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# **Yield Outlook**

# Transatlantic decoupling but not for much longer

Fixed income markets continue to be characterised by large daily fluctuations, and the past month has been no exception. US rates rose noticeably in the wake of the elections in early November, but the reaction has gradually faded since then. At the time of writing, the 10-year US Treasury yield is trading very close to 4.25% - roughly the same level as before Election Day on 5 November. In contrast to the US, European rates have declined due to weak growth indicators, political uncertainty, and the threat of an imminent trade dispute with the US.

### No market panic following the US election result

We had anticipated a greater impact in the wake of a 'Republican Sweep', but several factors have allowed for cautious optimism in the bond market. First and foremost, the Republicans' majority in the House of Representatives, one of the two chambers of Congress, appears to be razor-thin (220 against 214), which could hinder at least the most far-reaching fiscal proposals. Another factor is Trump's cabinet appointments, where, among others, the nomination of long-time Wall Street veteran and economist Scott Bessent as Treasury Secretary indicates that Trump is mindful of the financial side effects of his policies. However, many questions about next year's policies remain open, especially regarding trade policy, which is among the first areas where Republicans can deliver on election promises. Trump has already before his inauguration promised to raise tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China, under the pretext of the US's problems with illegal imports of the opioid substance fentanyl. Rates markets seem prepared for such announcements, and the reaction has been subdued.

Until we have greater clarity on the political outlook, all focus in relation to US rates will be on the economic data, which since the beginning of October has consistently surprised to the upside. Concerns about the labour market's condition have moderated, clearly steering signals from the central bank's members towards a more patient approach to easing monetary policy. However, it is important to keep in mind that uncertainty about the US labour market has not disappeared, and in our view, it will keep the Fed on the easing track. We foresee the Fed delivering another rate cut of 0.25pp at the December meeting and five additional cuts of the same magnitude next year. Thus, by the end of 2025, the policy rate—the Fed Funds Rate—will be approximately 1.50pp lower than today. The market is expecting just 0.6pp over the same period.

# The decline in European rates driven by several factors

In the Eurozone, rate developments during October have been the exact opposite of the US trend. Weak growth indicators in November and the threat from Trump's protectionist stance have intensified expectations that the ECB could shift to a higher gear in the normalisation of monetary policy at the December meeting. Currently, there is a significant 20% probability priced in that the rate cut could be as large as 0.50pp. In our view, the risk of this outcome is real, but for now, we maintain our expectation for the smaller reduction of 0.25pp. Much will depend on how the governing council views the risk outlook for inflation and growth in 2025 and 2026. Here, we assess that the arrow still points towards weak growth and a now more limited upward risk to inflation.

#### **Shortcuts**

Forecast Eurozone

Forecast US

Forecast UK

Forecast Denmark

Forecast Sweden

Forecast Norway

#### Central bank policy rates

Country	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M
USD	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25
EUR	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.50
GBP	4.75	4.50	4.00	3.25
DKK	2.85	2.35	1.85	1.10
SEK	2.75	2.25	2.00	1.75
NOK	4.50	4.50	4.25	3.75

#### 10Y government bond yields

Country	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M
USD	4.25	4.15	4.05	4.00
EUR	2.17	2.10	2.05	2.00
GBP	4.30	4.25	4.15	4.00
DKK	1.94	1.90	1.85	1.80
SEK	1.97	2.30	2.40	2.50
NOK	3.56	3.55	3.50	3.40

Note: EUR = Germany

#### 10Y swap rates

Country	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M
USD	3.78	3.65	3.55	3.50
EUR	2.23	2.25	2.20	2.15
GBP	3.85	3.75	3.65	3.50
DKK	2.35	2.35	2.30	2.25
SEK	2.24	2.40	2.55	2.65
NOK	3.62	3.65	3.60	3.50

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Source: Danske Bank (all three tables)

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This provides greater flexibility to increase support for the economy and thus managing the risk that inflation could eventually stabilise below the target. We continue to see rate cuts of 0.25pp at each ECB meeting until September 2025, which would bring the deposit rate down from 3.25% today to 1.50%.

#### Political uncertainty in Europe is on the rise again.

The past month has seen increasing political uncertainty adding to the weak economic situation in Europe. The German government collapsed at the beginning of November due to escalating tensions between the Social Democrats (SPD) and the liberal FDP. The direction is pointing towards a new election at the beginning of 2025, which could very well leave Germany with another fragile government. In France, unrest concerning the country's government has also flared up again, and the newly appointed Prime Minister Barnier, who relies on fragile support in parliament, has yet to have his budget proposal for 2025 approved. Collectively, this leaves Europe's two largest economies with paralysed governments, which also contributes to reinforcing investors' sceptical view on the region.

#### No major changes in the forecast

We maintain our expectation of lower rates across the curve over the next year. This is particularly true in the US, where, as mentioned, we see the market pricing in too few rate cuts in 2025. In the Eurozone, the significant decline in rates over the past month has brought the spot level for long swap rates close to our 12-month forecast, thus offering a very limited declining profile from here. From a hedging perspective, a surprising 0.5 pp rate cut from the ECB in December could open up interesting opportunities, as the market is likely to increase the probability of more rate cuts of that size next year.

#### Forecast\*

	Horizon	Policy rate	3M xlbor	6m xlbor	2y gov	5y gov	10y gov	2y swap	5y swap	10y swap
*	Spot	4.75			4.2	4.12	4.25	4.03	3.81	3.78
*	+3M	4.25			4.0	4.00	4.15	3.75	3.70	3.65
**OSD	+6M	3.75			3.7	3.80	4.05	3.45	3.50	3.55
_	+12M	3.25			3.5	3.70	4.00	3.25	3.40	3.50
	Spot	3.25	2.91	2.69	2.03	2.02	2.17	2.19	2.16	2.23
<u>*</u>	+3M	2.75	2.35	2.15	1.90	1.95	2.10	2.10	2.15	2.25
EUR*	+6M	2.25	1.90	1.80	1.70	1.85	2.05	1.90	2.05	2.20
	+12M	1.50	1.55	1.60	1.50	1.75	2.00	1.70	1.95	2.15
ىد	Spot	4.75			4.31	4.18	4.30	4.17	3.90	3.85
GBP**	+3M	4.50			4.10	4.05	4.25	4.00	3.80	3.75
<u>e</u>	+6M	4.00			3.90	3.95	4.15	3.85	3.70	3.65
U	+12M	3.25			3.50	3.70	4.00	3.45	3.45	3.50
	Spot	2.85	2.83	2.73	1.75	1.97	1.94	2.25	2.28	2.35
DKK	+3M	2.35	2.25	2.15	1.65	1.90	1.90	2.15	2.25	2.35
ă	+6M	1.85	1.80	1.75	1.45	1.80	1.85	1.95	2.15	2.30
	+12M	1.10	1.45	1.55	1.25	1.70	1.80	1.75	2.05	2.25
	Spot	2.75	2.56		1.65	1.75	1.97	1.98	2.05	2.24
¥	+3M	2.25	2.17		1.85	2.00	2.30	1.95	2.10	2.40
SEK	+6M	2.00	1.92		1.90	2.20	2.40	2.00	2.30	2.55
	+12M	1.75	1.85		2.00	2.30	2.50	2.05	2.40	2.65
	Spot	4.50	4.70	4.69	3.90	3.5	3.56	3.96	3.69	3.62
X	+3M	4.50	4.55	4.50	3.85	3.5	3.55	3.95	3.70	3.65
NOK	+6M	4.25	4.30	4.30	3.60	3.4	3.50	3.75	3.60	3.60
	+12M	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.20	3.2	3.40	3.35	3.40	3.50

<sup>\*</sup> German government bond yields and euro swap rates \*\* Based on OIS/SOFR swap rates.

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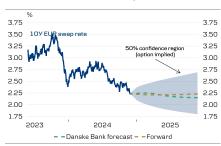
#### Curves have steepened since 2023



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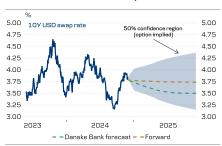
#### Forecast: 10Y EUR swap rates



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#### Forecast: 10Y USD swap rates



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#### Overview



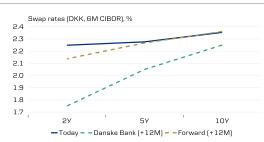
- The labour market has reached a better balance, and inflation figures have been softer in recent months. The Fed's focus has shifted towards the risk of being too slow to ease. This strengthens the arguments for getting back to neutral.
- We expect rate cuts of 25bp at the upcoming meetings, but the probability of a more cautious easing has increased with the recent strengthening of data. We expect rates to decline across the curve over the next 12 months.



- ECB delivered its third rate cut of 25bp in October, and we anticipate the next cut in December. Economic indicators in the Eurozone have noticeably weakened since spring, and inflation figures have also softened recently.
- We expect the ECB to cut by 175bp until September 2025, which will leave the depo rate at 1.5%. The market currently prices in an endpoint of 1.75%. We see long swap rates declining slightly over the next 12 months, but much has already materialized.
- Swap rates (EUR, 6M Euribor), %
  2.3
  2.2
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  5Y
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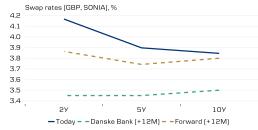


- Since the beginning of 2023, the Danish central bank has maintained the monetary policy spread to the ECB at 40bp, and we see it remaining there for the near future. Thus, the Danish central bank will continue to match the ECB's moves 1:1. The EUR/DKK has fallen since the summer (currently at 7.4583), but we are still far from previous intervention levels.
  - The Danish swap curve (10Y 2Y) is no longer inverted, and we expect to see further steepening over the coming year. Long-term interest rates are expected to move slightly lower the next year.



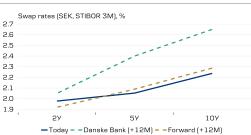


- In November, the Bank of England (BOE) delivered its second rate cut, but the central bank still emphasises the risk of potential increases in inflation. Wage growth remains too high, while recent growth signals have softened. The Labour government's plans to ease fiscal policy could also influence the pace of cuts.
- We expect the BOE to cut by a total of 150bp by the end of 2025 relative to today, bringing the rate to 3.25% at that time. We expect the next rate cut of 25bp to be in February 2025.



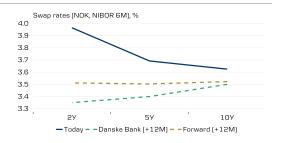


- Recent growth indicators from Sweden have been weak, and in line with expectations, the Riksbank implemented a substantial rate cut of 50bp at the November meeting. We forecast that the repo rate, presently at 2.75%, will be lowered by an additional 100bp next year, settling at 1.75% by June 2025.
- Over the next year, we expect long-term rates and a widening of spreads relative to EUR rates. This is partially due to an increased issuance of long SEK government bonds and the Riksbank's reduction of its balance sheet.





- Growth signals are improving while inflation in key components
  is softening. At its November meeting, Norges Bank indicated
  that the first rate cut of 25 basis points is expected in March 2025.
  However, there appears to be a risk of an earlier start, particularly
  related to the potential for NOK to experience appreciation
  pressure as the ECB/Fed ease policy.
- Our projection for Norwegian interest rates is below market pricing following corrections in recent months. The forward curve remains notably flat on a 5- to 10-year horizon.



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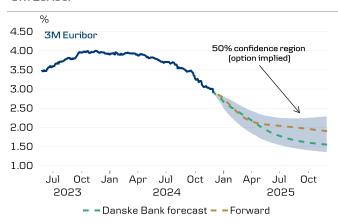
# **EUR** forecast

#### EUR forecast table

		Forecast				Fcst	vs Fwd	in bp
EUR	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	-	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market								
Deposit	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.50				
Euribor (3M)	2.91	2.35	1.90	1.55		5	-17	-35
Euribor (6M)	2.69	2.15	1.80	1.60		-10	-27	-33
Government bonds								
27	2.03	1.90	1.70	1.50				
5Y	2.02	1.95	1.85	1.75				
10Y	2.17	2.10	2.05	2.00				
Swap rates								
2Y	2.19	2.10	1.90	1.70		3	-12	-34
5Y	2.16	2.15	2.05	1.95		3	-6	-18
10У	2.23	2.25	2.20	2.15		4	-1	-8

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#### 3M Euribor



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# 5Y EUR swap rates



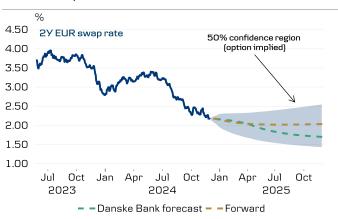
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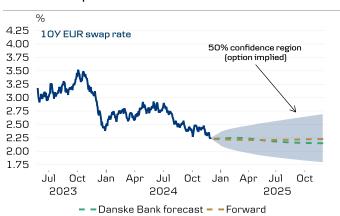
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## 2Y EUR swap rates



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### 10Y EUR swap rates



# **USD** forecast

#### USD forecast table

		Forecast Fcst vs F				s Fwd	Fwd in bp	
USD	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+31	VI	+6M	+12M
Money market								
Fed Funds	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25				
SOFR	4.58	4.05	3.55	3.05	-3	2	-59	-82
Government bonds								
27	4.20	4.00	3.70	3.50				
5Y	4.12	4.00	3.80	3.70				
10У	4.25	4.15	4.05	4.00				
Swap rates								
27	4.03	3.75	3.45	3.25	-1	8	-40	-50
5Y	3.81	3.70	3.50	3.40		6	-23	-29
10У	3.78	3.65	3.55	3.50	-1	1	-20	-23

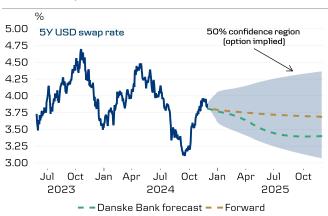
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#### SOFR rates



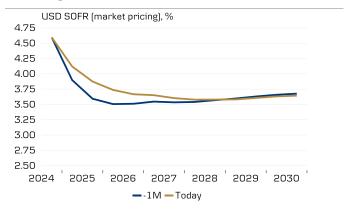
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#### 5Y USD swap rates



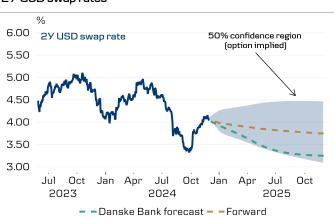
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#### 1M change in USD SOFR forward curve



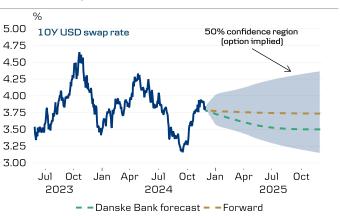
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# 10Y USD swap rates



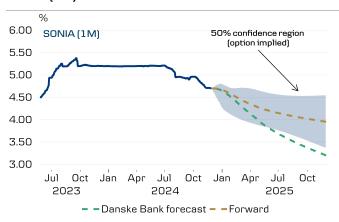
# **GBP** forecast

#### GBP forecast table

		Forecast			Fcst	vs Fwd	in bp
GBP	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market							
Bank rate	4.75	4.50	4.00	3.25			
SONIA (1M)	4.70	4.33	3.84	3.20	-13	-38	-75
Government bonds							
27	4.31	4.10	3.90	3.50			
5Y	4.18	4.05	3.95	3.70			
10У	4.30	4.25	4.15	4.00			
Swap rates							
27	4.17	4.00	3.85	3.45	-5	-12	-41
5Y	3.90	3.80	3.70	3.45	-4	-10	-29
10У	3.85	3.75	3.65	3.50	-7	-16	-30

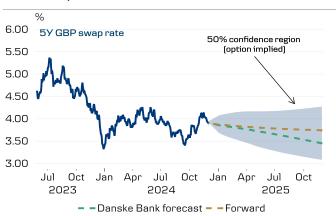
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# SONIA (1M)



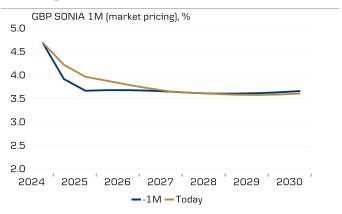
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#### 5Y UK swap rates



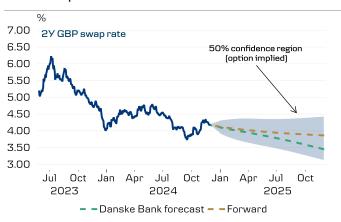
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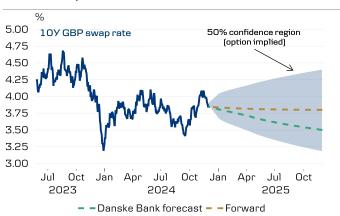
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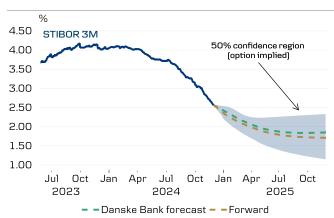
# **SEK** forecast

#### SEK forecast table

		Forec	cast		Fcs	t vs Fwd	in bp
SEK	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market							
Repo	2.75	2.25	2.00	1.75			
STIBOR (3M)	2.56	2.17	1.92	1.85	8	7	14
Government bonds							
27	1.65	1.85	1.90	2.00			
5Y	1.75	2.00	2.20	2.30			
109	1.97	2.30	2.40	2.50			
Swap rates							
2Y	1.98	1.95	2.00	2.05	6	13	13
5Y	2.05	2.10	2.30	2.40	7	26	31
109	2.24	2.40	2.55	2.65	16	30	36

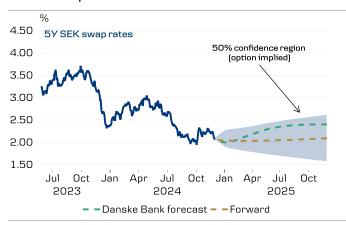
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#### 3M Stibor rates



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# 5Y SEK swap rates



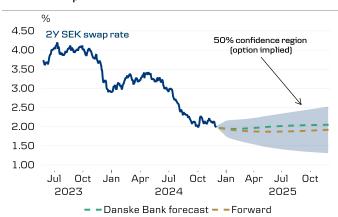
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#### 1M change in STIBOR3M forward curve



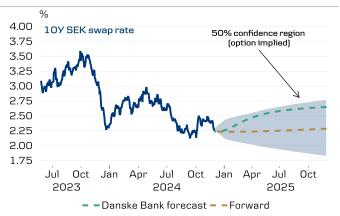
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#### 2Y SEK swap rates



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# 10Y SEK swap rates



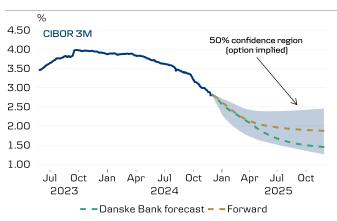
# **DKK forecast**

#### DKK forecast table

		Forec	ast		Fcs	t vs Fwd	in bp
DKK	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market							
Repo	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.25			
Deposit	2.85	2.35	1.85	1.10			
CIBOR (3M)	2.83	2.25	1.80	1.45	-2	-21	-42
CIBOR (6M)	2.73	2.15	1.75	1.55	-9	-31	-44
Government bonds							-
2Y	1.75	1.65	1.45	1.25			
5Y	1.97	1.90	1.80	1.70			-
10У	1.94	1.90	1.85	1.80			
Swap rates							
2Y	2.25	2.15	1.95	1.75	2	-15	-39
5Y	2.28	2.25	2.15	2.05	1	-9	-22
10У	2.35	2.35	2.30	2.25	1	-4	-11

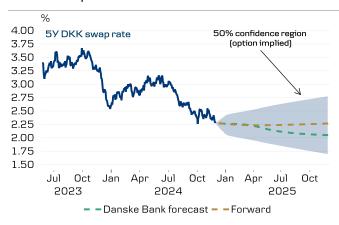
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# 5Y DKK swap rates



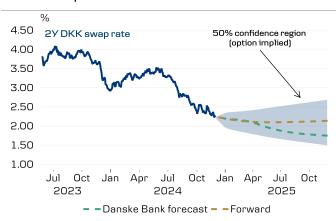
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## 1M change in DKK swap (3M)



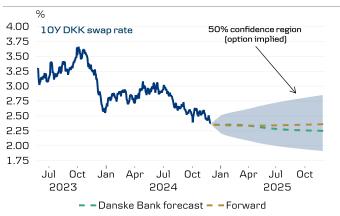
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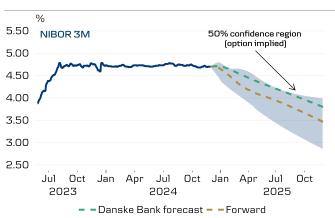
# **NOK** forecast

#### NOK forecast table

		Forec	ast		Fcs	t vs Fwd	in bp
NOK	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market							
Deposit	4.50	4.50	4.25	3.75			
NIBOR (3M)	4.70	4.55	4.30	3.80	23	27	33
NIBOR (6M)	4.69	4.50	4.30	3.80	19	32	30
Government bonds							
27	3.90	3.85	3.60	3.20			
5Y	3.50	3.50	3.40	3.20			
10Y	3.56	3.55	3.50	3.40			
Swap rates							
27	3.96	3.95	3.75	3.35	17	11	-16
5Y	3.69	3.70	3.60	3.40	9	5	-10
10У	3.62	3.65	3.60	3.50	7	5	-2

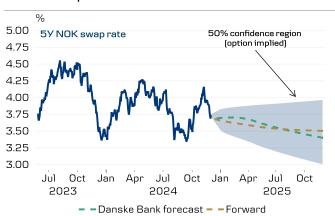
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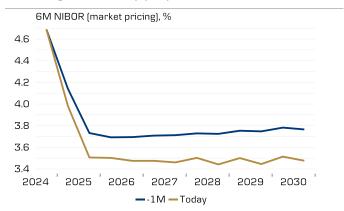
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# 5Y NOK swap rate



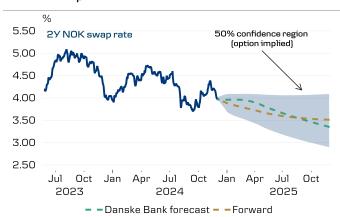
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## 1M change in NOK swap (6M)



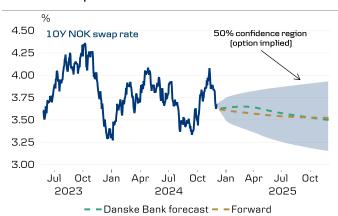
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#### 2Y NOK swap rate



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# 10Y NOK swap rate



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