	28.1 %	59,296
2.50 - 5.00 %	36.9 %	15,415	33.3 %	14,244
5.00 - 99.9 %	36.9 %	8,930	32.9 %	8,574
Non-performing and written down	54.2 %	2,104	42.7 %	2,155
Total	23.4 %	204,386	25.8 %	188,510

<sup>1)</sup> PD = probability of default

# NOTE 13 MAXIMUM CREDIT RISK EXPOSURE

(Figures in NOK millions)

Maximum exposure to credit risk for balance sheet components, including derivatives. Exposure is shown gross before assets pledged as security and permitted offsetting.

Parent	bank		Grou	р
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Assets		
889	13	Receivables from the central bank	13	889
10,138	1,607	Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	1,608	4,334
120,252	130,579	Loans to and receivables from customers	171,237	156,372
22,042	32,203	Certificates and bonds	31,909	21,024
5,057	6,033	Derivatives	5,541	4,315
158,378	170,435	Total credit risk exposure balance sheet items	210,308	186,934
		Financial guarantees and loan commitments		
9,759	9,043	Guarantees customers	9,120	9,835
588	588	Guarantees others	588	588
5,371	5,000	Unused credit lines for financial institutions	-	-
19,154	18,978	Unused credit lines for customers	22,712	21,037
1,558	4,824	Loan commitments	4,749	1,650
36,430	38,433	Total financial guarantees and loan commitments	37,169	33,110
				•
194,808	208,868	Total credit risk exposure	247,477	220,044

# Credit risk exposure related to financial assets by geographic area

Parent b	oank		Group	•
2016	2017	Banking operations	2017	2016
115,882	113,587	Rogaland	142,404	133,119
13,099	14,882	Agder counties	19,096	16,850
24,492	27,303	Hordaland	32,256	28,992
3,115	3,156	International	3,216	3,034
11,121	11,704	Other	13,055	12,710
167,709	170,632	Total banking operations	210,027	194,705
		Market activities		
10,880	15,447	Norway	15,153	10,091
10,886	16,179	Europe/Asia	16,179	10,657
276	577	North America/Oceania	577	276
22,042	32,203	Total market activities	31,909	21,024
5,057	6,033	Derivatives	5,541	4,315
194,808	208,868	Total by geographic area	247,477	220,044

# NOTE 14 CREDIT QUALITY PER CLASS OF FINANCIAL ASSET

(Figures in NOK millions)

The Bank manages the credit quality of financial assets in accordance with its internal credit rating guidelines. The table shows the credit quality per class of asset for loan-related assets in the balance sheet, based on the customer's probability of default in % (PD).

					Commit- ments in	Write-	
2017	0.00 - 0.50%	0.50 - 2.50 %	2.50 - 5.00 %	5.00 - 99.99 %	default	downs	Total
Net loans							
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	1,607	-	-	-	-	-	1,607
Loans to and receivables from customers							
- Retail market	48,342	13,173	843	1,345	396	-156	63,943
- Corporate market	16,614	33,404	10,321	5,523	1,518	-1,157	66,223
- Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	413
Total net loans	66,563	46,577	11,164	6,868	1,914	-1,313	132,186
Financial investments							
Norwegian government bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Listed certificates and bonds	31,302	154	1	92	2	-	31,551
Unlisted certificates and bonds	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Accrued interest	148	2	-	2	-	-	152
Total financial investments	31,950	156	1	94	2	-	32,203
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Total loan-related assets  Parent bank	98,513	46,733	11,165	6,962	1,916	-1,313	164,389
Total loan-related assets	98,513	46,733	11,165	6,962	1,916	-1,313	164,389
Total loan-related assets  Parent bank	98,513	46,733	11,165	6,962	1,916	-1,313	164,389
Total loan-related assets  Parent bank  2016	98,513 10,138	46,733	11,165	6,962	1,916	-1,313	
Parent bank  2016 Net loans		46,733	11,165	-	1,916	-1,313	
Parent bank  2016  Net loans Loans to and receivables from financial institutions		<b>46,733</b> - 11,569	<b>11,165</b> - 778	- 1,310	<b>1,916</b>	-1,313 - - -108	10,138
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions Loans to and receivables from customers	10,138	-	-	-	-	-	10,138 60,415
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market	10,138 46,676	11,569	778	1,310	- 190	-108	10,138 60,415 59,433
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate	10,138 46,676	11,569	778	1,310	- 190	-108	10,138 60,415 59,433 404
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees	10,138 46,676 16,172	- 11,569 29,749 -	- 778 8,172 -	- 1,310 5,536 -	- 190 727 -	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees  Total net loans	10,138 46,676 16,172	- 11,569 29,749 -	- 778 8,172 -	- 1,310 5,536 -	- 190 727 -	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees  Total net loans  Financial investments	10,138 46,676 16,172	- 11,569 29,749 -	- 778 8,172 -	- 1,310 5,536 -	- 190 727 -	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404 130,390
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees  Total net loans  Financial investments  Norwegian government bonds	10,138 46,676 16,172 - 72,986	- 11,569 29,749 - 41,318	- 778 8,172 - 8,950	- 1,310 5,536 - 6,846	- 190 727 - 917	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404 130,390
Parent bank  2016  Net loans Loans to and receivables from financial institutions Loans to and receivables from customers - Retail market - Corporate market - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees  Total net loans  Financial investments Norwegian government bonds Listed certificates and bonds	10,138 46,676 16,172 - 72,986	- 11,569 29,749 - 41,318	- 778 8,172 - 8,950	- 1,310 5,536 - 6,846	- 190 727 - 917	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404 130,390
Parent bank  2016  Net loans  Loans to and receivables from financial institutions  Loans to and receivables from customers  - Retail market  - Corporate market  - Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees  Total net loans  Financial investments  Norwegian government bonds  Listed certificates and bonds  Unlisted certificates and bonds	10,138 46,676 16,172 - 72,986	- 11,569 29,749 - 41,318	- 778 8,172 - 8,950	- 1,310 5,536 - 6,846	- 190 727 - 917	- -108 -923 -	10,138 60,415 59,433 404 130,390 - 20,605 1,306 131 22,042

Group					Commit- ments in	Write-	
2017	0.00 - 0.50%	0.50 - 2.50 %	2.50 - 5.00 %	5.00 - 99.99 %	default	downs	Total
Net loans							
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	1,608	-	-	-	-	-	1,608
Loans to and receivables from customers							
- Retail market	81,670	19,279	1,215	1,733	402	-160	104,139
- Corporate market	16,867	33,546	10,327	5,547	1,518	-1,157	66,648
- Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
Total net loans	100,145	52,825	11,542	7,280	1,920	-1,317	172,845
Financial investments							
Norwegian government bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Listed certificates and bonds	31,003	154	1	92	2	-	31,252
Unlisted certificates and bonds	500	10	-	-	-	-	510
Accrued interest	143	2	-	2	-	-	147
Total financial investments	31,646	166	1	94	2	-	31,909
Total loan-related assets	131,791	52,991	11,543	7,374	1,922	-1,317	204,754
2016							
<b>Net loans</b> Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	4,305						4,305
Loans to and receivables from customers	4,303	-	-	-	-	-	4,303
- Retail market	70,606	17,536	1,075	1,741	213	-129	91,042
- Corporate market	16,770	32,813	9,083	6,524	857	-1,137	64,911
•	10,770	32,013	5,005	0,524	037	1,157	04,511
<ul> <li>Accrued interest, excess value of fixed-rate lending and amortisation of front-end fees</li> </ul>	-	-	-	-	-	-	419
Total net loans	91,681	50,349	10,158	8,265	1 070	-1,266	160,677
Financial investments							
Norwegian government bonds	-	-	-	-	_	_	-
Listed certificates and bonds	19,340	143	6	88	4	-	19,581
Unlisted certificates and bonds	1,303	8	-	3	-	-	1,314
Accrued interest	127	1	-	1	-	-	129
Total financial investments	20,770	152	6	92	4	-	21,024
Total loan-related assets	112,451	50,501	10,164	8,357	1,074	-1,266	181,701

### Classification of financial investments:

Bonds are allocated to SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's estimated PD based on external ratings. If a security has an official rating, this must be applied, but if no official rating exists, external brokers' shadow ratings are used as the basis for risk classification. The overview below illustrates the relationship between SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's PD and Standard & Poor's rating matrix (Long-Term Credit Ratings).

Bank's risk classification	S&P rating
PD 0.00% - 0.50%	AAA to BBB-
PD 0.50% - 2.50%	BB+ to BB-
PD 2.50% - 5.00%	В
PD 5.00 - 99.99 %	B and lower

#### NOTE 15 MARKET RISK RELATED TO INTEREST RATE RISK

(Figures in NOK millions)

The table specifies the effect on the result of a positive parallel shift in the interest rate curve of 1 percentage point at the end of the last 2 years before tax if all financial instruments are measured at fair value.

Parent	bank		Group	
2016	2017		2017	2016
-28	-45	Certificates and bonds	-45	-28
-21	16	Fixed-rate loans to customers	16	-21
-58	-39	Other loans and deposits	-83	-86
87	67	Securities issued	121	127
-3	1	Other	1	-3
-23	-32	Total interest rate risk	-22	-11
-18	-21	Maturity bands 0 - 3 months	-11	-6
-4	-	3 - 6 months	-	-4
13	-3	6 - 9 months	-3	13
5	2	9 - 12 months	2	5
-6	-1	12 - 18 months	-1	-6
-	-2	18 - 24 months	-2	-
-13	-7	2 - 10 years	-7	-13
-	-	10 years +	-	-
-23	-32	Total interest rate risk	-22	-11
_	_	Currency		_
5	7	NOK	17	-2
-23	-27	EUR	-27	-4
-6	-11	USD	-11	-6
3	-1	CHF	-1	3
-2	-	Other	-	-2
-23	-32	Total interest rate risk	-22	-11

Interest rate risk arises because the Group's assets and liabilities may be subject to different fixed-rate periods. Interest rate instrument trading must at all times comply with the adopted limits and authorities. The group's limits define quantitative targets for maximum potential loss by a parallel shift in the yield curve of one percentage point.

The limit is NOK 85 million divided between NOK 50 million and NOK 35 million on the total balance of Treasury and SR-Bank Markets, respectively. The commercial risk is quantified and monitored continuously.

# NOTE 16 MARKET RISK RELATED TO CURRENCY RISK

(Figures in NOK millions)

The table shows net foreign currency exposure including financial derivatives as at 31 December, calculated in accordance with section 38-3 of the Capital Requirements Regulations.

Parent	bank		Grou	яþ
2016	2017		2017	2016
		Currency		
-75	-31	EUR	-31	-75
-	1	USD	1	-
-13	-	CHF	-	-13
-1	-	GBP	-	-1
-1	3	SEK	3	-1
-	-38	DKK	-38	-
1	2	Other	2	1
-89	-63	Total	-63	-89
2.7		Effect on result of 3% change before tax	-1.9	2.7

Currency risk arises when differences exist between the group's assets and liabilities in the individual currency. Currency trading must at all times comply with the adopted limits and authorities. The group's limits define quantitative targets for the maximum net exposure in currency, measured in NOK. The commercial risk is quantified and monitored continuously.

The Group has defined limits for the net exposure in each currency, as well as limits for aggregated net currency exposure (expressed as the highest of the sum of long and short positions). The overnight price risk for spot trading in currencies must not exceed NOK 100 million per individual currency, and NOK 175 million in aggregate.

# **NOTE 17 LIQUIDITY RISK**

(Figures in NOK millions)

The table shows cash flows including contractual interest maturity.

Parent bank 1)

2017	Upon request	Less than 3 months	3 - 12 months	1 - 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Debt to financial institutions	3,422	1,116	-	-	-	4,538
Deposits from customers	95,635	-	-	-	-	95,635
Securities issued	-	999	10,618	33,598	9,604	54,819
Subordinated loan capital	-	10	102	491	2 875	3,478
Total liabilities	99,057	2,125	10,720	34,089	12,479	158,470
Derivatives						
Contractual cash flows out	-	-41,109	-19,686	-30,862	-14,823	-106,480
Contractual cash flows in	-	42,138	20,230	31,923	14,311	108,602
2016						
Debt to financial institutions	1,831	318	-	-	-	2,149
Deposits from customers	86,183	-	-	-	-	86,183
Securities issued	-	6,968	1,501	36,254	10,921	55,644
Subordinated loan capital	-	13	123	546	3,139	3,821
Total liabilities	88,014	7,299	1,624	36,800	14,060	147,797
Derivatives						
Contractual cash flows out	-	-31,703	-13,906	-36,021	-10,781	-92,411
Contractual cash flows in	-	32,046	14,223	38,668	11,530	96,467
Group 1)						
2017						
Debt to financial institutions	1,219	1,116	-	-	-	2,335
Deposits from customers	95,384	-	-	-	-	95,384
Securities issued	-	1,073	10,899	61,465	22,078	95,515
Subordinated loan capital	-	10	102	491	2 875	3,478
Total liabilities	96,603	2,199	11,001	61,956	24,953	196,712
Derivatives						
Contractual cash flows out	-	-40,975	-19,287	-12,226	-3,886	-76,374
Contractual cash flows in	-	42,063	19,944	13,347	2,820	78,174
2016						
Debt to financial institutions	1,274	318	-	-	-	1,592
Deposits from customers	85,913	-	-	-	-	85,913
Securities issued	-	7,039	1,728	57,337	16,617	82,721
Subordinated loan capital	-	13	123	546	3,139	3,821
Total liabilities	87,187	7,370	1,851	57,883	19,756	174,047
Derivatives						
Contractual cash flows out	-	-31,702	-13,852	-24,361	-5,898	-75,813
Contractual cash flows in	-	31,991	13,972	25,768	6,301	78,032

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1)}}$  Also see note 6 financial risk management.

# NOTE 18 MATURITY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND DEBT/LIABILITIES

(Figures in NOK millions)

#### Parent bank

31/12/2017	On request 1)	Less than 3 months	3 - 12 months	1 - 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Assets						
Cash and receivables from the central bank	194	13	-	-	-	207
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	-	729	-	860	18	1,607
Gross loans to customers	19,722	1,895	7,284	32,849	70,142	131,892
- Individual impairments	-639	-	-	-	-	-639
- Impairments on groups of loans	-674	-	-	-	-	-674
Loans to customers	-18,409	1,895	7,284	32,849	70,142	130,579
Certificates and bonds	152	2,780	8,723	19,800	748	32,203
Financial derivatives	1,767	1,111	508	1,535	1,112	6,033
Equities, units and other equity interests	507	-	-	-	-	507
Operations that will be sold	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in ownership interests	2,363	-	-	-	-	2,363
Investments in group companies	4,853	-	-	-	-	4,853
Tangible fixed assets and intangible assets	329	-	-	-	-	329
Other assets	395	-	-	-	-	395
Total assets	28,969	6,528	16,515	55,044	72,020	179,076
Liabilities						
Debt to financial institutions	3,422	1 116	-		-	4,538
Deposits from customers	95,635	-	-	-	-	95,635
Securities issued	560	635	10,124	35,048	4,940	51,307
Financial derivatives	2,505	57	139	1,311	1,001	5,013
Payable tax	393	-	-	-	-	393
Deferred tax liabilities	417	-	-	-	-	417
Other liabilities	960	-	-	-	-	960
Subordinated loan capital	-	-	-	-	2,764	2,764
Total liabilities	103,892	1,808	10,263	36,359	8,705	161,027

#### Group

	Upon	Less than 3	3 - 12		More than	
31/12/2017	request 1)	months	months	1 - 5 years	5 years	Total
Assets						
Cash and receivables from the central bank	194	13	-	-	-	207
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	-	730	-	860	18	1,608
Gross loans to customers	19,763	2,117	7,960	36,608	106,106	172,554
- Individual impairments	-639	-	-	-	-	-639
- Impairments on groups of loans	-678	-	_	-	-	-678
Loans to customers	18,446	2,117	7,960	36,608	106,106	171,237
Certificates and bonds at fair value	147	2,780	8,723	19,636	623	31,909
Financial derivatives	1,807	1,110	508	1,129	987	5,541
Equities, units and other equity interests	717	-	-	-	-	717
Operations that will be sold	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in ownership interests	3,953	-	-	-	-	3,953
Investments in group companies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets and intangible assets	668	-	-	-	_	668
Other assets	778	-	-	-	_	778
Total assets	26,710	6 750	17,191	58,233	107,734	216,618
Liabilities						
Debt to financial institutions	1,219	1,116	-		_	2,335
Deposits from customers	95,384	-	-	-	-	95,384
Securities issued	721	635	10,124	61,958	17,059	90,497
Financial derivatives	2,432	57	139	729	430	3,787
Payable tax	487	-	-	-	_	487
Deferred tax liabilities	393	-	-	-	-	393
Other liabilities	1,082	-	-	-	-	1,082
Subordinated loan capital	-	-	-	-	2,764	2,764
Total liabilities	101.718	1,808	10,263	62,687	20,253	196,729

<sup>1)</sup> Overdraft facilities and operating credits (including flexi loans) and accrued interest are included in the 'upon request' interval.

Deposits, with the exception of fixed-rate deposits, have been added to the 'upon request' column but there is no expectation that all deposits would have to be settled within a short space of time.

 $Non-financial\ assets\ and\ liabilities\ have\ for\ presentation\ purposes\ been\ added\ to\ the\ 'upon\ request'\ column.$ 

# **NOTE 19 NET INTEREST INCOME**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank Group				up								
	2016			2017				2017			2016	
Assessed at fair value	Assessed at amor- tised cost	Total	Assessed at fair value	Assessed at amor- tised cost	Total		Total	Assessed at amor- tised cost	Assessed at fair value	Total	Assessed at amor- tised cost	Assessed at fair value
						Interest income						
-	178	178	-	57	57	Interest on receivables from financial institutions	51	51	-	38	38	-
371	3,813	4,184	286	3,980	4,266	Interest on lending to customers	5,160	4,874	286	5,035	4,664	371
418	28	446	433	35	468	Interest on certificates and bonds	464	35	429	425	28	397
-	60	60	-	72	72	Interest on written down loans	72	72	-	65	65	-
789	4,079	4,868	719	4,144	4,863	Total interest income	5,747	5,032	715	5,563	4,795	768
						Interest costs						
640	40	680	610	41	651	Interest on debt to financial institutions	826	35	791	678	38	640
-	843	843	-	835	835	Interest on deposits from customers	830	830	-	839	839	-
-551	1,229	678	-608	1,049	441	Interest on securities issued	761	1,370	-609	969	1,561	-592
-34	163	129	-36	139	103	Interest on subordinated loan capital	103	139	-36	129	163	-34
-	77	77	_	65	65	Fee to the Norwegian Banks Guarantee Fund	65	65	-	77	77	-
55	2,352	2,407	-34	2,129	2,095	Total interest costs	2,585	2,439	146	2,692	2,678	14
734	1,727	2,461	753	2,015	2 768	Net interest income	3,162	2,593	569	2,871	2,117	754

# NOTE 20 NET COMMISSIONS AND OTHER OPERATING INCOME

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Group	)
2016	2017		2017	2016
118	107	Guarantee commissions	107	114
8	6	Interbank commissions	6	8
17	15	Securities trading	15	17
-	-	Management	98	85
126	121	Brokerage commissions	89	86
164	175	Commissions from mortgage companies	149	149
309	318	Money-transfer services	318	308
194	208	Insurance services	208	198
-	-	Fee accounting	96	81
118	119	Other commissions	122	117
-	-	Property sales	389	348
1,054	1,069	Total commissions	1,597	1,511
4	4	Interbank commissions	4	4
61	62	Money-transfer services	62	61
3	10	Other commission costs	13	7
68	76	Total commission costs	79	72
5	6	Operating income from investment properties	4	4
-	2	Other operating income	2	-
5	8	Total other operating income	6	4
991	1,001	Net commissions and other operating income	1,524	1,443

#### NOTE 21 NET INCOME/LOSSES FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Grou	ıp
2016	2017		2017	2016
8	92	Net gain/loss on equity instruments	136	51
-146	-140	Net gain/loss on bonds and certificates	-152	-156
158	143	Net derivatives, bonds and certificates	143	158
2	2	Net counterparty risk, inclusive of CVA	2	2
-25	-2	Net derivatives, fixed-rate	-2	-24
12	-28	Net derivatives, debt	-1	7
12	67	Net derivatives, basis swap spread	-32	-15
124	104	Net gain currency	104	137
145	238	Net income/loss from financial investments	198	160

# NOTE 22 REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

#### Information about the remuneration scheme

The Financial Business Act and the Financial Business Regulations regulate remuneration schemes for financial companies. The company shall disclose information about its remuneration scheme, including information on the main principles for determining remuneration, criteria for determining possible variable remuneration, and quantitative information on remuneration for executive personnel, employees with significant tasks for the company's risk exposure, employee representatives and employees with control tasks.

Disclosure of information about the company's remuneration scheme, including the board's statement of salary determination and other remuneration to executive personnel, is given in this note in accordance with applicable rules.

#### SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's remuneration policy

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has an established remuneration scheme that applies to all employees. The guidelines cover fixed salaries, variable remuneration and employee benefits (pensions, insurance cover and other employee benefits).

The group's remuneration scheme shall:

- be consistent with the group's overall objectives, risk tolerance and long-term interests
- help promote and encourage good management and control of the group's risk
- counter overly high or undesirable risk taking
- help to avoid conflicts of interest
- comply with the Financial Business Regulations, chapter 15

The total remuneration shall be competitive, but the group shall not be a wage leader. It shall ensure that the group attracts, develops and retains competent employees over time. The arrangements will ensure a reward model that is perceived to be fair, predictable and future-oriented and motivating.

Variable remuneration shall reflect/be associated with extraordinary results that employees, departments, divisions and the group deliver. Variable remuneration shall be built up under the group's vision, strategic position and value base, as well as prevent the employee from incurring undesirable risks in accordance with the regulations.

Separate special arrangements for variable remuneration for SR-Bank Markets and its subsidiaries have been adopted, based on adaptation to industry standards.

#### **Decision process**

The board of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has a remuneration committee consisting of the chairman, one board member and one elected board member.

The Remuneration Committee prepares matters for the Board and is mainly responsible for:

- annually reviewing and proposing the total salary and remuneration for the CEO
- annually considering proposals for corporate scorecard (CEO's scorecard)
- annually considering the group's remuneration scheme, including the guiding principles for variable remuneration
- advising the CEO on matters relating to salary and other remuneration and other personnel-related issues for the group's executive personnel
- ensuring that the practice of the group's remuneration arrangements are reviewed annually by an independent control function
- preparing a statement on the fixing of salaries and other remuneration to executive personnel (ref. section 6-16a of the Public Limited Liability Companies Act)
- considering other conditions as determined by the board and/or remuneration committee
- evaluating remuneration schemes in relation to reputation risk

(continuation of note 22)

#### Guidelines for the coming financial year

#### Performance bonus

The group has a bonus scheme which includes all employees. Performance bonuses are set at an equal percentage of salary, and can, as a maximum, amount to 6.0 month's salary. The performance bonus is set by the board based on the financial targets achieved. The performance bonus is paid entirely in cash.

#### **CEO's remuneration**

The CEO's total remuneration consists of a fixed salary (main element), variable remuneration, benefits in kind, and pension and insurance plans. The chief executive's fixed salary and variable remuneration are set annually by the board based on the recommendation of the remuneration committee.

Assessment of the fixed salary is based on results achieved, stock price development, reputation considerations and wage developments in comparable positions.

Variable remuneration for 2018 will be set based on the achievement of objectives related to the following main criteria: long-term financial targets, financial and non-financial targets related to the fiscal year and a discretionary bonus element after review by the board.

The CEO can receive performance bonuses on a par with other employees. Any variable remuneration, including performance bonuses, may amount to up to 35% of fixed salary including holiday pay. No performance-based benefits are paid over and above the said schemes. Variable remuneration is not included in pensionable salary. Variable remuneration cannot be awarded to the CEO if no performance bonus is paid.

The CEO may also receive benefits in kind to the extent that the benefits are related to the CEO's function in the group and are in line with market practice in general.

A lifelong pension agreement has been concluded with the CEO in which the retirement age is at the end of the year in which the CEO turns 64. The annual service pension up until when the chief executive turns 67 amounts to 67% of pensionable pay. From the age of 67, the chief executive will receive a supplementary retirement pension which, together with other pension rights, will constitute 67% of pensionable pay, assuming full earning period.

The CEO has no agreement concerning termination benefits if he leaves his post prior to reaching retirement age.

# Remuneration to other members of the group's executive management team

The CEO determines **the fixed remuneration** of the group's executive management team based on the limits discussed by the remuneration committee and guidelines adopted by the board. The remuneration is determined based on an assessment of

performance and conditions in the market for the various areas and should promote good performance and ensure that the group achieves strategic goals. The remuneration arrived at must not damage the group's reputation nor shall the group be a market leader.

The **variable** part of the remuneration to the group's executive management team follows the same measurement as the CEO. The executive vice president, risk management and the executive vice president organisation and HR receive no variable remuneration beyond group bonuses.

**Benefits in kind** can be offered to the group's executive management team members to the extent that benefits are linked to each function in the group and are in line with market practice in general.

The pension scheme should be seen in the context of other remuneration and should provide competitive terms. As of 2011, new members of the group executive management team will be included in the defined-contribution pension scheme with a retirement age 70 and pension fund limited to 12G. The deposit rates are 7 percent of the pension base up to 7.1G, and 22 per cent of the pension basis between 7.1G and 12G. There is a member of the group executive management team who currently has this pension scheme. The two newly appointed members of the group executive management team that start in 2018 will have the same arrangement. Members of the group executive management team who have a retirement age of 62 years, and are between the ages of 62 and 67, are entitled to a pension equivalent to 70% of pensionable income in the form of service pension. From the age of 67, they will receive a supplementary retirement pension which, together with the SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's pension fund, pension from the National Insurance Scheme and statutory early retirement pension (AFP), will constitute 70% of pensionable pay, assuming full earning period.

No members of the group's executive management team have an agreement concerning termination benefits upon leaving his/her post prior to reaching retirement age.

#### Goal structure 2018

The board shall annually discuss and adopt the group's remuneration scheme including a strategy and guiding principles for variable remuneration. For the financial year 2018, the board has resolved that the following criteria shall be decisive for the group's executive management team including the CEO: 3-year measurement related to returns on equity after tax against targets and returns measured against comparable financial institutions. 1-year measurement related to selected goals related to financial and non-financial key strategic goals at group and/or division level. In addition to this, an assessment will also be made relating to the individual's performance of his/her own role. For the CEO, the board in this assessment will emphasize the ability to change management in accordance with strategy and value base. In order for a bonus to be achieved, selected thresholds related to liquidity, solvency and return must be achieved in the last 2 years.

#### (continuation of note 22)

Changes have been made in the measurement of variable remuneration from 2017 to 2018. The main changes are that the long-term parameters should be measured over 3 years against the previous 2 years, and that the group's executive management team should be measured on fewer short-term parameters. Maximum bonus achievement has increased from 25.0 percent to 35.0 percent of fixed salary. There has also been a change in the dividend principle for bonus shares as of the 2018 bonus year for the group's executive management team and other employees covered by the separate rules of the Financial Business Regulations. Earned shares, taking into account tax deductions, will be distributed in full the year after the year of employment with a one-year binding period for a third, two years for a third and three years for a third.

Separate rules for the remuneration for executive personnel, employees with important tasks for the company's risk exposure, employees with control tasks and elected representatives

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has adopted its own guidelines for executive personnel, employees with important tasks for the company's risk exposure, employees with control tasks and employee representatives.

As set out in the Financial Business Act and the Financial Business Regulations, the group has defined who is covered by the separate rules based on the defined criteria.

The remuneration is determined based on an assessment of performance and conditions in the market for the various areas and should promote good performance and ensure that the group achieves strategic goals. The remuneration arrived at must not damage the group's reputation nor shall the group be a market leader. The remuneration should ensure that the group has the ability to attract and retain executive personnel with the desired

expertise and experience. The remuneration paid to executive personnel with supervision duties must be independent of the results of the operations they supervise. Employees with control functions do not receive variable remuneration beyond performance bonuses.

Variable remuneration to executive personnel, employees with important tasks for the company's risk exposure and employee representatives are measured on performance over two years.

Half of variable remuneration, with the exception of the performance bonus, is paid in the form of shares in Sparebank1 SR-Bank. The shares are distributed in full year after the bonus year, but with a binding period of 1/3 of the shares each year over three years. That part of the variable remuneration that is paid in shares can be reduced if subsequent performance and developments indicate it was based on incorrect assumptions.

# Binding guidelines for shares, subscription rights, options, etc. for the coming financial year

The CEO and executive management team are able to participate in private placements/share saving programmes for employees on an equal footing with other employees.

Of the variable remuneration of the CEO, executive personnel and risk takers, a proportion equal to 50 percent of earned variable remuneration will be given in the form of shares, taking into account tax deductions, in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank with a one-year binding period for a third, two years for a third and three years for a third.

#### Report on executive pay policy in the preceding financial year

The board confirms that the guidelines provided in last year's statement on executive personnel pay for 2017 have been followed.

(continuation of note 22)

#### **Personnel costs**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	up
2016	2017		2017	2016
634	686	Salaries	930	874
85	89	Pension costs (note 24)	106	104
93	127	Social security costs	166	132
42	50	Other personnel costs	61	56
854	952	Total personnel costs	1,263	1,166
912	917	Average no. of employees	1,243	1,258
820	842	No. of full-time equivalents as at 31 Dec	1,142	1,127
894	911	No. of employees as at 31 Dec	1,238	1,234
126,328	155,223	Outstanding no. of shares from bonus share programme	155,633	132,150
-	-	Outstanding hybrid tier 1 capital from bonus programme	492	250

Remuneration to group executive management team (Amounts in NOK 1000	)	Salary	Other remu-	Accrued bonus current	Total bene-	Accrued pension	Pension		Number of shares	Outstanding number of shares from bonus share
2017	CL: (F		neration <sup>1)</sup>	year <sup>1)</sup>	fits	rights	costs	Loans		programme
Arne Austreid <sup>3)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer	3,508	239	710	4,457	25,950	1,912	,	94,156	10,526
Inge Reinertsen	Chief Financial Officer	2,096		420	2,786	12,678	755	•	80,433	5,555
Tore Medhus	Executive Vice President, Corporate Market	2,096	195	420	2,711	17,848	734	4,949	46,051	5,555
Jan Friestad	Executive Vice President, Retail Market	2,069	248	413	2,730	4,146	153	7,834	37,768	5,466
Glenn Sæther	Executive Vice President, Business Support	1,793	266	359	2,418	8,729	974	7,341	20,213	4,751
Thor-Christian Haugland	Executive Vice President, Communications	1,557	242	333	2,132	11,003	582	6,128	18,450	4,049
Frode Bø <sup>4)</sup>	Executive Vice President, Risk Management	1,840	333	43	2,216	13,461	784	693	17,242	-
Inglen Haugland 4) (until 31 November 2017	Executive Vice President, Organisation and HR	1,472	176	37	1,685					
2016										
Arne Austreid	Chief Executive Officer	3,489	136	466	4,091	11,495	1,924	846	88,378	12,450
Inge Reinertsen	Chief Financial Officer	2,084	273	283	2,640	11,136	750	7,820	77,093	6,565
Tore Medhus	Executive Vice President, Corporate Market	2,085	201	283	2,569	16,089	728	2,653	42,705	6,570
Jan Friestad	Executive Vice President, Retail Market	2,051	257	278	2,586	3,869	146	8,433	34,512	6,432
Glenn Sæther	Executive Vice President, Business Support	1,783	192	242	2,217	7,394	977	4,403	17,024	5,590
Thor-Christian Haugland	Executive Vice President, Communications	1,519	182	207	1,908	9,513	559	3,089	16,019	4,782
Frode Bø <sup>4)</sup>	Executive Vice President, Risk Management	1,828	303	5	2,136	11,902	781	40	17,242	-
Inglen Haugland <sup>4)</sup>	Executive Vice President, Organisation and HR	1,580	406	5	1,992	5,119	146	3,017	25,301	-

For further information on the remuneration of executive personnel, reference is made to the board's statement on the remuneration of executive personnel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Benefits are recognised as costs in the current year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Number of shares the person owns in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank as at 31 December. The figures also include shares belonging to immediate family members and known companies in which the person has a controlling influence, ref. section 1-2 of the Limited Liability Companies Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> In a review in 2017, it was discovered that Austreid's pension obligation was based on incorrect assumptions and underestimated by approximately NOK 12 million. This was corrected via equity in the fourth quarter of 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4)</sup> Employees with control functions do not receive variable remuneration beyond group bonuses.

#### Remuneration of the board and control committee

(Amounts in NOK 1000)

		Ot	her remune-		Number of
2017		Fees	ration	Loans	shares 5)
Dag Mejdell	Chair of the board	497	66	-	25,000
Kate Henriksen	Board member	229	91	-	-
Jorunn Johanne Sæthre (until 20 April 17	7) Board member	62	10		
Birthe Cecilie Lepsøe	Board member	229	88	-	-
Odd Torland (until 20 April 2017)	Board member	62	10		
Tor Dahle 6)	Board member	229	1,175	3,345	72,456,358
Sally Lund-Andersen	Board member (employee representative)	229	761	3,041	941
Kristian Kristensen	Board member (employee representative)	229	612	3,010	3,020
Therese Log Bergjord (from 20 April 2017)	Board member	166	27	-	-
Jan Skogseth (from 20 April 2017)	Board member	166	29	2,054	3,600
2016 Dag Mejdell (from 9 Jun 2016)	Chair of the board	213	28	-	14,899
	Chair af the allegand	217	20		14.000
Ingvald Løyning (until 9 Jun 2016)	Chair of the board	213	-		
Kate Henriksen	Board member	225	41	-	-
Jorunn Johanne Sæthre (from 9 Jun 201	Board member	113	18	-	_
Birthe Cecilie Lepsøe	Board member	225	85	-	-
Erling Øverland (until 9 June 2016)	Board member	113	35		
Odd Torland	Board member	225	39	-	-
Siv Juvik Tveitnes (until 9 Jun 2016)	Board member	113	17		
Tor Dahle 6)	Board member	225	1,181	4,135	72,456 358
Sally Lund-Andersen	Board member (employee representative)	225	839	3,157	941
Oddvar Rettedal (until 9 Jun 2016)	Board member (employee representative)	113	944		
Kristian Kristensen (from 9 Jun 2016)	Board member (employee representative)	125	650	3,114	3,020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5)</sup> Number of shares the person owns in SpareBank 1 SR-Bank as at 31 December. The figures also include shares belonging to immediate family members and known companies in which the person has a controlling influence, ref. section 1-2 of the Limited Liability Companies Act. In addition to this, the shares of the institution the individual representative was elected on behalf of are included.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6)</sup> Tor Dahle is the general manager in Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank.

# **NOTE 23 OTHER OPERATING COSTS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	oup
2016	2017		2017	2016
300	300	IT costs	317	321
57	57	Marketing	73	74
54	71	Other administrative costs	88	69
70	68	Depreciation (notes 30 and 31)	74	75
5	-	Impairments (notes 30 and 31)	-	5
32	31	Operating costs real estate	34	35
68	71	Rent premises	92	89
51	78	External fees	87	75
-	-	Assignment costs real estate	54	49
43	48	Other operating costs	85	74
680	724	Total other operating costs	904	866

#### Fees for external auditor - specification of audit fees

(Figures in NOK thousands)

2,478	2,943	Statutory audit	4,079	4,755
414	88	Tax advice 1)	162	682
412	249	Other certification services	656	1,003
195	396	Other non-auditing services 1)	792	387
3,499	3,676	Total	5,689	6,827
385	13	<sup>1)</sup> Fees for Advokatfirmaet PricewaterhouseCoopers that are included in tax advice and other non-auditing services	307	469

All figures are inclusive of VAT

#### **NOTE 24 PENSIONS**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group has, as at 31 December 2017, defined benefit based and defined contribution based pension schemes for its employees. The company's and Group's pension schemes comply with the requirements of the Mandatory Occupational Pension Act.

The defined benefit pension schemes of SpareBank 1 SR-Bank ASA and SR-Forvaltning AS were, until 31 December 2015, covered by the group's pension fund.

A decision was taken at the board meeting in June 2015 that employees who were members of the defined benefit scheme had to transfer to a defined contribution pension scheme from 1 January 2016. Upon transitioning to a contribution based pension scheme from 1 January 2016, employees who were in the defined benefit scheme received a paid-up policy for their earned rights from the defined benefit scheme. The change reduced pension liabilities. The effects that was recognised in the financial statements in the third and fourth quarters of 2015 were:

Parent bank	2015	Q4 2015	Q3 2015
Curtailments and settlements			
included in the income statement	-213	-153	-60
Group	2015	Q4 2015	Q3 2015
Curtailments and settlements			
included in the income statement	-226	-163	-63

Paid-up policies will be managed by the pension fund, which from 1 January 2016 became a paid-up fund. A framework agreement has been established between SpareBank 1 SR-Bank and the pension fund that covers things such as financing, capital management, etc. Because of the responsibilities SpareBank 1 SR-Bank still has, future liabilities will have to be incorporated in the financial statements. The board of the pension fund must consist of representatives of the group and pension scheme participants in accordance with the pension fund's articles of association.

In addition to the pension liabilities linked to paid-up policies that are managed via the pension fund, the group has uncovered pension liabilities. The liabilities apply to people that were not enrolled in the insurance schemes, supplementary pensions in excess of 12G (G = the National Insurance basic amount), ordinary early retirement pensions and statutory early retirement pension (AFP).

The AFP scheme, which applies with effect from 1 January 2011, should be regarded as a defined benefit multi-company scheme, but will be recognised as a defined contribution scheme until adequate reliable information is available to allow the bank and the group to recognise their proportional shares of the pension costs, the pension liabilities and the pension funds in the scheme. Thus, the bank's and the group's liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet as liabilities as at 31 December 2017.



#### (continuation of note 24)

#### The following economic assumptions are made when calculating pension liabilities:

	2017	2016
Discount rate	2.40 %	2.60 %
Expected return on assets	2.40 %	2.60 %
Future salary growth rate	2.50 %	2.50 %
Adjustment of NI basic amount (G)	2.25 %	2.25 %
Pension adjustment	2.00 %	2.00 %
Adjustment of paid-up policies	1.60 %	1.60 %
Employer's NI contribution/financial tax	19.10 %	19.10 %
Voluntary retirement before 45 – unfunded scheme	5.00 %	5.00 %
Voluntary retirement after 45 – unfunded scheme	2.00 %	2.00 %
The remaining average accrual time (in number of years) for members of the unfunded defined benefit plans has been calculated as approx.	8.13	8.73
The average life expectancy (no. of years) for a person who turns 65 on the balance sheet date is as follows:		
Man	21.40	21.30
Woman	24.60	24.50
The average life expectancy (no. of years) for a person who 20 years after the balance sheet date turns 65 is as follows:		
Man	23.20	23.10
Woman	26.50	26.40
The mortality table that has been adjusted for opening mortality and the decline in the mortality rate.	K2013BE	K2013BE
Disability	IR73	IR73

The pension liabilities are calculated annually by an independent actuary using a straight line accrual method. The present value of the defined benefits are determined by discounting estimated future payments by a discount rate based on the interest rate for a bond issued by the company with a high credit rating (corporate bond or covered bond rate) in the same currency and with a maturity that is almost the same as the maturity of the related pension liabilities. Use of the corporate bond rate as the basis for the discount rate requires the existence of corporate bonds with long maturities and high quality in the same currency, as well as a deep market for such bonds. Market players have asserted that the covered bond market is sufficiently deep and that pricing in the market is reliable. Analyses conducted by an actuary, Gabler AS, and the bank's own analyses, which take into account interest rate swap agreements, support the assertion that a deep and liquid market exists for corporate bonds with a high credit rating, concentrated on covered bonds. The Norwegian covered bond market has become better developed after the financial crisis and has a high credit rating. The bank and the group have therefore chosen the covered bond rate as their discount rate for calculating pension liabilities.

# (continuation of note 24)

Parent ba			Group	
2016	2017		2017	20
		Book value of liabilities		
193	197	Pension benefits – funded scheme	207	2
158	186	Pension benefits – unfunded scheme	195	1
351	383	Total book value of liabilities	402	3
		Costs charged to income statement		
10	6	Pension benefits – funded scheme	6	
12	11	Pension benefits – unfunded scheme	12	
22	17	Total costs charged to income statement	18	
******				
		Pension liabilities related to defined benefit pensions		
1,439	1,440	Present value pension liabilities 1 Jan	1,521	1,5
-	38	Present value pension liabilities merger SR-Finans	-	
6	6	Pension benefits accrued in the period	7	
35	37	Interest costs on pension liabilities	38	
		Effect of recalculation:		
32	57	- Change in financial assumptions	59	
-27	11	- Experience gains and losses	11	
-45	-41	Payments/redemption from fund	-42	-
1,440	1,548	Present value pension liabilities 31 Dec	1,594	1,5
1,308	1,392	of which fund-based	1,430	1,3
132	156	of which not fund based	164	1
		Pension assets		
1,230	1,146	Pension assets 1 Jan	1,204	1,2
-	30	Present value pension liabilities merger SR-Finans	-	
27	29	Interest income	30	
-37	58	Actual return on assets in relation to booked interest income	59	-
6	5	Employer's NI contributions	5	
-45	-41	Payments/redemption from fund	-42	-
-36	-	Transfer from premium fund to contribution fund	-	-
1,145	1,227	Pension assets 31 Dec	1,256	1,2
		Net pension liabilities in the balance sheet		
1,440	1,548	Present value pension liabilities 31 Dec	1,594	1,5
1,145	1,227	Pension assets 31 Dec	1,256	1,2
295	321	Net pension liabilities 31 Dec	338	
56	62	Employer's NI contributions	64	
351	383	Net pension liabilities in the balance sheet	402	3
	_	Pension costs for the period	_	
6	6	Accrued defined benefit-based pensions	7	
35	37	Interest costs on pension liabilities	38	
-27	29	Interest income	-30	-
-	-	Curtailments and settlements	<u>-</u>	
	14	Net defined benefit-based pension costs without employer's NI contributions	15	
14		Accrued employer's NI contributions	3	
8	3			
	17 72	Net defined benefit-based pension costs recognised through profit or loss  Contribution based pension costs and joint AFP scheme	18 88	

# (continuation of note 24)

Composition of the group's pension assets	2017	2016
Real estate	6	6
- of which used by the bank	-	-
of shares	316	309
Other assets	934	889
Total pension assets	1,256	1,204

Development during the last five years for the group's

defined benefit pension plan	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Present value pension liabilities 31 Dec	1,594	1,521	1,520	1,838	1,360
Pension assets 31 Dec	1,256	1,204	1,290	1,247	1,148
Net pension liabilities	338	317	230	591	212

# $Sensitivity\ in\ calculation\ of\ pension\ liabilities\ when\ weighted\ assumptions\ change\ as\ follows:$

#### Effect on pension liabilities

	Change in assumption	Change in liabilities	Change in liabilities
Discount rate	+/- 0.50%	-8.7 %	10.0%
Wage growth	+/- 0.50%	0.4%	-0.4 %
Pension adjustment	+/- 0.25%	4.7 %	-4.4 %
Expected lifetime	1 year	4.2 %	-4.2 %

The sensitivity analysis above is based on a change in one of the assumptions, given that all other assumptions remain constant. This is improbable in practice and changes in some of the assumptions may correlate. Sensitivity calculations are executed using the same method as actuarial calculations for calculating the pension liabilities on the balance sheet.

# NOTE 25 TAX (figures in NOK millions)

Parent b	ank		Group	
2016	2017		2017	2016
2,264	2,298	Pre-tax profit	2,610	2,116
-865	-551	Permanent differences 1)	-534	-472
-9	-25	Group contribution	-	-
941	-139	Change in temporary differences	-116	935
145	-12	- of which recorded directly against equity	-12	145
2,476	1,571	Tax base/taxable income for the year	1,948	2,724
619	393	Of which payable tax 25%	487	681
2	6	Tax effect of group contribution	- 	-
-279	38	Change in deferred tax	36	-279
-	1	Tax payable on hybrid capital booked against equity	1	-
1	1	Excess/insufficient payable tax allocation in previous years	-	1
343	439	Total tax cost	524	403
		Explanation of why the tax cost for the year is not		
5.00	F74	25% of pre-tax profit	657	F20
566	574	25% tax on pre-tax profit	653 -131	529
-216 2	-138 1	25% tax on permanent differences <sup>1)</sup>	-131 1	-118 1
2	1	Change in deferred tax from previous years  Tax payable on hybrid capital booked against equity	1	1
-10	-	Change in deferred tax upon withdrawals from pension fund	<u> </u>	-10
-10	1	Excess/insufficient tax allocation in previous years	_	-10 1
343	439	Calculated tax cost	524	403
343	739	Calculated tax cost	JLT	403
		Deferred tax asset		
-146	-156	- deferred tax asset that reverses in more than 12 months	179	169
-2	-150	- deferred tax asset that reverses within 12 months	-7	-3
-147	-156	Total deferred tax asset	-186	-172
11/	150	Total deletred tax asset	100	1/2
		Deferred tax		
462	567	- deferred tax that reverses in more than 12 months	579	532
2	6	- deferred tax that reverses within 12 months	_	-
465	573	Total deferred tax	579	532
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317	417	Net deferred tax/deferred tax asset	393	360
•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••				
		Change in deferred tax		
-326	99	Year's change in deferred tax on the balance sheet	33	-294
-	-60	Change deferred tax merger SR-Finans	-	-
32	-4	Change in deferred tax for group contributions on the balance sheet	-	-
15	3	- of which change not recorded in income statement	3	15
-279	38	- of which change recorded in income statement	36	-279
		Specification of temporary differences		
12	-10	Gains and loss account	-28	-11
1,649	1,751	Differences related to financial items	1,693	1,589
-	-	Loans	-1	-1
-351	-383	Pension liabilities	-401	-377
-6	11	Accounting provisions	42	29
-	313	Leasing operating equipment	313	251
-44	-41	Tangible fixed assets	-33	-40
9	25	Group contribution paid	-	-
-	-	Losses carried forward	-12	-
1,269	1,666	Total temporary differences	1,573	1,440
0= 0/	<b>A=</b> 4/		25.01	05.07
25 %	25 %	Tax rate applied	25 %	25 %

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Includes tax-exempted dividends, non-tax-deductible expenses, net tax-exempt gains on the realisation of equities in the European Economic Area (EEA), and tax allowances for profit attributable to associated companies (the percentage of the profit is extracted as it has already been taxed in the individual company).

# **NOTE 26 CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Group

2017		Recognised at fair value	Financial derivatives as hedging instruments	Financial assets and liabilities assessed at amortised cost and accrued interest	Financial assets available for sale	Financial assets held to maturity	Total
Assets							
Cash and receivables from the central bank				207			207
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions		7,610		1,608			1,608
Loans to customers  Certificates and bonds at fair value	28,703	7,610		163,627		3,206	171,237 31,909
Financial derivatives	26,703	4,211	1 330			3,200	5 541
	655	4,211	1 330		62		717
Equities, units and other equity interests	000				02		/1/
Operations that will be sold				778			770
Other assets	20.750	11 021	1 770	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		7 206	778
Total assets	29,358	11,821	1,330	166,220	62	3,206	211,997
Liabilities							
Debt to financial institutions				2,335			2,335
Deposits from customers				95,384			95,384
Securities issued 1)				90,497			90,497
Financial derivatives		3,537	250				3,787
Other liabilities							-
Subordinated loan capital 1)				2,764			2,764
Total liabilities		3,537	250	190,980	•	•	194,767
2016							
Assets							
Cash and receivables from the central bank				1,079			1,079
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions				4,334			4,334
Loans to customers		9,336		147,036			156,372
Certificates and bonds at fair value	18,833					2,191	21,024
Financial derivatives		1,472	2,843				4,315
Equities, units and other equity interests	560				36		596
Operations that will be sold		22					22
Other assets				622			622
Total assets	19,393	10,830	2,843	153,071	36	2,191	188,364
Liabilities							
Debt to financial institutions				1,583			1,583
Deposits from customers				85,913			85,913
Securities issued 1)				80,275			80,275
Financial derivatives		1,969	546				2,515
Other liabilities		,		1,147			1,147
Subordinated loan capital <sup>1)</sup>				2,646			2,646
Total liabilities		1,969	546	171,564	***************************************	•	174,079

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1)}}$  Securities issued and subordinated loan capital contain secured debt.

(continuation of note 26)

# Information about fair value Group

The table below shows financial instruments at fair value according to their valuation method. The different levels are defined as follows: Listed price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (level 1). Valuation based on observable factors other than listed price (used in level 1) either direct (price) or indirect (deduced from prices) for the asset or liability (level 2).

Valuation based on factors not obtained from observable markets (non-observable assumptions) (level 3).

2017	Valuation according to prices in an active market	Valuation according to observable market data	Valuation according to factors other than observable market data	Total
Assets				
Loans to customers			7,610	7,610
Certificates and bonds at fair value	21,711	6,992		28,703
Financial derivatives		5,541		5 541
Equities, units and other equity interests Operations that will be sold	419	27	271	717 -
Liabilities				
Financial derivatives		3,787		3,787
2016				
Assets				
Loans to customers			9,336	9,336
Certificates and bonds at fair value	13,343	5,490		18,833
Financial derivatives		4,315		4,315
Equities, units and other equity interests	266	133	197	596
Operations that will be sold			22	22
Liabilities				
Financial derivatives		2,515		2,515

No transfers between levels 1 and 2

#### Change in holding during the financial year of assets valued on the basis of factors other than observable market data

1	oans to custo- mers	Equities, units and other equity inte- rests	Operations that will be sold
Group	2017	2017	2017
Balance 1 Jan	9,336	197	22
Additions	996	58	-
Disposals	-2,687	-31	-22
Transferred from or to measurement according to prices in an active market or observable mark	arket data		
Change in value 2)	-35	47	
Balance 31 Dec	7,610	271	-
Nominal value/cost price	7,433	231	-
Fair value adjustment	177	40	-
Balance 31 Dec	7,610	271	-
Group	2016	2016	2016
Balance 1 Jan	10,565	236	168
Additions	476	30	-
Disposals	-1,498	-8	-146
Transferred from or to measurement according to prices in an active market or observable market	data -	-	-
Change in value <sup>2)</sup>	-207	-61	-
Balance 31 Dec	9,336	197	22
Nominal value/cost price	9,123	204	29
Fair value adjustment	213	-7	-7
Balance 31 Dec	9,336	197	22

#### (continuation of note 26)

Sparebanken Hedmark acquired Bank 1 Oslo Akershus in the second quarter of 2016. For SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, this means that its previous stake in Bank 1 Oslo Akershus has been realised with settlement in equity certificates in Sparebanken Hedmark. The analysis environment in SpareBank 1 Gruppen has conducted a valuation of Sparebanken Hedmark up to and including the first quarter of 2017. The valuation is based on a combination of two methods: multiple pricing and the dividend discounting model. The valuation is used by all of the SpareBank 1 banks with stakes in Sparebanken Hedmark. The merger between Sparebanken Hedmark and Bank 1 Oslo Akershus was completed in April 2017 and the bank subsequently changed its name to SpareBank 1 Østlandet. In June 2017 SpareBank 1 Østlandet was listed and SpareBank 1 SR-Bank sold its shares in the bank.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank is a member of Visa Norge FLI. Visa Norge FLI is, as a group member of Visa Europe, also a shareholder in Visa Europe Ltd. In November 2015, an agreement was announced concerning the sale of Visa Europe Ltd to Visa Inc. The transaction will significantly increase the equity in Visa Norge IFS. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's ownership interests in Visa Norge IFS are considered a financial asset in the available for sale category (AFS investment) and must therefore be recognised at fair value as long as this can be reliably measured. The remuneration consists of shares in Visa Inc., a cash settlement and a postponed cash payment. On 31 December 2015, the estimated value of the shares resulted in income in other comprehensive income of NOK 95 million. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank received the cash payment in the second quarter of 2016. This amounted to NOK 94 million, compared with the amount calculated at the end of 2015 of NOK 72 million. The cash settlement was posted as dividends via the income statement in the second quarter of 2016. In the fourth quarter of 2017, a further proportion of shares with a value of NOK 19 million were recognised, where NOK 15 million was recognised through profit or loss. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank still has an ownership item linked to the postponed cash payment and shares in Visa Norge totalling NOK 60

million. This item is in the main posted through comprehensive income and after the switch to IFRS 9 in 2018 will have no effect on the result upon realisation.

The transaction where SpareBank 1 Alliance's mCASH payment solution was merged with Vipps was completed in the third quarter of 2017. Following the transaction, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank owns 19.7 % of SpareBank 1 Betaling, which in turn owns 25% of Vipps. The value of the stake provided the basis for the transaction with Vipps and the analysis group in SpareBank 1 Gruppen has conducted an evaluation of the stake. The evaluation was based on a business case that was produced in connection with the negotiations surrounding Vipps and the expected value of the stake as an independent company. The value calculated is considered to be almost equal to SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's share of the equity in SpareBank 1 Betaling following the transaction, and the group has recognised income of NOK 4 million in the year-to-date 2017 due to the transaction. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's ownership interest in SpareBank 1 Betaling is included in the group as an associated company.

Other assets are measured using various methods such as last known transaction price, earnings per share, dividend per share, EBITDA and discounted cash flows.

Fixed-rate loans are measured on the basis of the interest rate agreed with the customer. Loans are discounted using the applicable interest curve, having taken into account a market premium, which is adjusted for the profit margin. The conducted sensitivity analyses indicate an increase in the discount rate of 10 basis points would have a negative effect on the result amounting to NOK 22 million.

<sup>2)</sup> Value changes are recognised in net income from financial instruments.

#### Group

Fair value of financial instruments at amortised cost	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
(Figures in NOK millions)	2017	2017	2016	2016
Assets				
Cash and receivables from the central bank	207	207	1,079	1,079
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	1,608	1,608	4,334	4,334
Loans to customers 1)	163,627	163,627	147,036	147,036
Certificates and bonds held to maturity	3,206	3,229	2,191	2,204
Total assets at amortised cost	168,648	168,671	154,640	154,653
Liabilities				
Debt to financial institutions	2,335	2,335	1,583	1,583
Deposits from customers 1)	95,384	95,384	85,913	85,913
Securities issued	90,497	91,279	80,275	80,790
Subordinated loan capital	2,764	2,652	2,646	2,668
Total liabilities at amortised cost	190,980	191,650	170,417	170,954

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Customer loans and deposits at amortised cost amount to book value best estimate at fair value.

# **NOTE 27 CERTIFICATES AND BONDS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Grou	Group		
2016	2017	Certificates and bonds	2017	2016		
19,726	28,850	Certificates and bonds at fair value	28,561	18,710		
2,187	3,201	Certificates and bonds held to maturity	3,201	2,187		
129	152	Accrued interest	147	127		
22,042	32,203	Total certificates and bonds	31,909	21,024		
		Government				
1,149	547	Nominal value	547	1,149		
1,183	564	Fair value	564	1,183		
		Other public issuers				
2,754	2,673	Nominal value	2,673	2,754		
2,754	2,708	Fair value	2,708	2,754		
		Covered bonds				
3,892	23,120	Nominal value	22,720	12,817		
13,934	23,269	Fair value	22,869	12,859		
		Other financial enterprises				
3,706	5,079	Nominal value	5,179	3,756		
3,785	5,231	Fair value	5,331	3,835		
		Non-financial enterprises				
323	315	Nominal value	331	336		
257	279	Fair value	290	266		
129	152	Accrued interest	147	127		
21,824	31,734	Total certificates and bonds at nominal value	31,450	20,812		
22,042	32,203	Total certificates and bonds	31,909	21,024		

#### **NOTE 28 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES**

#### General description:

The fair value of financial derivatives is determined using valuation methods where the price of the underlying object, for example interest and currency rates, are obtained from the market. If the group's risk position is relatively neutral, normal rates will be used in pricing. A neutral risk position means, for example, that the interest rate risk within a re-pricing interval is approximately zero. Otherwise, the relevant purchase or sales price is used to assess the net position. CVA (Credit Valuation Adjustment) for derivative transactions is assessed on the based of the net positive market values per counterparty. The CVA risk for counterparties that regularly exchange collateral and Norwegian municipalities is considered marginal. For other counterparties, the CVA calculation is based on the probability of default compared with the remaining term to maturity of the derivative positions and loss given default.

The group hedges fixed-rate loans. Each hedge is documented with a reference to the group's risk management strategy, a clear identification of the item being hedged, the hedging instrument used, a description of the hedged risk, a description of why hedging is regarded as highly probable and a description of how and when the group shall determine the efficiency of the hedge during the accounting period and that it is expected to be very effective during the next accounting period. The group has defined the hedged risk as value changes linked to the NIBOR component of the hedged fixed interest rates in NOK and value changes linked to the LIBOR components of the hedged fixed interest rates in foreign currencies.

As at 31 December 2017, the net fair value of the hedging instruments was NOK 1,080 million (NOK 1,330 million in assets and NOK 250 million in liabilities). The corresponding figures for 2016 were NOK 1,696 million (NOK 1,880 million in assets and NOK 184 million in liabilities). There was no ineffective result for hedging instruments in 2017.

ISDA agreements with CSA supplements regulate the counterparty risk through payments of margins in relation to exposure limits. Such agreements constitute a contract amount of NOK 166.5 billion and an effect of offsetting on reinvestment costs of NOK 3.0 billion as at 31 December 2017. The group has no financial instruments that are booked net.

**Group** (Figures in NOK millions)

(Figures in NOR millions)						
		2017			2016	
		Fair value			Fair value	
At fair value through profit or loss	Contract amount	Assets	Liabilities	Contract amount	Assets	Liabilities
Currency instruments						
Currency futures (forwards)	3,839	76	31	3,518	92	26
Currency swaps	53,373	1,441	99	47,585	254	710
Currency options	49	-	-	51	1	1
Total currency instruments	57,261	1,517	130	51,154	347	737
Interest rate instruments						
Interest rate swaps, incl. cross-currency swaps	52,929	902	974	53,801	1,124	1,231
Other interest rate contracts	96	1	1	160	1	1
Total interest rate instruments	53,025	903	975	53,961	1,125	1,232
Interest rate instruments, hedging						
Interest rate swaps, incl. cross-currency swaps	76,316	1,330	250	65,503	1,880	184
Total interest rate instruments, hedging	76,316	1,330	250	65,503	1,880	184
Collateral						
Collateral		1,140	2,245		321	140
Total collateral	-	1,140	2,245	-	321	140
Accrued interest						
Accrued interest	-	651	187	-	642	222
Total accrued interest	-	651	187	-	642	222
Total currency instruments	57,261	1,517	130	51,154	347	737
Total interest rate instruments	129,341	2,233	1,225	119,464	3,005	1,416
Total collateral		1,140	2,245		321	140
Total accrued interest		651	187		642	222
Total currency and interest rate instruments	186,602	5,541	3,787	170,618	4,315	2,515
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# NOTE 29 EQUITIES, UNITS AND OTHER EQUITY INTERESTS

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	up
2016	2017		2017	2016
•		At fair value through profit or loss		_
140	191	- Listed	191	140
126	139	- Securities funds	139	126
-	90	- Hybrid capital	90	-
133	26	- Unlisted	235	294
399	446	Total at fair value through profit or loss	655	560
		Available for sale		
34	61	- Unlisted	62	36
34	61	Total available for sale	62	36
		Total equities, units		
433	507	and other equity interests	717	596

Equities, units and other equity interests are classified within the categories fair value and available for sale. Securities that can be measured reliably and are reported internally at fair value are classified as fair value through profit or loss. Other equities are classified as available for sale.

# Investments in equities, units and other equity interests

Parent bank (Amounts in NOK 1000)	Company's share capital	Stake in %	No. of equities/ units	Acquisition cost	Book value/ market value
(Amounts in NOR 1000)	Share Capitat	Stake III /6	units	COST	market value
At fair value through profit or loss					
Sandnes Sparebank	230,149	15.1%	3,485,009	149,476	190,804
Listed companies				149,476	190,804
SR-Kombinasjon A			30,000	30,000	44,332
SR-Rente			56,389	56,218	56,312
SR-Utbytte A			20,000	20,000	37,948
Securities funds				106,218	138,592
Hybrid capital				88,481	89,935
SpareBank 1 Markets	529,221	5.6 %	176,341	37,102	20,000
Other unlisted companies				9,302	6 173
Total unlisted companies				46,404	26,173
Total at fair value through profit or loss equ	ities, units and other equit	y interests		390,579	445,504
Available for sale					
Visa Norge IFS					60,303
Unlisted companies					948
Total available for sale					61,251
Total equities, units and other equity interes	sts parent bank		······································		506,755

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# Investments in equities, units and other equity interests

Group (Amounts in NOK 1000)	Company's share capital	Stake in %	No. of equities/ units	Acquisition cost	Book value/ market value
At fair value through profit or loss					
Total listed companies parent bank	······································		······································	149,476	190,804
Total combination funds parent bank	······································			106,218	138,592
Hybrid capital parent bank				88,481	89,935
Total unlisted companies - parent bank				46,404	26,173
HitecVision Asset Solutions, LP		1.19		22,955	36,768
SR PE-Feeder III KS		40.50		25,336	23,968
Optimarin AS		14.75		23,588	23,622
Monner AS		34.00		23,000	23,000
HitecVision Private Equity IV LP		2.00		22,412	14,834
Offshore Merchant Partners Asset Yield Fund, LP		1.31		14,817	14,419
SR PE-Feeder IV AS		25.21		13 507	13,357
Energy Ventures IV LP		0.70		14,037	11,530
Other unlisted companies in subsidiaries				67,089	47,660
Total unlisted in subsidiaries				226,741	209,158
Total unlisted in group	•••••		•	273,145	235,331
Total at fair value through profit or loss equities, u	nits and other equity	/ interests		617,320	654,662
Available for sale					
Unlisted companies parent bank					61,251
Unlisted companies in subsidiaries					1,195
Total equities, units and other equity interests - gr	oup				717,108

# **NOTE 30 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

	Parent bank		_		Group	
Customer contracts	Goodwill	Total	2017	Total	Goodwill	Customer contracts
3	-	3	Acquisition cost 1 Jan 2017	95	81	14
-	-	-	Additions	9	7	2
-	-	-	Disposals	-	-	-
3		3	Acquisition cost 31 Dec 2017	104	88	16
3	-	3	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 1 Jan 2017	6	-	6
-	-	-	Year's disposals	-	-	-
-	-	-	Year's depreciation and impairments	2	-	2
3	-	3	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31 Dec 2017	8	-	8
-	-	-	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2017	96	88	8
			Distribution of carrying amount			
-	-	-	SR-Forvaltning – acquisition of 33.3% of the shares in May 2009 SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of	20	20	-
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset Østland's Rogaland branches in 2015	26	24	2
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in ODB-Regnskap AS in 2015	11	9	2
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in Advis AS in 2016	30	28	2
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in Regnskaps Partner AS in 2017	8	6	2
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in Reto Regnskap AS in 2017	1	1	-
-	-	-	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2017	96	88	8
			2016			
3	-	3	Acquisition cost 1 Jan 2016	63	53	10
-	-	-	Additions	32	28	4
-	-	-	Disposals	-	-	-
3	-	3	Acquisition cost 31 Dec 2016	95	81	14
1	-	1	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 1 Jan 2016	2	-	2
-	-	-	Year's disposals	-	-	-
2	-	2	Year's depreciation and impairments	4	-	4
3	-	3	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31 Dec 2016	6	-	6
-	-	-	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2016	89	81	8
			Distribution of carrying amount			·· <b>·</b>
-	-	-	SR-Forvaltning – acquisition of 33.3% of the shares in May 2009	20	20	-
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 SR-Bank - purchase of customer contracts from Swedbank in 2015	-	-	-
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset Østland's Rogaland branches in 2015	27	24	3
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in ODB-Regnskap AS in 2015	12	9	3
-	-	-	SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR - acquisition of 100% of the shares in Advis AS in 2016	30	28	2
-	-	-	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2016	89	81	8
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The amounts are the differences between identifiable assets inclusive of excess values and the cost price of the identifiable assets. The elements in the goodwill item relate to future earnings in the company supported by the calculations of the present value of expected future earnings, which document a future economic benefit from acquiring the company. The goodwill item's elements are valued annually and written down if a there is a basis for this following a concrete assessment.

#### **NOTE 31 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

	Parent bank				Group	
Buildings and real estate	Machinery, fixtures, and vehicles	Total		Total	Machinery, fixtures, and vehicles	Buildings and real estate
251	834	1,085	Acquisition cost 1 Jan 2017	1,301	921	381
5	45	50	Additions	156	52	104
10	233	243	Disposals <sup>1)</sup>	243	233	10
246	646	892	Acquisition cost 31 Dec 2017	1,214	740	475
120	612	732	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 1 Jan 2017	807	685	122
4	64	68	Year's depreciation	72	68	4
-	-	-	Year's impairments	-	-	-
4	233	237	Year's disposals <sup>1)</sup>	237	233	4
120	443	563	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31 Dec 2017	642	520	122
126	203	329	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2017	572	219	353
399			Fair value			399
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261	753	1,014	Acquisition cost 1 Jan 2016	1,149	836	313
-10	95	85	Additions	167	99	68
-	14	14	Disposals	14	14	_
251	834	1,085	Acquisition cost 31 Dec 2016	1,301	921	381
116	557	673	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 1 Jan 2016	745	627	118
4	66	70	Year's depreciation	73	69	4
-	3	3	Year's impairments	3	3	-
-	14	14	Year's disposals	14	14	-
120	612	732	Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31 Dec 2016	807	685	122
127	203	330	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2016	573	220	353
391			Fair value			391

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Included in the year's disposal is NOK 233 million related to decommissioned operating assets.

#### Collateral

The group has not mortgaged/pledged or accepted any other disposal restrictions on its tangible fixed assets..

#### Revaluation/ depreciation

The group does not make regular revaluations of tangible fixed assets. In connection with the initial implementation of IFRS, buildings were valued at cost less accumulated depreciation in accordance with current Norwegian legislation. Percentage rate of depreciation is 10% to 33% for machinery, equipment and vehicles, and 2% for bank buildings, investment property and other real estate.

#### **Buildings and real estate**

Of the total book value of buildings and real estate NOK 114 million is for use in the banking business. The fair value of buildings is determined by appraisal.

#### Operational leases

The group has no significant operational leases.

# **NOTE 32 OTHER ASSETS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	oup
2016	2017		2017	2016
10	11	Income earned but not received from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt and SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	11	10
30	14	Prepaid costs	18	32
9	1	Over funding of pension liabilities	1	9
200	200	Paid in capital SR-Bank Pension Fund	200	200
46	-	Unsettled trades	-	46
49	169	Other assets	548	325
344	395	Total other assets	778	622

# **NOTE 33 DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	up
2016	2017		2017	2016
75,076	79,553	Deposits from and liabilities to customers, at call	79,317	74,821
11,102	16,070	Deposits from and liabilities to customers with agreed maturity	16,054	11,087
5	12	Accrued interest	12	5
86,183	95,635	Total deposits from customer	95,384	85,913
		Deposits by sector and industry		
1,166	1,200	Agriculture/forestry	1,200	1,166
460	464	Fisheries/fish farming	464	460
1,226	1,310	Mining operations/extraction	1,310	1,226
1,305	1,144	Industry	1,144	1,305
1,968	2,183	Power and water supply/building and construction	2,183	1,968
2,529	2,262	Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	2,262	2,529
2,084	1,989	Overseas shipping, pipeline transport and other transport	1,989	2,084
5,640	6,249	Property management	6,249	5,640
9,710	9,005	Service sector	8,754	9,440
17,923	25,969	Public sector and financial services	25,969	17,923
44,011	51,775	Total industry	51,525	43,741
42,908	44,246	Retail market	44,246	42,908
5	12	Accrued interest	12	5
-741	-399	Net cooperate accounts currency 1)	-399	-741
86,183	95,635	Total deposits by sector and industry	95,384	85,913
		Deposits by geographic area		
63,349	69,951	Rogaland	69,700	63,079
6,784	8,532	Agder counties	8,532	6,784
8,617	9,660	Hordaland	9,660	8,617
1,023	2,072	International	2,072	1,023
6,410	5,420	Other	5,420	6,410
86,183	95,635	Total deposits by geographic area	95,384	85,913

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Loans to customers with a positive balance on group accounts

# **NOTE 34 SECURITIES ISSUED**

(Figures in NOK millions)

	Parent bank			Group				
NOK	Currency	Total		Total	Currency	NOK		
-	2,336	2,336	Other long-term borrowing	2,336	2,336	-		
11,952	35,188	47,140	Bond debt 1)	86,148	63,180	22,968		
219	1,052	1,271	Value adjustments	1,292	1,103	189		
115	445	560	Accrued interest	721	586	135		
12,286	39,021	51,307	Total securities issued	90,497	67,205	23,292		

# Maturity date of debt established by issuance of securities

Currency	NOK	Total	N	<b>Naturity</b>	Total	Currency	NOK
2,733	8,127	10,860		2018	10,860	8,127	2,733
1,119	5,341	6,460		2019	11,464	5,341	6,123
1,703	6,503	8,206		2020	18,120	11,423	6,697
1,169	7,764	8,933		2021	16,281	15,112	1,169
4,025	4,927	8,952		2022	13,703	9,678	4,025
1 537	1 357	2,894		2023	8,762	7,226	1,536
-	5,002	5,002		2024 and maturity after	11,307	10,298	1,009
12,286	39,021	51,307	Total securities issued	•	90,497	67,205	23,292

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1)}}$  Own certificates and bonds have been deducted.

Group Change in securities issued	Balance 31 Dec 2017	Issued 2017	Matured/rede- emed 2017	Exchange rate and other changes 2017	Balance 31 Dec 2016
Other long-term borrowing	2,336	1,125		121	1,090
Bonds, nominal value	86,148	15,178	-9,471	3,905	76,536
Value adjustments	1,292			-658	1,950
Accrued interest	721			22	699
Total securities issued	90,497	16,303	-9,471	3,390	80,275

# **NOTE 35 OTHER DEBT AND OTHER LIABILITIES**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Paren	t bank		Group	)
2016	2017	Other liabilities	2017	2016
351	383	Pension liabilities (note <sup>24)</sup>	402	378
88	13	Specified loss provisions guarantees	13	5
30	115	Accounts payable	142	58
39	40	Tax deducted	55	55
146	-	Unsettled trades	-	146
207	149	Other liabilities	133	222
65	66	Accrued holiday pay	92	92
137	194	Other accrued costs	245	191
1,063	960	Total other liabilities	1,082	1,147
		Guarantees issued (amounts guaranteed)		
910	882	Payment guarantees	882	910
2,554	2,421	Performance bonds	2,421	2,554
2,405	2,052	Loan guarantees	2,052	2,405
130	156	Guarantees for tax	156	130
3,760	3,532	Other guarantee liabilities	3,609	3,836
9,759	9,043	Total guarantees customers	9,120	9,835
588	588	Other guarantees	588	588
10,347	9,631	Total guarantees issued	9,708	10,423
		Other liabilities		
5,371	5,000	Unused credit lines for financial institutions	-	-
19,154	18,978	Unused credit lines for customers	22,712	21,037
1,558	4,824	Approved loan commitments	4,749	1,650
23	45	Letters of credit	45	23
26,106	28,847	Total other liabilities	27,506	22,710
<u></u>		Security pledged		
17,096	19,920	Securities pledged as security	19,920	17,096

### Ongoing legal disputes

The group is a party in a number of court cases with a total financial scope that is not considered to be significant, inasmuch as the group has made provisions for losses in those cases where it is assumed more likely than not that the group will incur a loss as a result of the cases.

#### Operational lease payments

The group's operational leases have terms of 3-5 years. The annual cost is approximately NOK 3 million.

# **NOTE 36 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank			Gro	oup
2016	2017		2017	2016
39	40	Tax deducted	55	55
39	40	Total restricted funds	55	55

# **NOTE 37 SUBORDINATED LOAN CAPITAL**

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank Group

2016	2017	Principal		Terms	Maturity	First due date	2017	2016
					,			
				Non-perpetual				
-	300	300	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 1.45% p.a.	2029	2024	300	-
-	625	625	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 1.52% p.a.	2028	-	625	-
499	499	500	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 1.80% p.a.	2023	2018	499	499
465	492	50	EUR	6 month Euribor + 1.725% p.a.	2030	2030	492	465
825	-	825	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 2.75% p.a.	2022	2017	-	825
1,789	1,916			Total non-perpetual			1,916	1,789
				Tier 1 capital instruments				
732	723	684	NOK	9.35% per annum until 9 Dec 2019, thereafter 3-month NIBOR + 5.75% per	annum	2019	723	732
116	116	116	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 4.75% per annum until 9 Dec 2019, thereafter NIBOR	R + 5.75% per annum	2019	116	116
848	839			Total tier 1 capital instruments			839	848
9	9			Accrued interest			9	9
2,646	2,764			Total subordinated loan capital			2,764	2,646

Subordinated loan capital and tier 1 capital instruments in foreign currencies are included in the group's total currency position so that there is no currency risk associated with the loans. Of a total of NOK 2,764 million in subordinated loan capital, NOK 797 million counts as tier 1 capital and NOK 1,897 million as term subordinated loan capital. Capitalised costs associated with borrowing are reflected in the calculation of amortised cost.

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Subordinated loan capital and hybrid tier 1 capital loans 1)	2017	2016
Ordinary subordinated loan capital, nominal value	1,916	1,778
Hybrid tier 1 capital loans, nominal value	797	791
Value adjustments	42	68
Accrued interest	9	9
Total subordinated loan capital and hybrid tier 1 capital loans	2,764	2,646

				Exchange rate and		
Change in debt raised by issuing of subordinated loans/tier 1 capital instrument loans	Balance 31 Dec 2017	Issued/sale own 2017	Matured/ redeemed 2017	other changes 2017	Balance 31 Dec 2016	
Dated subordinated loan capital, nominal value	1,916	925	-825	38	1,778	
Hybrid tier 1 capital loans, nominal value	797	5	-	1	791	
Value adjustments	42	-	-	-26	68	
Accrued interest	9	-	-	-	9	
Total subordinated loan capital and hybrid tier 1 capital loans	2,764	930	-825	13	2,646	

<sup>1)</sup> This note is identical for the parent bank.

# NOTE 38 INVESTMENTS IN OWNERSHIP INTERESTS

# Subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures

Company	Date of acquisition	Business office	Ownership interest in % 1)
Investments in subsidiaries			
Shares held by the parent bank			
EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom	1990	Stavanger	100.00
SR-Forvaltning	2001	Stavanger	100.00
FinStart Nordic	2005	Stavanger	100.00
SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR	2015	Stavanger	100.00
Finansparken Bjergsted	2014	Stavanger	100.00
Rygir Industrier Group	2012	Stavanger	100.00
SR-Boligkreditt SR-Boligkreditt	2015	Stavanger	100.00
Shares owned by subsidiaries			
Jærmegleren	2007	Stavanger	100.00
Investments in associated companies			
SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	2005	Stavanger	7.96
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	2009	Stavanger	19.24
BN Bank	2008	Trondheim	23.50
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	2012	Trondheim	17.85
Samarbeidende Sparebanker Bankinvest	2010	Oslo	3.27
SpareBank 1 Betaling	2015	Oslo	19.70
SMB Lab	2017	Trondheim	20.00
Investments in joint ventures			
SpareBank 1 Gruppen	1996	Oslo	19.50
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	2004	Oslo	18.00

 $<sup>^{1)}\,\</sup>mbox{Voting rights}$  and ownership share are equal in all companies

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#### **Subsidiaries**

# Shares in subsidiaries parent bank

Investments are recognised at the parent bank's acquisition cost. These items are fully consolidated in the consolidated financial statements.

(Amounts in NOK 1000)

	Company's	Ownership	No. of	Nominal			Total	Total	Company's profit for	Book
2017	share capital	•	shares	value	Assets	Liabilities	income	costs	the year	value
SR-Boligkreditt	4,000,000	100.00	4,000,000	4,000,000	44,248,427	40,042,135	276,490	1,960	204,580	4,000,150
Total investments in credit institutions				4,000,000	44,248,427	40,042,135	276,490	1,960	204,580	4,000,150
EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom	1,500	100.00	150	1,500	172,994	95,878	391,670	365,014	19,784	97,205
FinStart Nordic	47,000	100.00	4,700	47,000	229,982	779	7,065	579	4,640	224,225
SR-Forvaltning	6,000	100.00	6,000	6,000	74,456	31,214	63,747	30,268	25,097	29,018
SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR	900	100.00	9,000	900	112,738	27,276	98,283	94,762	2,401	80,125
Rygir Industrier Group	14,400	100.00	90,000	14,400	305,347	121,626	9,330	28,287	-18,012	164,382
Finansparken Bjergsted	48,000	100.00	8,000	48,000	308,975	49,995	475	184	219	258,016
Total other investments			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	117,800	1,204,492	326,768	570,570	519,094	34,129	852,971
Total investments in subsidiaries parent bank	5			4,117,800	45,452,919	40,368,903	847,060	521,054	238,709	4,853,121
2016								•		
SpareBank 1 SR-Finans	167,000	100.00	334,000	167,000	6,856,713	5,908,519	231,318	55,150	63,044	883,228
SR-Boligkreditt	2,025,000	100.00	2,025,000	2,025,000	30,144,313	28,033,602	120,958	5,543	84,851	2,025,150

2016										
SpareBank 1 SR-Finans	167,000	100.00	334,000	167,000	6,856,713	5,908,519	231,318	55,150	63,044	883,228
SR-Boligkreditt	2,025,000	100.00	2,025,000	2,025,000	30,144,313	28,033,602	120,958	5,543	84,851	2,025,150
Total investments in credit institutions				2,192,000	37,001,026	33,942,121	352,276	60,693	147,895	2,908,378
EiendomsMegler 1 SR-Eiendom	1,500	100.00	150	1,500	148,051	80,899	349,878	333,723	11,698	97,205
SR-Investering	35,000	100.00	3,500	35,000	170,757	6,193	-153	617	639	164,225
SR-Forvaltning	6,000	100.00	6,000	6,000	65,337	26,802	55,710	27,579	21,097	29,018
SpareBank 1 Regnskapshuset SR	800	100.00	8,000	800	92,693	19,632	81,742	80,140	1,026	70,125
Rygir Industrier Group	14,400	100.00	90,000	14,400	197,045	4,905	13	2,237	-1,555	186,246
Etis Eiendom							62	79	-6	-
Finansparken Bjergsted	48,000	100.00	8,000	48,000	272,610	13,849	1,289	328	742	258,016
Total other investments	•			105,700	946,493	152,280	488,541	444,703	33,641	804,835
Total investments in subsidiaries parent bank				2,297,700	37,947,519	34,094,401	840,817	505,396	181,536	3,713,213

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### Investments in associated companies and joint ventures

(Figures in NOK millions)

Paren	t bank		Gro	up
2016	2017		2017	2016
3,172	2,884	Carrying amount 1 Jan	4,460	4,792
-288	-521	Additions/disposals	-507	-259
-	-	Change in equity	-49	114
-	-	Share of profit/loss	413	384
-	-	Dividend paid	-364	-571
2,884	2,363	Carrying amount 31 Dec	3,953	4,460
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Gruppen	349	317
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	-25	-14
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	13	22
-	-	Share of profit from BN Bank	70	61
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	3	2
-	-	Share of profit from Samarbeidende Sparebanker Bankinvest	2	2
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	15	23
-	-	Share of profit from Admisenteret	-	-
-	-	Share of profit from SpareBank 1 Betaling	-14	29
486	228	Dividend from SpareBank 1 Gruppen	-	-
21	19	Dividend from SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	-	-
22	19	Dividend from SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	-	-
40	94	Dividend from BN Bank	-	-
2	4	Dividend from Samspar Bankinvest	-	-
-	12	Dividend from Admisenteret	12	-
571	376	Total income	425	384

Investments in all the companies are assessed using the cost method in the parent bank and the equity method in the group. Investments in joint ventures in the group as at 31 December 2017 includes goodwill amounting to NOK 23 million (NOK 23 million).

### The group's ownership interests in associated companies and joint ventures

(Figures in NOK millions)

2017		Assets Liabilities		Income	ome Costs	Profit or loss			No. of shares
SpareBank 1 Gruppen	Oslo	13,777	12,165	3,493	3,062	349	1,634	19.50	381,498
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	Oslo	200	171	199	196	3	29	18.00	
SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	Stavanger	20,871	19,974	-28	-5	-25	793	7.96	5,228,563
BN Bank	Trondheim	6,150	5,237	151	58	70	819	23.50	3,317 338
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	Stavanger	2,400	2,006	20	3	13	363	19.24	2,808,999
Samarbeidene Sparebanker Bankinvest	Oslo	25	3	2	-	2	20	3.27	354
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	Trondheim	1,066	858	90	20	15	208	17.85	515,604
SpareBank 1 Betaling	Oslo	58	-	-2	-	-14	63	19.70	1,635
SMB Lab	Trondheim	20	1	-	-	-	19	20.00	20,000
Other investments							5		
Total	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	30,790	28,250	432	272	413	3,953	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	······································
2016									
SpareBank 1 Gruppen	Oslo	12,302	10,783	2,745	2,351	317	1,542	19.50	381,498
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	Oslo	175	150	185	183	2	25	17.74	
SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	Stavanger	34,987	33,604	-15	5	-14	1,390	13.87	8,778,079
Admisenteret	Jørpeland					-	4	50.00	80
BN Bank	Trondheim	6,531	5,686	139	52	61	845	23.50	3,317 338
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	Stavanger	2,990	2,572	27	2	22	422	21.92	3,200,978
Samarbeidene Sparebanker Bankinvest	Oslo	23	3	2	-	2	20	3.27	354
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	Trondheim	965	772	92	42	23	193	17.87	515,910
SpareBank 1 Mobilbetaling	Oslo		-	-	-	29	18	19.70	1,635
Other investments							1		
Total		57,973	53,570	3,175	2,635	384	4,460		

### NOTE 39 MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATES

(Figures in NOK millions)

Close associates means associated companies, joint ventures and subsidiaries and people close to executive personnel and members of the board. The bank's outstanding balances with executive personnel and members of the board are shown in note 22.

Subsidiaries						Other	
2017	Loans 31 Dec	Deposits 31 Dec	Interest income	Interest costs	Commissions earnings	operating income	Operating costs
EiendomsMegler 1	-	45	2	2	-	1	-
SR-Forvaltning	-	64	-	-	32	1	-
FinStart Nordic	-	10	1	-	-	-	2
Regnskapshuset SR	-	18	-	-	-	-	
SR-Boligkreditt	-	2,203	11	9	26	-	-
Rygir Industrier Group	91	37	3	1	-	-	-
Finansparken Bjergsted	75	77	-	1	-	-	-
Total subsidiaries	166	2,454	17	13	58	2	2
2016							
SR-Finans	5,675	1	120	-	18	-	-
EiendomsMegler 1	-	39	3	-	-	1	-
SR-Forvaltning	-	57	-	1	28	-	-
SR-Investering	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regnskapshuset SR	-	10	-	-	-	-	1
SR-Boligkreditt	-	553	44	6	15	-	-
Rygir Industrier Group	-	26	-	-	-	-	-
Etis Eiendom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finansparken Bjergsted	-	140	-	1	-	-	-
Total subsidiaries	5,681	826	167	8	61	1	1

### Associated companies and joint ventures

2017	Loans 31 Dec	Deposits 31 Dec	Interest income	Interest costs	Commissions earnings	Other opera- ting income	Operating costs
SpareBank 1 Gruppen	1,942	-	41	-	294	-	-
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	-	-	-	-	-	-	171
SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	-	678	-	2	146	-	-
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	-	255	-	2	3	-	-
Samarbeidende Sparebanker Bankinvest	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	878	-	23	-	56	-	-
Total associated companies		•					
and joint ventures	2,823	933	64	4	499	-	171
2016 SpareBank 1 Gruppen	1,692		25	-	280	_	
SpareBank 1 Gruppen	1,692	-	25	-	280	-	-
SpareBank 1 Banksamarbeidet	-	-	-	-	-	-	169
SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt	5	425	-	4	145	-	-
Admisenteret	12	2	1	-	-	-	-
SpareBank 1 Næringskreditt	-	406	-	5	4	-	-
Samarbeidende Sparebanker Bankinvest	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
SpareBank 1 Kredittkort	770	-	22	-	61	-	-
Total associated companies		•	•				•
and joint ventures	2,482	833	48	9	490	_	169

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### Transactions with close associates of the group executive management team 1)

There were no transactions with close associates of the group executive management team.

### Transactions with close associates of the board 1)

<b>2017</b> (Figures in NOK thousands)	Loans 31 Dec <sup>2)</sup>	Interest income	Other opera- ting income
Rirthe Cecilie Lensae	582 392	4 293	_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Including transactions with close associates and companies in which close associated are key personnel.

### NOTE 40 SHARE CAPITAL AND OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

### Share capital

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's share capital amounts to NOK 6,393,777,050 divided into 255,751,082 shares, each with a nominal value of NOK 25. The share capital (formerly equity share capital) was raised in the following manner and on the following dates:

Year		Change in share capital	Total share capital	No. of shares
1994	Public issue	744.0	744.0	7,440,000
2000	Private placement with employees	5.0	749.0	7,489,686
2001	Private placement with employees	4.8	753.8	7,538,194
2004	Bonus issue	150.8	904.6	9,045,834
2005	Bonus issue/split	226.1	1,130.7	22,614,585
2007	Private placement	200.0	1,330.7	26,613,716
2007	Bonus issue/split	443.5	1,774.2	70,969,909
2008	Dividend issue	91.7	1,866.0	74,638,507
2008	Private placement with employees	6.6	1,872.6	74,903,345
2009	Bonus issue/split	374.5	2,247.1	89,884,014
2009	Private placement	776.2	3,023.3	120,933,730
2010	Private placement with employees	7.8	3,031.1	121,243,427
2010	Private placement with Kvinnherad	151.7	3,182.8	127,313,361
2012	Conversion limited savings bank	1,804.4	4,987.2	199,489,669
2012	Private placement	1,406.5	6,393.8	255,751,082

Besides the share capital, the equity consists of the share premium reserve, fund for unrealised gains and other equity.

### **Dividend policy**

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's financial goal for its activities is to achieve results that provide a good, stable return on the bank's equity, thus creating value for the owners in the form of competitive dividends and a higher share price.

Consideration must be given to financial needs, including capital adequacy requirements and the group's targets and strategic plans, when determining the annual dividend. Unless capital requirements dictate otherwise, the goal of the board is to distribute approximately half of the annual net profit for the period as dividends.

Trading in own shares in 2017 (Figures in NOK thousands)	No. of shares	Nominal value
Holding as at 31 Dec 2016	108,983	2,725
Traded in 2017	97,774	2,444
Holding as at 31 Dec 2017	206,757	5,169

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Inclusive of loan limits, derivatives and guarantees.

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### 20 largest shareholders as at 31 December 2017

Holder	of shares	Share in %
Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank	72,419,305	28.3%
National Insurance Scheme Fund	16,987,715	6.6%
State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	8,913,352	3.5%
SpareBank 1-stiftinga Kvinnherad	6 226 583	2.4%
Vpf Nordea Norge Verdi	5,957,547	2.3%
Danske Invest Norske Instit. II	3,574,538	1.4%
Verdipapirfondet DNB Norge (IV)	3,539,205	1.4%
Odin Norge	3,506,393	1.4%
State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	3,024,820	1.2%
Clipper AS	2,565,000	1.0%
Pareto Aksje Norge	2,223,764	0.9%
KAS Bank NV, The Netherlands	1,935,270	0.8%
Danske Invest Norske Aksjer Inst.	1,902,194	0.7%
Morgan Stanley and Co Intl plc, UK	1,885,627	0.7%
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A., USA	1,880,641	0.7%
KLP Aksjenorge Index	1,810,920	0.7%
Westco AS	1,662,987	0.7%
Pareto AS	1,640,867	0.6%
Vpf Nordea Norge Avkastning	1,639,620	0.6%
Norwegian Armed Forces' Personnel Service	1,513,556	0.6%
Total 20 largest	144,809,904	56.6%
Other holders	110,941,178	43.4%
Shares issued	255,751,082	100.0 %

The total number of shareholders as at 31 December 2017 was 10,834. This is 406 more than at year-end 2016. The proportion of shares held by shareholders residing in Rogaland, Hordaland and the Agder counties was 44.7%, and the proportion held by foreign shareholders was 23.5%. Please also see the overview of shareholders on the Board and Supervisory Board. For more information about SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's share please refer to the special section in the annual report.

### 20 largest shareholders as at 31 December 2016

Holder	of shares	Share in %
Sparebankstiftelsen SR-Bank	72,419,305	28.3%
Gjensidige Forsikring ASA	12,308,416	4.8%
State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	7,561,759	3.0%
Vpf Nordea Norge Verdi	7,454,497	2.9%
SpareBank 1-stiftinga Kvinnherad	6 226 583	2.4%
Wimoh Invest AS	5,761,169	2.3%
Odin Norge	4,384,644	1.7%
Danske Invest Norske Instit. II	3,646,410	1.4%
Pareto Aksje Norge	3,065,035	1.2%
Verdipapirfondet DNB Norge (IV)	2,963,871	1.2%
State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	2,851,948	1.1%
Clipper AS	2,565,000	1.0%
State Street Bank and Trust Co, USA	2,247,876	0.9%
Verdipapirfondet Alfred Berg Gambak	1,833,914	0.7%
KAS Bank NV, The Netherlands	1,804,586	0.7%
Danske Invest Norske Aksjer Inst.	1,770,594	0.7%
National Insurance Scheme Fund	1,688,000	0.7%
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, USA	1,671,233	0.7%
Vpf Nordea Avkastning	1,664,410	0.7%
Westco	1,658,537	0.6%
Total 20 largest	145,547,787	56.9%
Other holders	110,203,295	43.1%
Shares issued	255,751,082	100.0 %

The total number of shareholders as at 31 December 2016 was 10,428. This is 275 more than at year-end 2015. The proportion of shares held by shareholders residing in Rogaland, Hordaland and the Agder counties was 49.9%, and the proportion held by foreign shareholders was 19.1%. Please also see the overview of shareholders on the Board and Supervisory Board. For more information about SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's share, please refer to the special section in the annual report.

### Hybrid capital

(Figures in NOK millions)

### Group 1)

2017	Principal		Terms	Maturity	rity date	2017	2016
Hybrid capital	150	NOK	3-month NIBOR + 3.20%		2022	150	-
•••••	••••••	<b>.</b>	_	•		•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••

Change of hybrid capital	Balance 31 Dec 2017	Issued 2017	Matured/ redeemed 2017	rate and other changes 2017	Balance 31 Dec 2016
Hybrid capital	150	150	-	-	-
Total hybrid capital	150	150	-	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> This note is identical for the parent bank

### NOTE 41 ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE SOLD

(Figures in NOK millions)

The item includes assets that SpareBank 1 SR-Bank owns as part of its ordinary operations and which it has decided to sell. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank establishes, as part of its business activities, investment projects for sale to its customers. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank must also, as part of its business activities, take over assets, for one reason or another, from its customers. Such assets can also be measured as an activity that will be sold.

			2017	2016
Group 1)	Owned since	Ownership	Book value	Book value
Energiveien Eiendom Holding AS <sup>2)</sup>	2008	0 %	-	22
Book value 31 Dec			-	22

The item is measured at fair value in the financial statements and as operations that will be sold.

### **NOTE 42 IFRS 9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments will replace the current IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 deals with the recognition, classification, measurement, impairment and derecognition of financial assets and obligations, as well as hedge accounting. IFRS 9 will apply from 1 January 2018 and has been approved by the EU. The standard may be applied early. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will not avail itself of this option.

In 2015, the SpareBank 1 Alliance put together a multidisciplinary implementation team with participants from all of the banks that use IFRS, which has prepared for the implementation of IFRS 9 ("the Project"). The Project is a steering group with the following sub-groups:

Models and methodology
 Development of calculation solution and models to establish anticipated forward-looking estimates of expected losses

- Strategy, organization and processes
   Defining how the organisation of the ongoing work of accounting in accordance with IFRS 9 will be organised between the cooperating banks
- Accounting and reporting
   Concretising the actual accounting and notes, including policy notes and note templates
- Classification and measurement
   Analysing the group's financial instruments and classifying instruments in various categories

At the same time, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has established a local project for resolving the technical adaptations of new regulations, as well as discussing and deciding on adaptations and the effects of new regulations.

A description of the new requirements in IFRS 9 and changes from the earlier standard is provided below, Following is a description of the choices SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has made and the status of the implementation project.

<sup>1)</sup> This note is identical for the parent bank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2]</sup> SpareBank 1 SR-Bank's ownership interest as at 31 December 2016 was 16.80% and was not considered as an investment in affiliated operations as there was no basis for exercising control. The investment was therefore not recognized using the equity method.

The stock item was sold in 2017.

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### **Transition rules**

IFRS 9 shall be applied retrospectively, except for hedge accounting. Retrospective application means that SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will create the opening balance as at 1 January 2018 as if they have always applied the new principles. This does not mean that the comparative figures for 2017 need to be reworked according to the new principles. The standard states that it is also not allowed to revise comparisons unless this can be done without the need for hindsight. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank will not show comparable figures for earlier periods upon implementation of the standard on 1 January 2018. The effects of new principles in the opening balance for 2018 are recognized against equity.

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has chosen to introduce hedge accounting under IFRS 9. This implies that hedge accounting is to be conducted in accordance with the principles of IFRS 9 prospectively from date of transition to IFRS 9.

### Classification and measurement

### Financial assets

According to IFRS 9, financial assets must be classified into three measurement categories: fair value with value changes through profit or loss, fair value with value changes through other comprehensive income (OCI) and amortised cost. The measurement category must be determined upon initial recognition of the asset. Financial assets are classified on the basis of the contractual terms and conditions for the financial assets and business model used to manage the portfolio of which the assets are a part.

Financial assets with contractual cash flows that are only payments of interest and the principal on given dates and that are held in a business model for the purpose of receiving contractual cash flows should initially be measured at amortised cost. Instruments with contractual cash flows that are only payments of interest and the principal on given dates and that are held in a business model for the purpose of receiving contractual cash flows and sales, should initially be measured at fair value with value changes through OCI, with interest income, currency translation effects, and any impairments presented in the ordinary income statement. Value changes recognised through OCI must be reclassified to the income statement upon the sale or other disposal of the assets.

Instruments that are initially measured at amortized cost or at fair value with changes in value over the OCI can be designated at fair value through profit or loss if this eliminates or substantially reduces an accounting mismatch.

Mortgages that qualify for sale to mortgage credit companies are held both to receive contractual cash flows and for sale in the parent bank. These are therefore measured at fair value over the OCI, with interest income and any write-downs presented in the ordinary result. However, the business model at the consolidated level is consistent with such mortgage loans being held to receive cash flows and thus measurement at amortized cost.

Other financial assets must be measured at fair value with value changes through profit or loss. This includes derivatives equity

instruments and other cash flow instruments that are not only payments of normal interest (time value of money, credit spread and other normal margins linked to loans and receivables) and the principal, and instruments that are held in a business model in which the main purpose is not the reception of contractual cash flows. Sparebank 1 SR-Bank has chosen that investments in shares that are not held for trading purposes are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

### Financial liabilities

The rules on financial liabilities are generally the same as those in today's IAS 39. As a general rule, financial liabilities should still be measured at amortised cost with the exception of financial derivatives measured at fair value, financial instruments included in a trading portfolio, and financial liabilities it has been decided to recognise at fair value with value changes through profit or loss.

### Hedge accounting

IFRS 9 simplifies the requirement for hedge accounting in that the hedging effect is tied more closely to the management's risk management and provides greater room for judgement. The requirement for hedge effectiveness of 80-125% has been eliminated and replaced with a more qualitative requirement, including the fact that there should be a financial connection between the hedging instrument and hedged item, and that the credit risk should not dominate the value changes of the hedging instrument. According to IFRS 9, a prospective (forward-looking) effectiveness test is sufficient, while hedge effectiveness pursuant to IAS 39 must be assessed both prospectively and retrospectively (backwards-looking). Hedging documentation is still required. SpareBank 1 SR-Bank has the option to continue the hedge accounting to the same extent as previous years.

### Impairment losses on loans

According to the rules under IAS 39, impairment losses must only be made when objective evidence exists that a loss event has happened after initial recognition. According to IFRS 9, impairment losses must be recognised based on expected credit losses (ECL). The general model for impairment of financial assets in IFRS 9 will apply to financial assets measured at amortized cost or at fair value with changes in value over the OCI and which did not have any losses on initial recognition. In addition, there are also loan commitments, financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss and lease agreements are included.

The measurement of the provisions for expected losses in the general model depends on whether or not the credit risk has increased significantly since initial capitalisation. Upon initial capitalisation and when the credit risk has not increased significantly after initial capitalisation, provisions must be made for 12 months' expected losses. 12-month expected loss is the loss that is expected to occur over the life of the instrument, but which can be linked to events occurring in the first 12 months. If the credit risk has increased substantially after initial recognition, provisions must be made for expected losses over the entire lifetime. Expected credit losses are calculated based on the present

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value of all cash flows over the remaining life expectancy, i.e. the difference between the contractual cash flows under the contract and the cash flow that the bank expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate on the instrument.

In addition to the general model, there are own principles for issued, including renegotiated loans treated as new ones, and purchased loans with accrued credit losses upon initial recognition. For these, an effective interest rate shall be calculated taking into account the expected credit loss, and for changes in expected cash flows, the change shall be discounted with the initially fixed effective interest rate and recognized in the income statement. For these assets, there is no need to monitor whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk after initial capitalization, as expected losses over the entire life span will nevertheless be considered.

The method in the IFRS 9 standard entails somewhat greater volatility in impairments and it is expected that impairments will be made earlier than is the case with the current practice. This will be especially noticeable at the start of an economic downturn.

### More detailed description of the bank's future impairment model

An estimate of losses will be made each quarter based on data in the data warehouse, which contains a history of account and customer data for the entire credit portfolio. The loss estimates will be calculated on the basis of the 12-month and lifelong probability of default (PD), loss given default (LGD) and exposure at default (EAD). The data warehouse contains a history of observed PD and observed LGD. This will provide the basis for producing good estimates of future values for PD and LGD. In line with IFRS 9, the bank groups its loans into three stages.

### Stage 1:

This is the starting point for all financial assets covered by the general loss model. All assets that do not have a significantly higher credit risk than they did upon initial recognition will have a loss provision equal to 12 months' expected losses. This category will contain all assets that have not be transferred to stages 2 or 3.

### Stage 2:

In stage 2 the loss model is assets that have seen a significant rise in credit risk since initial recognition, but that do not have objective evidence of a loss event. For these assets the loss provision must cover expected losses over the lifetime. This group contains accounts with a significant degree of credit deterioration, but which on the balance sheet data belong to customers that are classified as healthy. As far as the demarcation with stage 1 is concerned, the bank bases its definition of a significant degree of credit deterioration on the extent to which the commitment's calculated probability of default (PD) has increased significantly.

### Stage 3

In stage 3 the loss model is assets that have seen a significant rise in credit risk since being granted and where there is objective evidence of a loss event on the balance sheet date. For these assets the loss provision must cover expected losses over the lifetime.

These are assets that are defined under the current regulations as non-performing and impaired.

### Recognition and derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the trading day, that is, when the bank becomes a party to the instruments' contractual terms.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial asset have expired or when the rights to the cash flows from the asset have been transferred in such a way that the risk and return on ownership are substantially transferred

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the contractual terms have been settled, cancelled or expired.

### Modified assets and liabilities

If modifications or changes to the terms of an existing financial asset or liability are made, the instrument is treated as a new financial asset if the renegotiated terms differ materially from the old terms. If the terms differ significantly, the old financial asset or liability is derecognised and a new financial asset or liability is recognized. In general, a loan is considered to be a new financial asset if new loan documentation is issued, while a new credit process is being issued with new loan terms.

If the modified instrument is not considered to be significantly different from the existing instrument, the instrument is considered to be a continuation of the existing instrument. In the case of a modification recognized as a continuation of existing instruments, the new cash flows are discounted using the instrument's original effective interest rate and any difference between the existing book value is recognized in profit and loss.

### Effect on financial reporting

Any implementation effects will be recognised against equity upon the switch to IFRS 9 on 1 January 2018. The provisional review of the future disclosure requirements indicates there will be some changes in disclosure requirements relating to impalement losses, but little effect in relation to notes for financial instruments.

# The introduction of IFRS 9 has resulted in the following principles and effects

A description of the various financial instruments and how they are classified in accordance with IAS 39 and IFRS 9 are described below, with a description of the ratings that have been taken into account in the classification.

Detailed description of the loss model according to IFRS 9 follows in the tables below.

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### Implementation IFRS 9

(Figures in NOK millions)

Parent bank Assets	Classification according to IAS 39	Classification according to IFRS 9	Capitalized amount accor- ding to IAS 39, 31 December 2017	Change due to reclassifi- cation	Change due to new mea- surement	Capitalized amount acco- rding to IFRS 9, January 1, 2018
Amortised cost						
Cash and receivables from the central bank	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	207	-	-	207
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	1 607	-	-	1 607
Loans to customers	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	122,969	-54,606	55	68,418
Certificates and bonds	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	3,201	-	-	3,201
Investments in ownership interests	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	2,363	-	-	2,363
Investments in group companies	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	4,853	-	-	4,853
Other financial assets	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	724	-	-	724
Total effect amortized cost			135,924	-54,606	55	81,373
Fair value through profit or loss						
Loans to customers	Fair value	Fair value	7,610	-	-	7,610
Certificates and bonds	Fair value	Fair value	29,002	-	-	29,002
Financial derivatives	Fair value	Fair value	6,033	-	-	6,033
Equities, units and other equity interests	Fair value	Fair value	446	61	-	507
Total fair value through profit or loss			43,091	61	-	43,152
Fair value over OCI with recycling	•	•••••		•		
Loans to customers	Amortised cost	Fair value	-	54,606	-8	54,598
Total effect fair value over OCI with recycling	••••••	••••••	-	54,606	-8	54,598
Fair value over OCI without recycling (equity instruments)						
Equities, units and other equity interests	Available for sale	Fair value	61	-61	-	-
Total effect fair value over OCI without recycling		••••	61	-61	-	-
Total assets			179,076	-	47	179,123
Liabilities						
Amortised cost	•••••			•••••	. •	
Debt to financial institutions	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	4,538	-	-	4,538
Deposits from customers	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	95,635	-	-	95,635
Securities issued	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	51,307	-	-	51,307
Subordinated loan capital	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	2,764	-	-	2,764
Payable tax	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	393	-	16	377
Deferred tax liabilities	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	417	-	-	417
Other financial obligations	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	960	-	113	1,073
Total effect amortized cost	•••••	···•····	156,014	-	97	156,111
Fair value through profit or loss		···				
Financial derivatives	Fair value	Fair value	5,013	-	-	5,013
Total fair value through profit or loss		···	5,013	-	-	5,013
Total liabilities	•••••	···•····	161,027	-	97	161,124
		···				
Share capital			6,394	-	-	6,394
Share premium reserve			1,587	-	-	1,587
Allocated dividend			1,087	-	-	1,087
Fund for unrealised gains			43	-	-	43
Hybrid capital			150	-	-	150
Other equity			8,788	-	-50	8,738
Total equity			18,049	_	-50	17,999
Total liabilities and equity	. •	···•···	179,076	_	47	179,123

(Figures in NOK millions)

Group Assets	Classification according to IAS 39	Classification according to IFRS 9	Capitalized amount accor- ding to IAS 39, 31 December 2017	Change due to reclassifi- cation	Change due to new mea- surement	Capitalized amount acco- rding to IFRS 9, January 1, 2018
Amortised cost						
Cash and receivables from the central bank	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	207	-	-	207
Loans to and receivables from financial institutions	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	1,608	-	-	1,608
Loans to customers	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	163,627	-	16	163,643
Certificates and bonds	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	3,201	-	-	3,201
Investments in ownership interests	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	3,953	-	-	3,953
Investments in group companies	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	-	-	-	-
Other financial assets	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	1,446	-	-	1,446
Total effect amortized cost			174,042	-	16	174,058
Fair value through profit or loss	••••••	••••••	••••••	••••••	••••••	•
Loans to customers	Fair value	Fair value	7,610	-	-	7,610
Certificates and bonds	Fair value	Fair value	28,708	-	-	28,708
Financial derivatives	Fair value	Fair value	5,541	-	-	5,541
Equities, units and other equity interests	Fair value	Fair value	656	61	-	717
Total fair value through profit or loss			42,515	61	-	42,576
Fair value over OCI with recycling	•		•••••	•••••	•	•
Loans to customers	Amortised cost	Fair value	-	-	-	-
Total effect fair value over OCI with recycling			-	-	-	-
Fair value over OCI without recycling (equity instruments)						
Equities, units and other equity interests	Available for sale	Fair value	61	-61	-	-
Total effect fair value over OCI without recycling			61	-61	-	-
Total assets			216,618	-	16	216,634
Liabilities				. •. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• ••••••	
Amortised cost						
Debt to financial institutions	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	2,335	-	-	2,335
Deposits from customers	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	95,384	-	-	95,384
Securities issued	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	90,497	-	-	90,497
Subordinated loan capital	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	2,764	-	-	2,764
Payable tax	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	487	-	-24	463
Deferred tax liabilities	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	393	-	-	393
Other financial obligations	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	1,082	-	114	1,196
Total effect amortized cost		<u>.</u>	192,942	-	90	193,032
Fair value through profit or loss						
Financial derivatives	Fair value	Fair value	3,787	-	-	3,787
Total fair value through profit or loss			3,787	- 	- 	3,787
Total liabilities		<u>.</u>	196,729	-	90	196,819
Share capital			6,394	-	-	6,394
Share premium reserve			1,587	-	-	1,587
Allocated dividend			1,087	-	-	1,087
Fund for unrealised gains			43	-	-	43
Hybrid capital			150	-	-	150
Other equity			10,628	-	-74	10,554
Total equity			19,889	_	-74	19,815
Total liabilities and equity			216,618	-	16	216,634

### Transitional note loss provisions from IAS 39 to IFRS 9 $\,$

Parent bank	01/01/2018				31/12/2017			
Total capitalized impairment losses	12 mnd ECL	Lifetime ECL - no objective evidence of loss	Lifetime ECL - objective evidence of loss	Purchased or issued loans with objective proof of loss	Total	Individual	Group	Total
Impairment for groups of loans (note 8)		•	•				674	674
Individual impairment loans (note 8)						639	-	639
Individual impairment guarantees (note 35)						13	-	13
Total write-down 31 Dec 2017			•			652	674	1,326
Impairment of loans	174	391	701	-	1,266			
Impairment guarantees, loan commitments and unutilized credit	41	70	15	-	126			
Total write-down 1 Jan 2018	215	461	716	-	1,392	-	-	-

Group								
Total capitalized impairment losses	12 mnd ECL	Lifetime ECL - no objective evidence of loss	Lifetime ECL - objective evidence of loss	Purchased or issued loans with objective proof of loss	Total	Individual	Group	Total
Impairment for groups of loans (note 8)							678	678
Individual impairment loans (note <sup>8)</sup>						639	-	639
Individual impairment guarantees (note 35)						13	-	13
Total write-down 31 Dec 2017		••••		·····		652	678	1,330
Impairment of loans	194	406	701	-	1,301			
Impairment guarantees, loan commitments and unutilized credit	42	70	15	-	127			
Total write-down 1 Jan 2018	236	476	716	-	1,428	-	-	-

### **Statement of Changes in Equity**

	Share	Share				
Parent bank	capital	premium reserve	Hybrid capital	Other equity	Fund for unrealised gains	Total equity
Equity as at 31 Dec 2017	6,394	1,587	150	9,875	43	18,049
Total loss provisions according to IAS 39				1,326		1,326
Total provisions for loans under IFRS 9				-1,392		-1,392
Net change provision loss	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••	-66		-66
Change in tax payable as a result of change IFRS 9				16		16
Total change in equity	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•		-50		-50
Equity as at 1 Jan 2018	6,394	1,587	150	9,825	43	17,999
Group						
Equity as at 31 Dec 2017	6,394	1,587	150	9,875	43	18,049
Total loss provisions according to IAS 39				1,330		1,330
Total provisions for loans under IFRS 9				-1,428		-1,428
Net change provision loss	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•		-98		-98
Change in tax payable as a result of change IFRS 9				24		24
Total change in equity	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•		-74		-74
Equity as at 1 Jan 2018	6,394	1,587	150	9,801	43	17,975

### Change in loss provision

Parent bank	Loss provision according to IAS 39, 31 December 2017	Change due to reclassification	Change due to new measure- ment	Loss provision according to IFRS 9, 1 January 2018
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39, which are to be measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9	1,326	-46	-55	1,225
Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39, which are to be measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9 $$	-	-	113	113
Total instruments measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9	1,326	-46	58	1,338
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9 $$	-	46	8	54
Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9	-	-	-	-
Total instruments measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9	-	46	8	54
Total changes in relation to classification rules	1,326	-	66	1,392
Financial guarantee contracts	_	_	55	55
Unutilised credit	-	-	50	50
Loan commitments			8	8
Group				
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39, which are to be measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9	1 330	-	16	1,314
Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39, which are to be measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9 $$	-	-	114	
Total instruments measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9				114
Total instruments incasured at amortized cost under into 5	1 330	-	98	114 <b>1,428</b>
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9	1 330	-	98	•••••
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to	1 330 - -	- - -	98 - -	•••••
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be	1 330 - - -	- - - -	98 - -	•••••
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9	1 330 - - - 1 330	- - - -	98 - - - 98	•••••
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Total instruments measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Total changes in relation to classification rules	- - -	- - - -	- - -	1,428 - -
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Total instruments measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9	- - -	- - - - - - -	- - - 98	1,428 - - - 1,428
Loans and receivables and instruments held to maturity under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Debt instruments classified as available for sale under IAS 39 to be measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Total instruments measured at fair value over OCI under IFRS 9  Total changes in relation to classification rules  Financial guarantee contracts	- - -	- - - - - - -	- - - 98	1,428 - - - 1,428

### NOTE 43 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No material events have been registered after 31 December 2017 that affect the annual financial statements as prepared. The proposed dividend is NOK 4.25 per share and will total NOK 1,087 million.



To the General Meeting of Sparebank 1 SR-Bank ASA

## Independent Auditor's Report

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Sparebank 1 SR-Bank ASA. The financial statements comprise:

- The financial statements of the parent company, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and
- The financial statements of the group, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 and income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

### In our opinion:

- The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the law and regulations.
- The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the parent company as at 31 December 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU.
- The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial
  position of the group as at 31 December 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows
  for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as
  adopted by the EU.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company and the Group as required by laws and regulations, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the



context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### **Key Audit Matter**

### How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

# *Impairment losses of loans and guarantees*

We focused on the valuation of loans to customers because management exercise significant judgement in the impairment process. In addition, loans and guarantees constitute a considerable amount of the assets on the balance sheet.

The bank's procedures and control systems related to credit rating and their monitoring process are central to the valuation of loans. These procedures and control systems include managements' judgement regarding assumptions used in calculating the impairment amount. The use of judgement could affect the financial result, and affect the bank's capital adequacy requirements due to the credit rate classification of loans.

According to accounting standards, the bank shall assess, at the end of each reporting period, whether there is objective evidence that impairment exists for the loans. If there are, the losses should be calculated as the residual of the book value less the present value of future cash flows. Both assessments involve significant judgements.

In our audit, we gave special attention to:

- Managements' process to identify loans with objective evidence that impairment exists.
- Managements' process to monitor engagements that are particularly exposed due to the decline in the petroleum related industry.
- Management's assumptions used in calculating the impairment amount for loans where

We addressed and tested the key controls related to the impairment process. The objective of these controls are to identify whether loans have objective evidence of impairment, and how the impairment losses should be calculated when objective evidence exists. We concluded that we could rely on these controls in our audit.

Throughout 2017, we held meetings with the credit and legal department in the bank. The financial statement show that total non-performing and impaired loans are at a somewhat lower level compared to last year. In these meetings, we challenged the bank's assessments, including possible impairment indicators on loans where there is not yet objective evidence that impairment exists. This included loans that were assessed by the bank and loans selected based on industry, size, risk and haphazardly. We assured that the bank had particular attention on loans in the petroleum related industry. For loans where objective evidence exists, we challenged the bank and examined the relevance and the reasonableness of the assumptions and the method used in the calculation of realisable value. Our procedures indicate that the bank's assumptions and methods were reasonable.

We performed credit assessments for a sample of loans, where we evaluated whether objective evidence for impairment losses exist. We also assessed the realisable value the bank had calculated. These values are calculated by using internal and external appraisals. The financial statement show that the loan loss provision ratios is somewhat increased this year. The loan-loss provision ratio is defined as individual write-downs in percent of non-performing and impaired loans. The results of our testing of individual impairment losses show that management had used reasonable assumptions in the calculation of the impairment amounts.

For loans considered on a collective basis, the credit risk manager, based on a framework model, performs the calculation of impairment. We tested the model and considered the relevance and the reasonableness of important assumptions used in the calculation. The financial statement show that the loan-loss provision



impairment exists.

• Those processes and calculations management have been working on to prepare the IFRS 9 implementation.

Refer to note 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in the annual report for the group's credit risk and impairment of loans to customers. See note 42 for a description of the expected implementation effects of IFRS 9. ratio, measured as collective impairment losses in percent of gross loans, is stable compared to last year. The level of collective losses were among others compared to other comparable banks and analysed towards the bank's other loan portfolio. We concluded that the assumptions used in the calculation of the impairment amounts were reasonable.

We satisfied ourselves that disclosures regarding valuation of loans and guarantees, appropriately describes risks in the portfolio.

The bank has in 2017 worked to develop a framework model to adapt to the new regulations of IFRS 9. The development, which is expected to finish in 2018, has so far lead to a conclusion of no significant effects from the transition to IFRS 9. The preliminary conclusions from management seems reasonable.

# IT systems supporting processes over financial reporting

We have addressed this area because it is important for the bank's financial reporting systems, and their business model is dependent on complex IT systems. Weaknesses in automated processes and controls can potentially lead to a significant risk in the daily operations and risk of misstatements.

The bank uses external service providers to operate some of the important IT systems. The auditor at the relevant service organisation evaluates the design and efficiency of the established control systems, and tests the controls designed to ensure the integrity of the IT system and cash handling that are relevant to financial reporting.

We satisfied ourselves regarding the auditor's objectivity and competence and examined the reports, and evaluated possible misstatement and improvements. Furthermore, our own IT specialists have tested access controls to the IT systems and the segregation of duties where necessary for our audit.

Our work gave us sufficient evidence to enable us to rely on the operation of the Group's IT systems relevant for our audit.

### Completeness and valuation of derivatives

Derivatives consist mainly of interest- and currency instruments. The bank uses derivatives to reduce interest and exchange risk related to fixed-rate funding and loans to customers, bonds (assets and liabilities) and certificates (assets and liabilities). The bank has also a significant trade of derivatives on behalf of customers. There is a risk of errors in the financial statements if derivatives are not accurately registered in

The bank has established processes and controls to ensure accurate registration and measurement of derivative contracts.

We tested the bank's control over the entering into and closing of derivative contracts, including the registration in the banks systems. Our audit also includes tests to ensure that the bank reconciles transactions with counterparties on a daily basis. Furthermore, we have tested the banks methodology and controls regarding pricing models. We concluded that we could rely on these



the banks systems.

Derivatives are measured at fair value, and the valuation techniques depends partly on management judgement as described in note 28. The use of assumptions (interest rates and credit spread) can therefore potentially affect the income statement.

Refer to notes 2, 3, 6, 15, 16, 21 and 26 for a more complete description of the Groups risk governance and use of derivatives.

controls in our audit.

Interest and exchange curves were on a daily basis fed into the bank's portfolio system as basis for pricing of derivatives. We tested the pricing by recalculating the pricing of different derivatives by using the same interest and exchange curves as the bank. We compared these prices to external sources. The result of our testing show that management used reasonable assumptions when calculating the fair value of the derivatives.

We satisfied ourselves that disclosures regarding derivatives were appropriate.

### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board of Directors' report, the statements on Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director (management) are responsible for the preparation in accordance with law and regulations, including fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report



that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. We design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company and the Group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company or the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company or the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### Opinion on the Board of Directors' report

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, it is our opinion that the information presented in the Board of Directors' report and in the statements on Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility concerning the financial statements, the going concern assumption, and the proposal for the allocation of the profit is consistent with the financial statements and complies with the law and regulations.

### Opinion on Registration and Documentation

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, it is our opinion that management has fulfilled its duty to produce a proper and clearly set out registration and documentation of the Company and the Group's accounting information in accordance with the law and bookkeeping standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Stavanger, 8 March 2018 **PricewaterhouseCoopers AS** 

Torbjørn Larsen State Authorised Public Accountant

Note: This translation from Norwegian has been prepared for information purposes only.

# Statement by the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer

We hereby confirm that the financial statements for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017 have, to the best of our knowledge, been prepared pursuant to applicable accounting standards, and that the information provided presents a true and fair picture of the company's and the group's assets, liabilities, financial positions and profit as a whole.

We also confirm that the Board of Directors' report provides a true and fair presentation of the performance, result and position of the company and Group, together with a description of the most important risk and uncertainty factors that the company and the Group face.

Stavanger, 8 March 2018

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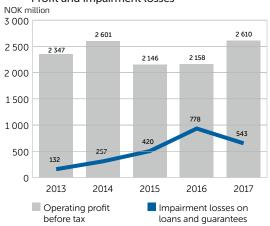
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### **KEY FIGURES LAST 5 YEARS**

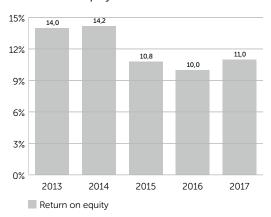
(Figures in NOK millions)

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Group	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Summary of results					
Net interest income	3,162	2,871	2,593	2,404	2,119
Net commissions and other operating income	1,524	1,443	1,532	1,732	1,824
Net income from financial investments	634	654	304	778	555
Total net income	5,320	4,968	4,429	4,914	4,498
Total operating costs	2,167	2,032	1,863	2,056	2,019
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	3,153	2,936	2,566	2,858	2,479
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	543	778	420	257	132
Pre-tax profit	2,610	2,158	2,146	2,601	2,347
Taxes	524	403	400	506	487
Net profit for the year	2,086	1,755	1,746	2,095	1,860
Return (% of average total assets)					
Net interest income	1.52 %	1.48 %	1.42 %	1.45 %	1.42 %
Net commissions and other operating income	0.73 %	0.74 %	0.84 %	1.04 %	1.22 %
Net income from financial investments	0.31 %	0.34 %	0.17 %	0.47 %	0.37 %
Total net income	2.56 %	2.56 %	2.42 %	2.96 %	3.01 %
Total operating costs	1.04 %	1.05 %	1.02 %	1.24 %	1.35 %
Operating profit before impairment losses on loans	1.52 %	1.51 %	1.40 %	1.72 %	1.66 %
Impairment losses on loans and guarantees	0.26 %	0.40 %	0.23 %	0.15 %	0.09 %
Pre-tax profit	1.26 %	1.11 %	1.17 %	1.57 %	1.57 %
Taxes	0.25 %	0.21 %	0.22 %	0.30 %	0.33 %
Net profit for the year	1.01 %	0.90 %	0.96 %	1.26 %	1.24 %
Balance Sheet figures					
Lending to retail market	104,299	91,171	87,229	77,651	59,848
Lending to retail market, incl. SB1 Boligkreditt	118,413	115,348	115,397	109,939	105,595
Lending to corporate market	67,883	66,497	66,705	62,880	59,128
Lending to corporate market, incl. SB1 Næringskreditt	68,352	67,014	67,243	63,464	59,770
Retail market deposits	44,246	42,908	42,101	39,545	36,190
Corporate market deposits	51,525	43,741	47,341	41,942	35,474
Lending growth in retail market, excl. SB1 Boligkreditt %	14.4	4.5	12.3	29.7	13.8
Lending growth in corporate market, excl. SB1 Næringskreditt %	2.1	-0.3	6.1	6.3	6.1
Percentage growth in retail market deposits  Percentage growth in corporate market deposits	3.1 17.8	1.9 -7.6	6.5 12.9	9.3 18.2	5.5 6.7
Total assets	216,618	193,408	192,049	174,926	156,985
Average total assets	207,562	193,408	182,768	166,017	149,554
Average total assets	207,302	134,204	102,700	100,017	149,554
Impairment losses on loans and non-performance		<u>.</u>	<u>.</u>	<u>.</u>	
Impairment as % of lending	0.33	0.50	0.28	0.20	0.12
incl. loans SB1 Boligkreditt and SB1 Næringskreditt	0.29	0.42	0.23	0.15	0.08
Non-performing commitments as % of gross loans	0.32	0.68	0.55	0.30	0.69
incl. loans SB1 Boligkreditt and SB1 Næringskreditt	0.30	0.59	0.46	0.24	0.50
Other impaired commitments as % of gross loans	0.91	0.72	0.35	0.36	0.37
incl. loans SB1 Boligkreditt and SB1 Næringskreditt	0.83	0.62	0.30	0.29	0.26
Equity					
Share capital	6,394	6,394	6,394	6,394	6,394
Share premium reserve	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587
Other equity	11,758	10,307	8,933	7,422	6,075
Hybrid capital	150	10 200	16.014	15 407	14056
Total equity	19,889	18,288	16,914	15,403	14,056
Profitability, financial strength and staffing					
Return on equity %	11.0	10.0	10.8	14.2	14.0
Cost/income ratio	40.7	40.9	42.1	41.8	44.9
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio %	15.05	14.70	13.26	11.50	11.11
Tier 1 capital ratio %	16.04	15.63	14.17	12.34	12.83
Capital ratio %	17.88	17.52	16.73	14.53	14.07
No. of full-time equivalents	1,142	1,127	1,161	1,106	1,165

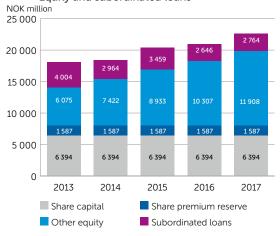
### Profit and impairment losses



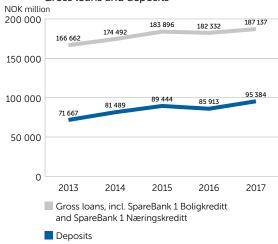
### Return on equity



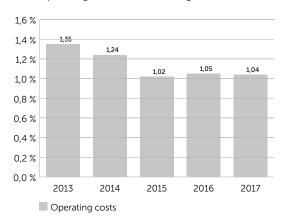
### Equity and subordinated loans



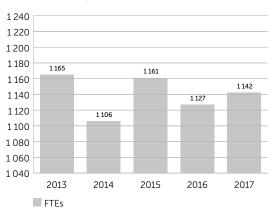
### Gross loans and deposits



### Operating costs as % of average total assets



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