

# Yield Outlook

## Monetary policy divergence

Since our latest forecast, upward pressure on global interest rates has eased across the board. This move is partly due to a deterioration in risk appetite in the markets stemming from concerns about AI-related disruptions and more clarity regarding fiscal policy prospects in Japan. Although growth remains solid in the euro area, underlying concerns about too low inflation persist, which has pushed short-end Danish and European rates slightly lower. Across the Atlantic, reduced political uncertainty, a broad rollback of several political measures, including measures related to tariff increases, and clarity regarding a new Fed president have lowered term premia. Combined with weak signals on wage growth, this has exerted downward pressure on US rates.

### Fed on hold for now, but further rate cuts expected

The US labour market continues to soften, although at a more gradual pace than previously, reducing the need for imminent rate cuts by the Fed. However, we particularly note that the wage sum is currently almost entirely driven by wage growth. This indicates downward pressure on private consumption but potentially also inflation in the coming months. We expect two additional rate cuts of 0.25 percentage points in June and September, slightly later than previously anticipated and somewhat less than markets expect. Kevin Warsh is likely to become the next Fed Governor, which the markets have welcomed, easing concerns about the central bank's independence.

### Solid growth but weak inflation in the euro area

Recent economic indicators in the euro area have been mixed. Positive growth momentum continues, supported by a rise in private consumption, which ended last year on a strong note. However, credit conditions have tightened, and the services sector appears to be under increased pressure after being a key driver of the economy in recent years. Inflation has been to the soft side, and momentum has recently declined, particularly in the services sector. Although Governing Council members continue to state that the ECB is "in a good place", we believe softer inflation could pave the way for more dovish signals from the ECB in the coming months. Our base case remains that the key rate will stay at 2% throughout 2026 and 2027. The biggest risk of another rate cut would arise if inflationary pressures continued to ease. However, we also see a risk of a rate hike in 2027 if the expansive German fiscal policy and European defence spending have a stronger impact than anticipated.

### Central bank policy rates

Land	Spot	+3m	+6m	+12m
USD	3,75	3,75	3,50	3,25
EUR	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00
GBP	3,75	3,50	3,50	3,25
DKK	1,60	1,60	1,60	1,60
SEK	1,75	1,75	1,75	2,00
NOK	4,00	4,00	4,00	3,50

### 10Y government bond yields

Land	Spot	+3m	+6m	+12m
USD	4,10	4,20	4,30	4,45
EUR	2,76	2,85	2,90	2,90
GBP	4,39	4,55	4,65	4,70
DKK	2,62	2,70	2,75	2,75
SEK	2,69	2,90	2,90	3,00
NOK	4,23	4,10	4,10	4,10

Note: EUR = Germany

### 10Y swap rates

Land	Spot	+3m	+6m	+12m
USD	3,70	3,80	3,90	4,00
EUR	2,78	2,80	2,80	2,80
GBP	3,99	4,00	4,05	4,10
DKK	2,96	2,95	2,95	2,95
SEK	2,73	2,95	2,95	3,05
NOK	4,26	4,20	4,20	4,20

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Source: Danske Bank (all three tables)

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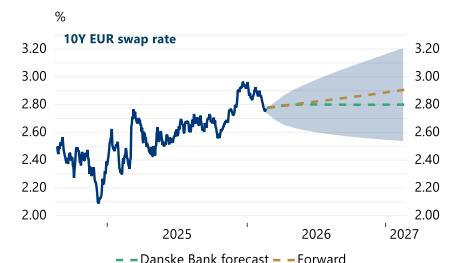
## Divergence among central banks

There are increasing signs of monetary policy divergence among central banks. Earlier this month, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) delivered a rate hike due to better-than-expected demand, increased inflationary pressures, and a decline in unemployment. Also, among our Nordic neighbours, the picture is more mixed, with a significant upside surprise in Norwegian inflation creating uncertainty about whether Norges Bank should ease further. Conversely, the British economy is showing more pronounced signs of weakness, with rising unemployment, slower wage growth, and weak overall growth, prompting the Bank of England to signal that further rate cuts are likely. In the market, speculation has also emerged about a final rate cut from the Riksbank.

### Flat rate development over the next year in Europe, but upside risks at the long end

Our ECB call suggests an unchanged level for policy rates until the end of 2027. This means our forecast for 2-year DKK and EUR swap rates remains close to current levels. For long-end Danish and European swap rates, we expect them to trade near current levels over the next year. However, we still see the risk as being skewed to the upside across regions at the long end of the curve. We expect term premiums, which reflect compensation for taking on duration risk, to rise in the US and Europe as bond supply is set to increase significantly due to high public budget deficits over the coming years. Therefore, we expect long-end US rates to move higher in the near future, despite the Fed's rate cuts.

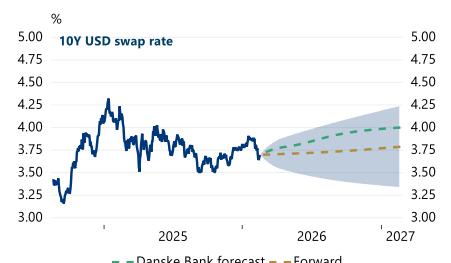
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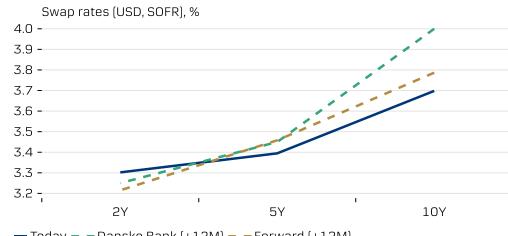
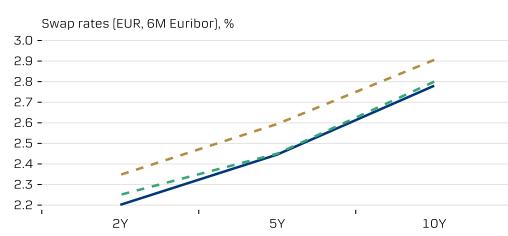
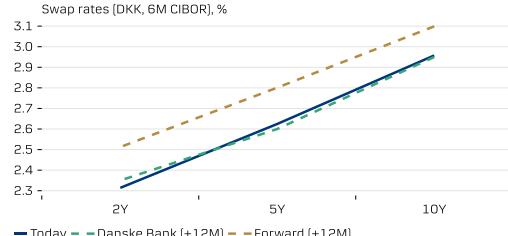
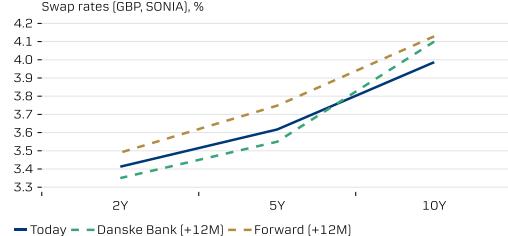
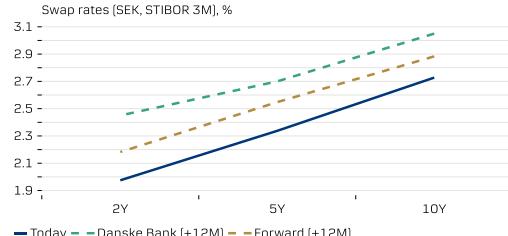
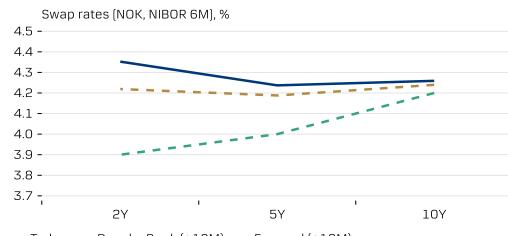
## Forecasts

	Horizon	Policy rate	3M xibor	6m xibor	2y gov	5y gov	10y gov	2y swap	5y swap	10y swap
USD**	Spot	3.75			3.48	3.67	4.10	3.30	3.39	3.7
	+3M	3.75			3.50	3.80	4.20	3.25	3.40	3.8
	+6M	3.50			3.55	3.85	4.30	3.25	3.45	3.9
	+12M	3.25			3.55	3.90	4.45	3.25	3.45	4.0
EUR*	Spot	2.00	2.01	2.14	2.06	2.35	2.76	2.20	2.44	2.78
	+3M	2.00	2.05	2.15	2.10	2.40	2.85	2.20	2.45	2.80
	+6M	2.00	2.05	2.15	2.10	2.40	2.90	2.20	2.45	2.80
	+12M	2.00	2.05	2.15	2.15	2.45	2.90	2.25	2.45	2.80
GBP**	Spot	3.75			3.59	3.81	4.39	3.41	3.62	3.99
	+3M	3.50			3.65	3.90	4.55	3.45	3.60	4.00
	+6M	3.50			3.60	3.95	4.65	3.40	3.60	4.05
	+12M	3.25			3.55	3.95	4.70	3.35	3.55	4.10
DKK	Spot	1.60	1.99	2.20	1.76	1.95	2.62	2.31	2.62	2.96
	+3M	1.60	2.03	2.21	1.90	2.20	2.70	2.30	2.60	2.95
	+6M	1.60	2.03	2.19	1.95	2.20	2.75	2.30	2.60	2.95
	+12M	1.60	2.03	2.18	2.00	2.25	2.75	2.35	2.60	2.95
SEK	Spot	1.75	1.99		1.88	2.21	2.69	1.97	2.34	2.73
	+3M	1.75	1.92		2.05	2.40	2.90	2.15	2.50	2.95
	+6M	1.75	1.93		2.30	2.55	2.90	2.40	2.65	2.95
	+12M	2.00	2.16		2.35	2.60	3.00	2.45	2.70	3.05
NOK	Spot	4.00	4.19	4.32	3.99	4.07	4.23	4.35	4.24	4.26
	+3M	4.00	4.25	4.30	3.90	3.95	4.10	4.20	4.15	4.20
	+6M	4.00	4.10	4.05	3.80	3.90	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.20
	+12M	3.50	3.55	3.65	3.60	3.80	4.10	3.90	4.00	4.20

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## Overview

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## EUR forecast

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	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
<b>Money market</b>							
Deposit	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			
Euribor (3M)	2.01	2.05	2.05	2.05	-3	0	5
Euribor (6M)	2.14	2.15	2.15	2.15	-1	0	-1
<b>Government bonds</b>							
2Y	2.06	2.10	2.10	2.15			
5Y	2.36	2.40	2.40	2.45			
10Y	2.76	2.85	2.90	2.90			
<b>Swap rates</b>							
2Y	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.25	-3	-6	-10
5Y	2.44	2.45	2.45	2.45	-3	-6	-14
10Y	2.78	2.80	2.80	2.80	-1	-4	-11

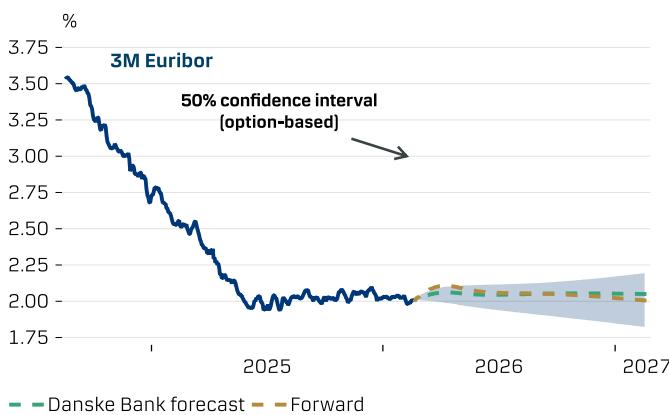
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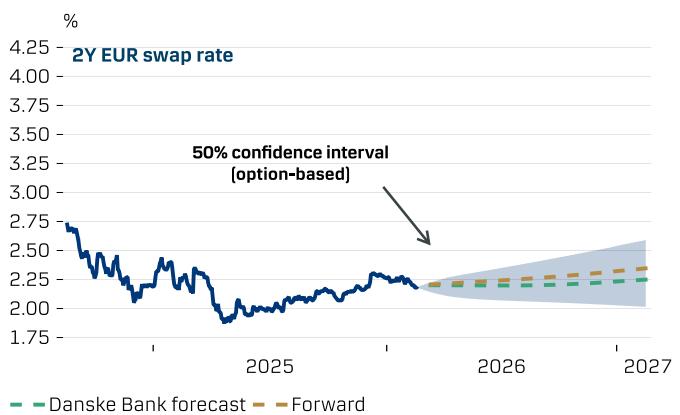
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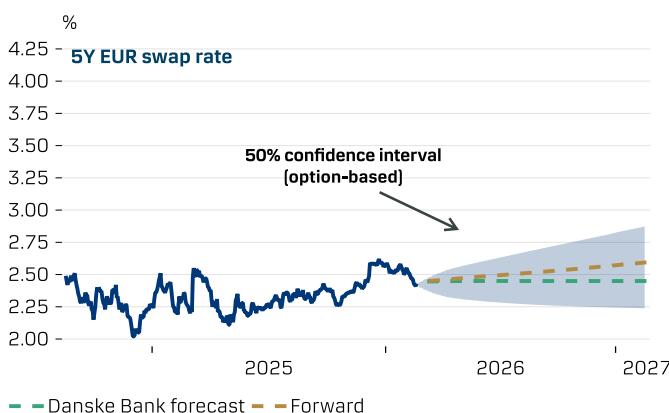
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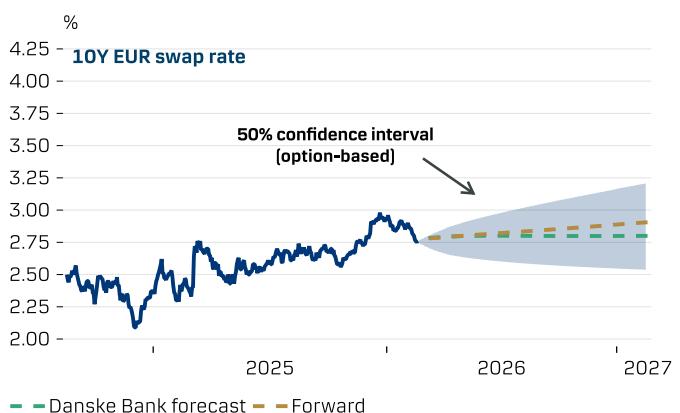
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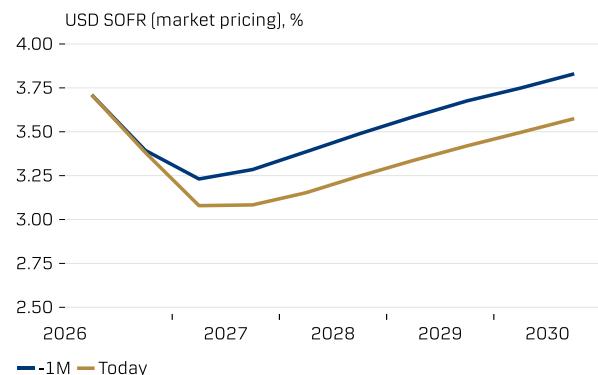
## USD forecast

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	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
<b>Money market</b>							
Fed Funds	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.25			
SOFR	3.71	3.65	3.40	3.15	3	-1	7
<b>Government bonds</b>							
2Y	3.48	3.50	3.55	3.55			
5Y	3.67	3.80	3.85	3.90			
10Y	4.10	4.20	4.30	4.45			
<b>Swap rates</b>							
2Y	3.30	3.25	3.25	3.25	1	5	3
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10Y	3.70	3.80	3.90	4.00	9	17	21

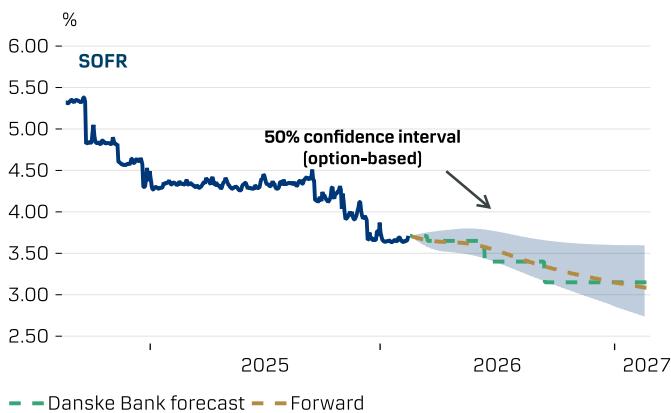
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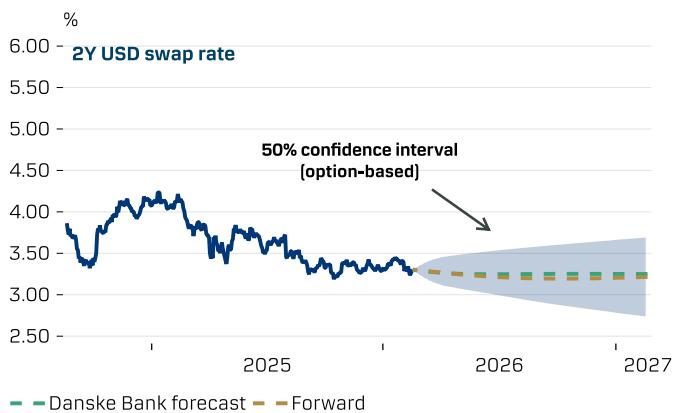
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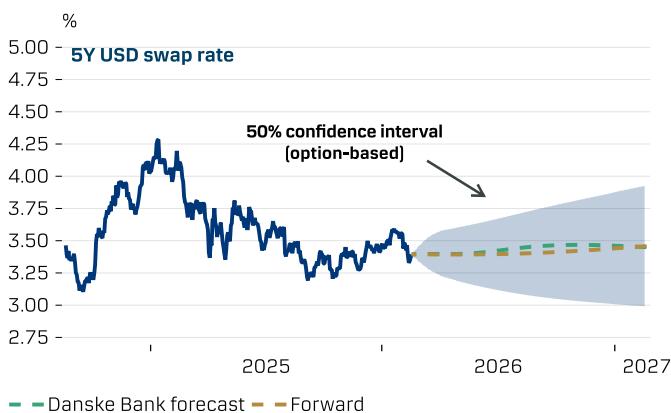
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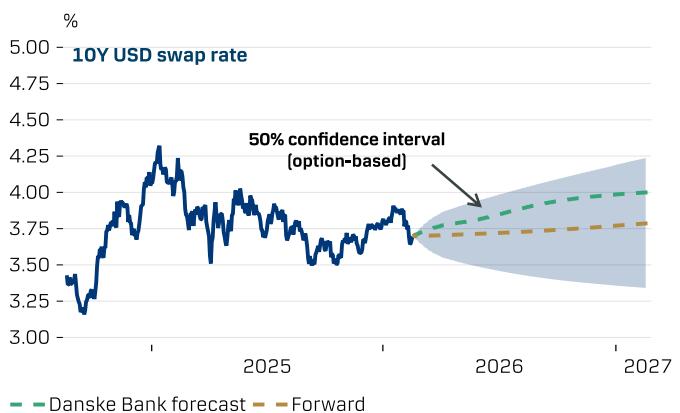
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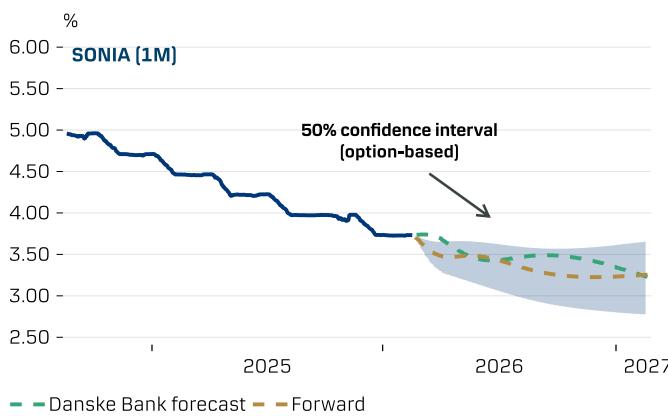
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<b>Money market</b>									
Bank rate	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.25					
SONIA (1M)	3.73	3.47	3.48	3.23	-1	16	-3		
<b>Government bonds</b>									
2Y	3.59	3.65	3.60	3.55					
5Y	3.81	3.90	3.95	3.95					
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5Y	3.62	3.60	3.60	3.55	-4	-7	-20		
10Y	3.99	4.00	4.05	4.10	-1	0	-3		

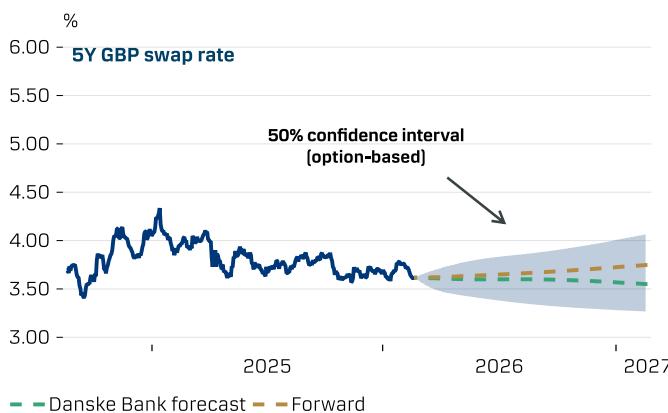
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### SONIA (1M)



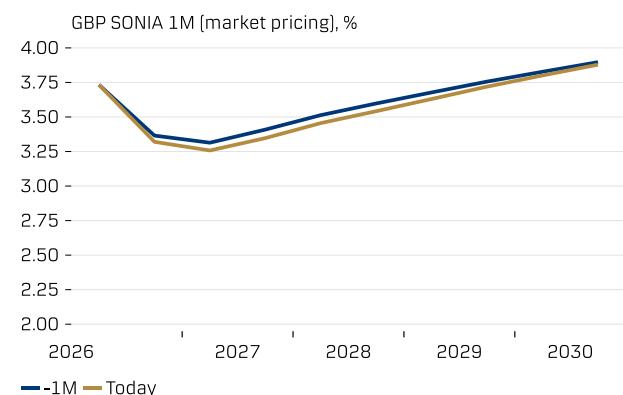
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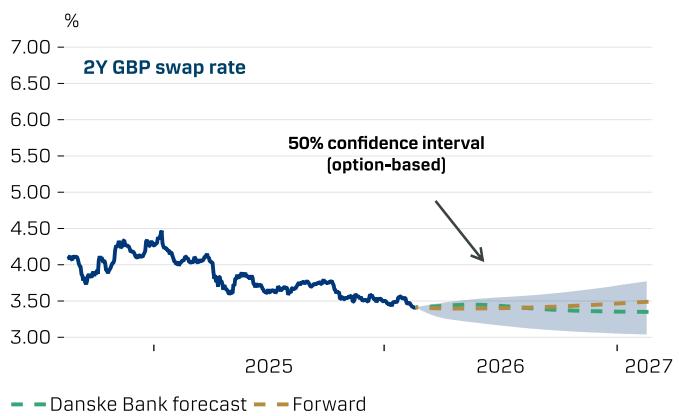
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### 1M change in SONIA1M forward curve



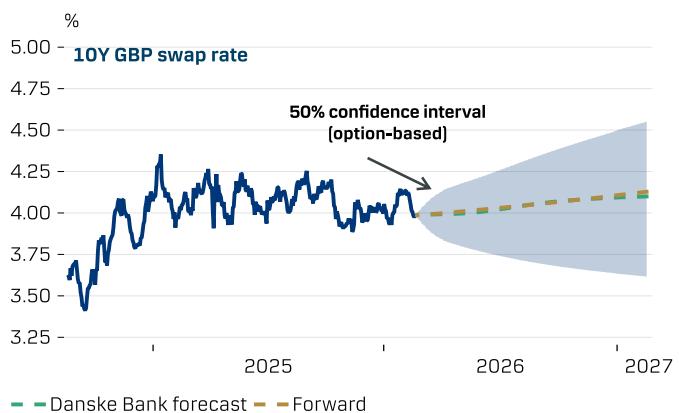
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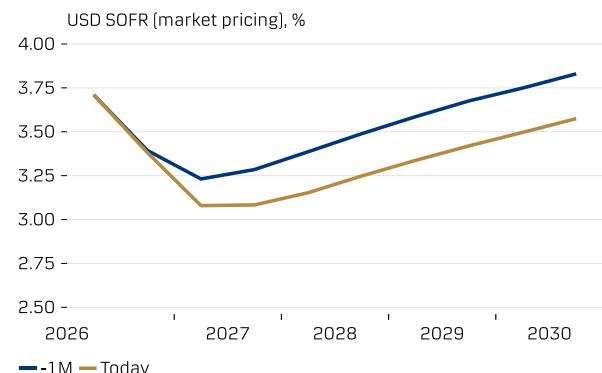
## SEK forecast

### SEK forecast table

SEK	--Forecast--						
	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
<b>Money market</b>							
Repo	1.75	1.75	1.75	2.00			
STIBOR (3M)	1.99	1.92	1.93	2.16	6	10	28
<b>Government bonds</b>							
2Y	1.88	2.06	2.30	2.35			
5Y	2.21	2.40	2.55	2.60			
10Y	2.69	2.90	2.90	3.00			
<b>Swap rates</b>							
2Y	1.98	2.16	2.40	2.45	15	35	27
5Y	2.34	2.50	2.65	2.70	12	22	15
10Y	2.73	2.95	2.95	3.05	19	15	17

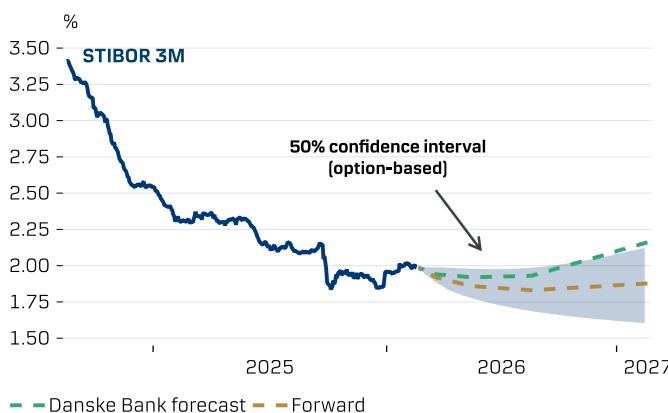
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### 1M change in STIBOR3M forward curve



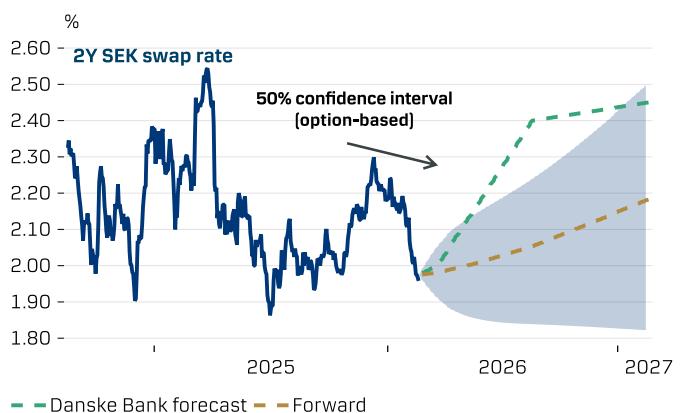
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### 3M STIBOR rates



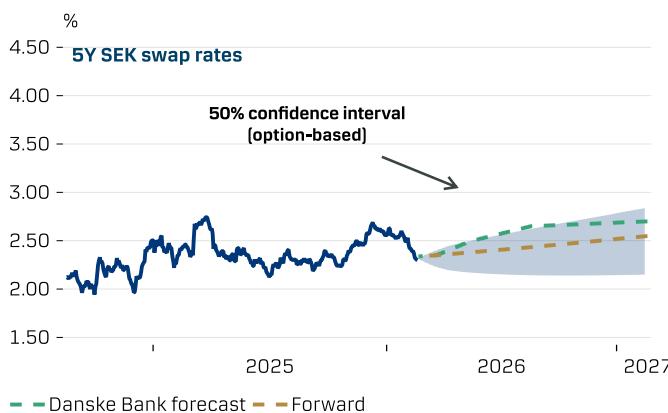
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### 2Y SEK swap rates



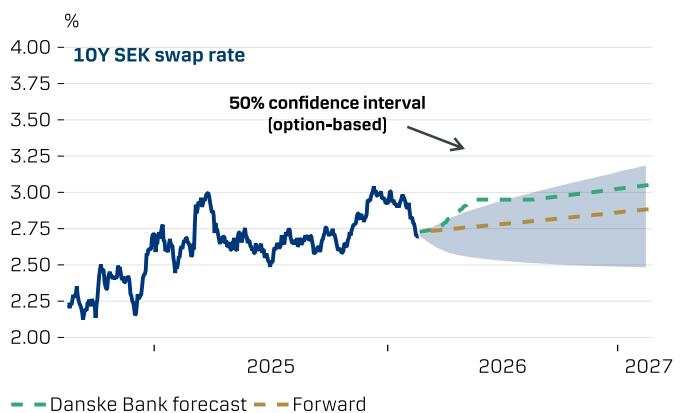
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### 5Y SEK swap rates



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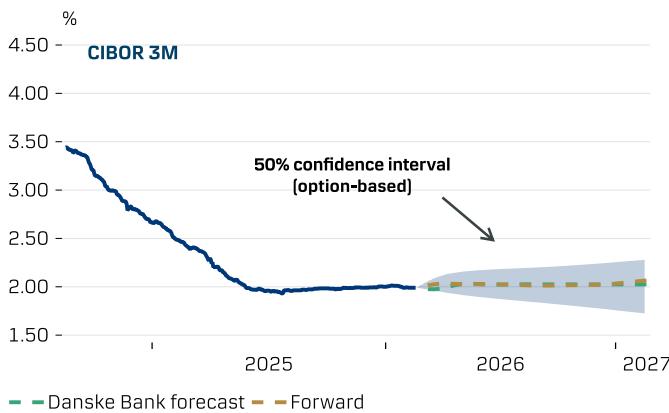
## DKK forecast

### DKK forecast table

DKK	--Forecast--						
	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
<b>Money market</b>							
Repo	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75			
Deposit	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60			
CIBOR (3M)	1.99	2.03	2.03	2.03	0	1	-4
CIBOR (6M)	2.20	2.21	2.19	2.18	1	-1	-10
<b>Government bonds</b>							
2Y	1.76	1.90	1.95	2.00			
5Y	1.95	2.20	2.20	2.25			
10Y	2.62	2.70	2.75	2.75			
<b>Swap rates</b>							
2Y	2.31	2.30	2.30	2.35	-6	-10	-16
5Y	2.62	2.60	2.60	2.60	-7	-11	-20
10Y	2.96	2.95	2.95	2.95	-4	-8	-15

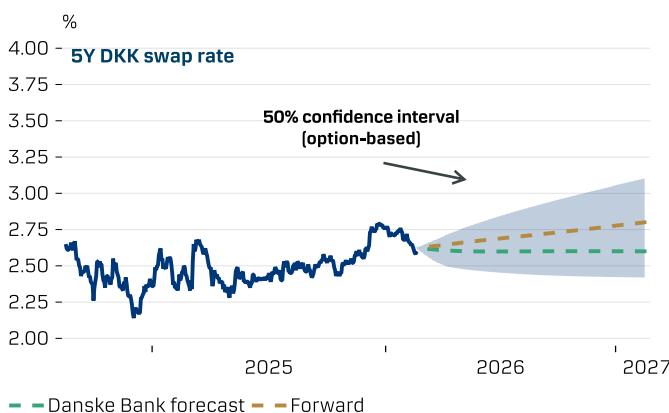
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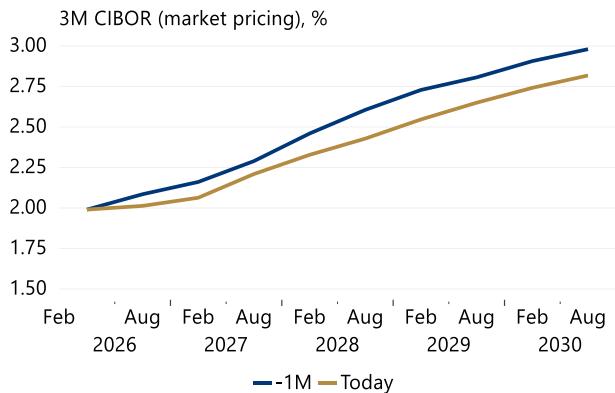
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### 5Y DKK swap rates



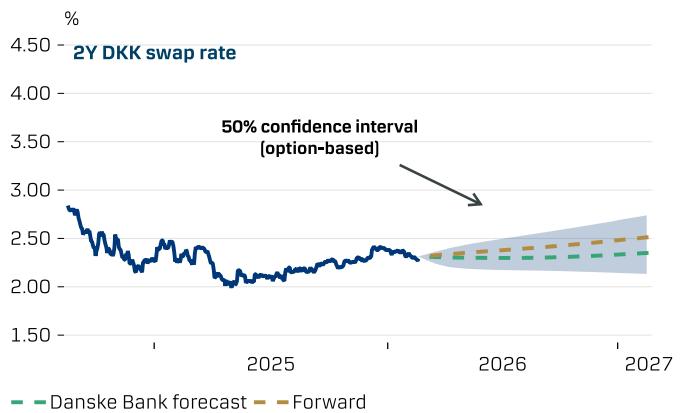
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### 1M change in DKK swap (3M)



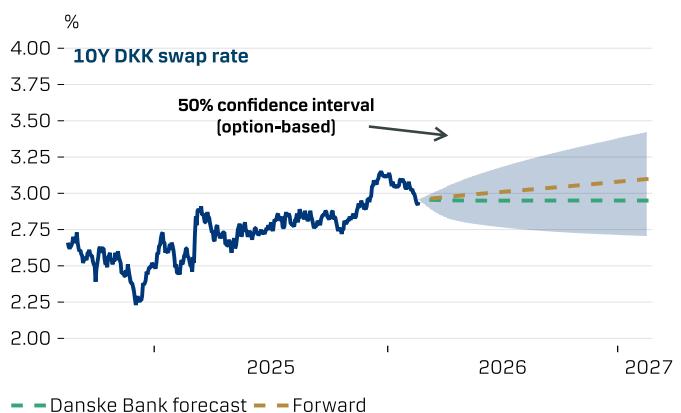
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### 2Y DKK swap rates



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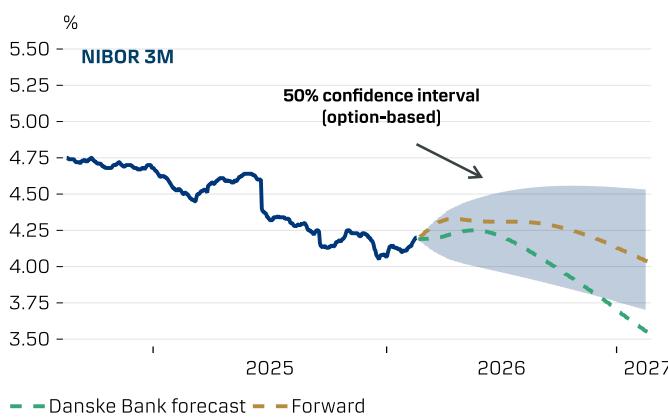
## NOK forecast

### NOK forecast table

NOK	--Forecast--						
	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
<b>Money market</b>							
Deposit	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50			
NIBOR (3M)	4.19	4.25	4.09	3.55	-7	-21	-49
NIBOR (6M)	4.32	4.30	4.04	3.65	-17	-39	-58
<b>Government bonds</b>							
2Y	3.99	3.90	3.80	3.60			
5Y	4.07	3.95	3.90	3.80			
10Y	4.22	4.10	4.10	4.10			
<b>Swap rates</b>							
2Y	4.35	4.20	4.10	3.90	-14	-20	-32
5Y	4.24	4.15	4.10	4.00	-8	-11	-19
10Y	4.26	4.20	4.20	4.20	-6	-5	-4

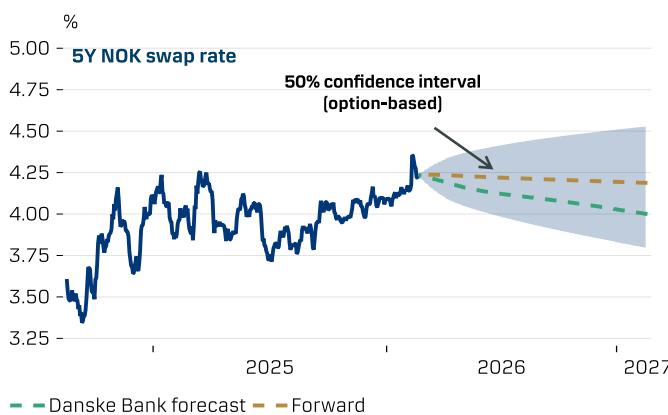
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### 5Y NOK swap rates



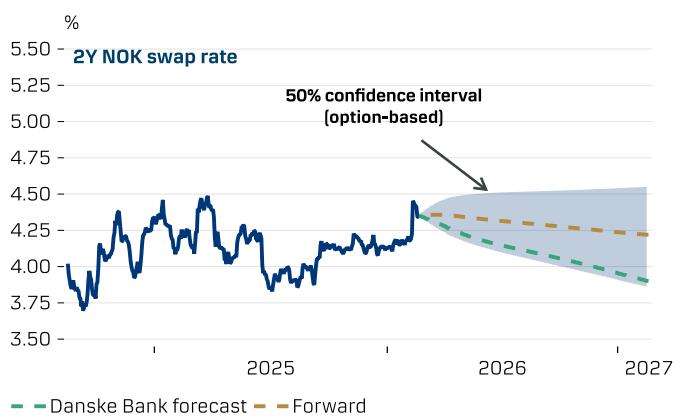
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### 1M change in NOK swap (6M)



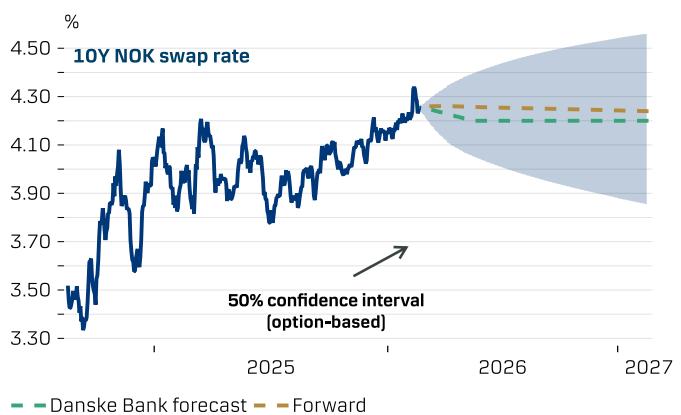
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### 2Y NOK swap rates



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