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# **Yield Outlook**

# The decline in rates has more legs

The significant decline in rates through August and September was followed by increases in October, particularly in the US where rates have risen sharply. The 10-year US Treasury yield is up by nearly 0.5 percentage points over the last month, driven by multiple factors: key indicators in the US economy show renewed strength, and simultaneously, the term premium in long-term rates has increased due to growing expectations of a Republican Sweep at the 5 November elections. In the euro area, fluctuations in rates have been more moderate, leading to a noticeable decoupling from the US.

# Forecast revision: ECB rates will be cut faster and to a lower level

In the euro area, the ECB delivered its expected third rate cut of 25bp this year, bringing the deposit rate down to a new level of 3.25%. However, what was remarkable was the clearly more negative outlook on the economic dynamics in the region. Activity indicators have shown marked weakness in the second half of the year, and inflation dynamics continue to move in the right direction. This provides greater flexibility to worry about the risk that inflation could ultimately end up below the target of 2%. The hawks within the ECB can still rely on high service inflation, low unemployment in the region, and economic strength in Southern Europe. But it is clear that these arguments have lost some of their weight recently. The clearest example of this is the increasingly open debate about not just delivering a 25bp rate cut, but a full 50bp - at the upcoming meeting in December. If this happens, it will, in our view, be a clear signal that the ECB intends to deliver more cuts of that size and also aims for a significantly lower end point for the policy rate level next year than previously assumed. Following the recent changes in signals from the ECB, we have significantly adjusted our profile for the policy rates downwards. We now see rate cuts of 25bp at each meeting until September 2025, with a risk that the pace could increase along the way. Our endpoint for the key ECB deposit rate thus becomes 1.5% compared to the previous 2.0%. The lower terminal rate should not be seen as a reflection of a significantly more negative view of growth prospects, but rather that the ECB members' drastic shift in focus from inflation to growth concerns has increased the likelihood that monetary policy will be moved into moderately accommodative territory.

# The decline in US rates has gone too far

In the US, the significant increase in rates throughout October has been driven by multiple factors, particularly the strong US jobs report at the beginning of the month, which showed robust job creation of around 250,000, contributing to quite significant interest rate increases. The strong market reaction should be viewed in the context of the rather aggressive positioning against interest rate declines that was built up following the Federal Reserve's 'jumbo cut' of 50bp back in September. The argument for a swift normalisation of monetary policy was largely centred around signs of weakness in the labour market since June, and therefore the strong job figures had a particularly severe impact on rates markets. In addition to the shift in economic and monetary policy expectations for the US in the market, October also brought a quite significant increase in term premiums at the long end of the yield curve. This development has been closely linked with the increasing likelihood of a Republican sweep at the upcoming elections based on betting odds. Should Trump and the Republicans succeed in

#### **Shortcuts**

Forecast eurozone

Forecast US

Forecast UK

Forecast Denmark

Forecast Sweden

Forecast Norway

#### Central bank policy rates

Country	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M
USD	5.00	4.25	3.75	3.25
EUR	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.50
GBP	5.00	4.75	4.25	3.50
DKK	2.85	2.35	1.85	1.10
SEK	3.25	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	4.28	4.15	4.10	4.00
EUR	2.41	2.25	2.15	2.00
GBP	4.45	4.30	4.20	4.00
DKK	2.20	2.15	2.05	1.90
SEK	2.12	2.35	2.40	2.50
NOK	3.83	3.65	3.50	3.40

Note: EUR = Germany

#### 10Y swap rates

Country	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M
USD	3.78	3.65	3.60	3.50
EUR	2.45	2.41	2.40	2.25
GBP	4.00	3.90	3.80	3.60
DKK	2.58	2.56	2.55	2.40
SEK	2.40	2.50	2.55	2.65
NOK	3.98	3.80	3.65	3.55

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Source: Danske Bank (all three tables)

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securing power in both the White House and Congress, we should expect a more lenient fiscal policy as well as higher tariff rates on US trading partners. Both factors could fuel inflation expectations and thereby complicate the path to more 'normal' interest rate levels in the US. However, whether these political ambitions can be delivered is certainly not guaranteed, and therefore our forecast is primarily based on the expectation that inflation as well as the labour market will continue to come into better balance by 2025. This will give the Federal Reserve (Fed) sufficient freedom to continue its rate cuts until late summer, when we expect them to conclude. Initially, the Fed still seems to have a better hand relative to the ECB to achieve the 'soft' economic landing. But it is not yet set in stone.

#### Our EUR and USD forecasts are now well below market pricing

Our shift in the ECB profile towards faster rate cuts and a lower endpoint significantly impacts our new rate forecast across the curve. Thus, we lower our 12-month target for the 10-year European swap rate from 2.60% to 2.25%, which is about 20bp lower than the current level. Generally, our forecast across currencies lies below the forward pricing in the 5 to 10-year segment on a 12-month horizon, which should primarily be seen as a reflection of the quite drastic shift in market interest rates recently. Rate hedging on these horizons has become less attractive in most places, but it is nonetheless important to keep in mind that the band of possible rate levels over the coming years remains very wide with significant uncertainty about economic as well as geopolitical conditions.

#### Forecast\*

	Horizon	Policy rate	3M xlbor	6m xlbor	2y gov	5y gov	10y gov	2y swap	5y swap	10y swap
*	Spot	5.00			4.18	4.16	4.28	3.96	3.8	3.78
*	+3M	4.25			3.90	4.00	4.15	3.65	3.7	3.65
**GSU	+6M	3.75			3.70	3.90	4.10	3.45	3.6	3.60
_	+12M	3.25			3.40	3.70	4.00	3.15	3.4	3.50
	Spot	3.25	3.06	2.86	2.27	2.27	2.41	2.41	2.38	2.45
*	+3M	2.75	2.50	2.30	2.10	2.15	2.25	2.29	2.35	2.41
EUR*	+6M	2.25	2.00	1.90	1.80	1.95	2.15	2.00	2.20	2.40
_	+12M	1.50	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.80	2.00	1.85	2.10	2.25
بد	Spot	5.00			4.44	4.32	4.45	4.31	4.07	4.0
å	+3M	4.75			4.20	4.15	4.30	4.05	3.90	3.9
GBP**	+6M	4.25			4.00	4.00	4.20	3.90	3.75	3.8
C	+12M	3.50			3.60	3.75	4.00	3.55	3.50	3.6
	Spot	2.85	3.00	2.93	1.96	2.19	2.20	2.48	2.50	2.58
DKK	+3M	2.35	2.40	2.30	1.85	2.20	2.15	2.34	2.50	2.56
· · · · · ·	+6M	1.85	1.90	1.85	1.55	2.00	2.05	2.05	2.35	2.55
	+12M	1.10	1.45	1.55	1.35	1.85	1.90	1.90	2.25	2.40
	Spot	3.25	2.85		1.81	1.91	2.12	2.14	2.22	2.40
×	+3M	2.25	2.28		1.80	2.05	2.35	1.95	2.20	2.50
SE	+6M	2.00	2.02		1.85	2.15	2.40	2.00	2.30	2.55
	+12M	1.75	1.85		1.95	2.25	2.50	2.10	2.40	2.65
	Spot	4.50	4.70	4.73	4.09	3.79	3.83	4.32	4.07	3.98
X	+3M	4.50	4.65	4.60	3.85	3.60	3.65	4.15	3.85	3.80
ž	+6M	4.25	4.40	4.40	3.60	3.50	3.50	3.90	3.75	3.65
	+12M	3.75	3.90	3.85	3.25	3.30	3.40	3.55	3.55	3.55
NOK SEK	+12M Spot +3M +6M	1.75 4.50 4.50 4.25	1.85 4.70 4.65 4.40	4.60 4.40	1.95 4.09 3.85 3.60	2.25 3.79 3.60 3.50	2.50 3.83 3.65 3.50	2.10 4.32 4.15 3.90	2.40 4.07 3.85 3.75	2.65 3.98 3.80 3.65

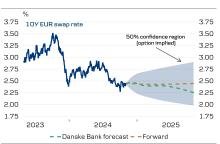
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# Curves have steepened markedly



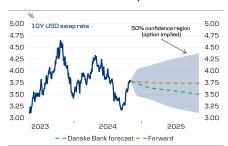
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#### Forecast: 10Y EUR swap rates



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# Forecast: 10Y USD swap rates



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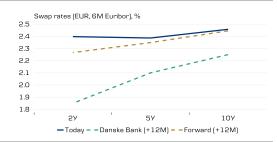
#### Overview



- The labour market has reached a better balance, and inflation figures have been softer in recent months. The focus of the Fed has shifted towards the risk of being too slow to ease. This bolsters the arguments for a rapid normalisation of policy.
- We expect rate cuts of 25bp at the next six meetings, but the probability of an even faster normalisation of policy has increased. We expect long-end rates to decline from here, while the short end will gradually decline as rates are lowered.

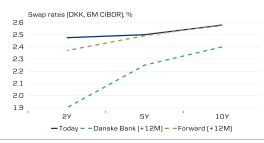


- In October, the ECB delivered its third rate cut of 25bp. We expect the next cut to follow in October. Since the spring, economic indicators within the eurozone have notably weakened, and recent inflation figures have also softened.
- Looking forward, we expect the ECB to lower policy rates by 175bp by September 2025, positioning the rates markedly below current market expectations, approximately at 2%. Concurrently, we anticipate long-end rates to decline as markets adapt to a lower terminal rate.



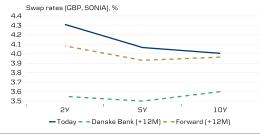


- Since the beginning of 2023, Denmark's Nationalbank has maintained a policy spread of 40bp relative to the ECB, a stance we anticipate will continue. Consequently, Denmark is expected to mirror the ECB's policy adjustments. Recently, the EUR/DKK exchange rate has declined (currently at 7.459), but it remains significantly above historical intervention levels.
- The DKK swap curve (10Y 2Y) is no longer inverted, and we pencil in further steepening from here. We expect long-end rates to decline over the next 12 months in line with EUR rates.



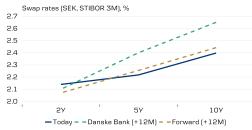


- In August, the Bank of England (BOE) implemented its first rate
  cut, yet the central bank continues to caution against a potential
  resurgence in inflation. Wage growth within the UK economy
  remains excessively high, and activity data, including PMI
  indices, still indicate robust economic growth. Furthermore, the
  Labour government' plans to ease fiscal policy significantly.
- We expect the BOE to cut the policy rate by a total of 150bp by the end of 2025, bringing the rate to an expected level of 3.25%. The next rate cut of 25bp is expected to occur in November.



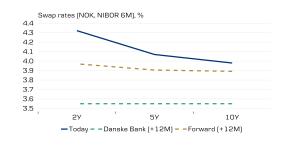


- The easing of monetary policy has commenced swiftly, and we expect two rate cuts for the remainder of 2024, with the next one in November (-50bp). Next year, we expect two further cuts, with which the policy rate will reach 1.75% by summer.
- We expect higher long-end rates over the next 12M and an increased rate spread to EUR rates – partly due to an increase in the issuance of long-term SEK government bonds and the Riksbank's balance sheet reduction.





- Growth remains on the soft side while inflation in key components is decreasing. During its September meeting, Norges Bank indicated that the first rate cut of 25bp is likely to be in March 2025. However, the risk appears skewed towards an earlier start. This is particularly linked to the possibility that NOK could face appreciation pressures as both the ECB and the Fed ease their policies.
- Our outlook for NOK rates is slightly below market expectations across maturities, as we expect US rates to move lower in 2025 and markets to adapt to a lower terminal rate in Norway.



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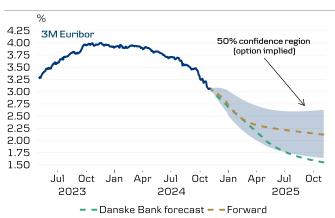
# **EUR** forecast

#### EUR forecast table

		Forec	ast		Fcs	st 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)	3.06	2.50	2.00	1.55	0	-27	-57
Euribor (6M)	2.86	2.30	1.90	1.60	-16	-37	-55
Government bonds							
27	2.27	2.10	1.80	1.60			
5Y	2.27	2.15	1.95	1.80			
10Y	2.41	2.25	2.15	2.00			
Swap rates							
27	2.41	2.29	2.00	1.85	0	-24	-42
5Y	2.38	2.35	2.20	2.10	1	-13	-25
10У	2.45	2.41	2.40	2.25	-2	-3	-20

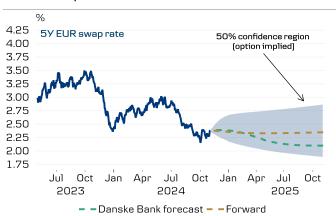
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# 3M Euribor



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# 5Y EUR swap rates



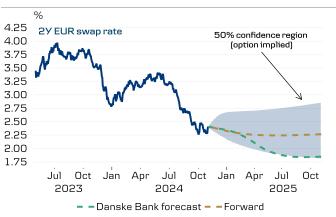
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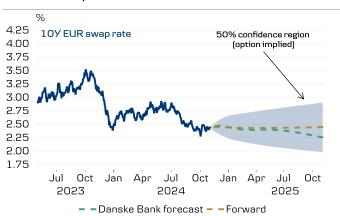
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# 2Y EUR swap rates



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### 10Y EUR swap rates



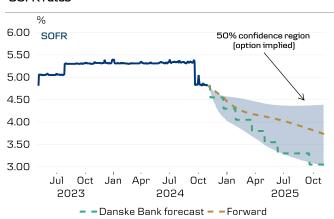
# **USD** forecast

#### USD forecast table

		Forec	cast			Fcst	vs Fwd	in bp
USD	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+	3М	+6M	+12M
Money market								
Fed Funds	5.00	4.25	3.75	3.25				
SOFR	4.81	4.05	3.55	3.05		-25	-33	-68
Government bonds								
2Y	4.18	3.90	3.70	3.40				
5Y	4.16	4.00	3.90	3.70				
10У	4.28	4.15	4.10	4.00				
Swap rates								
5A	3.96	3.65	3.45	3.15		-19	-31	-56
5Y	3.80	3.70	3.60	3.40		-5	-11	-29
10У	3.78	3.65	3.60	3.50		-10	-14	-23

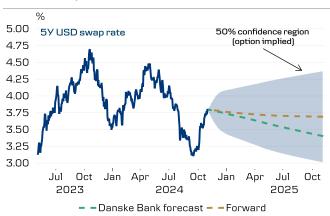
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#### SOFR rates



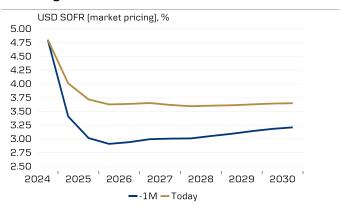
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# 5Y USD swap rates



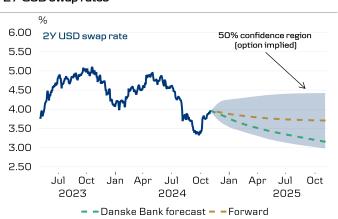
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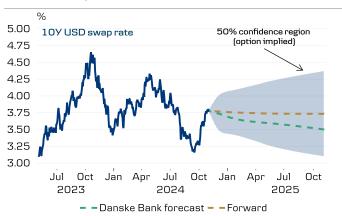
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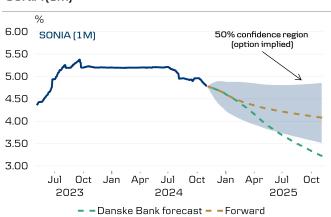
# **GBP** forecast

# GBP forecast table

		Forecast			Fcst	vs Fwd	in bp	
GBP	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M		+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market								
Bank rate	5.00	4.75	4.25	3.50				
SONIA (1M)	4.78	4.47	3.98	3.22		-2	-31	-86
Government bonds								
2Y	4.44	4.20	4.00	3.60				
5Y	4.32	4.15	4.00	3.75				
10У	4.45	4.30	4.20	4.00				
Swap rates								
27	4.31	4.05	3.90	3.55		-16	-25	-53
5Y	4.07	3.90	3.75	3.50		-11	-22	-43
10У	4.00	3.90	3.80	3.60		-8	-17	-36

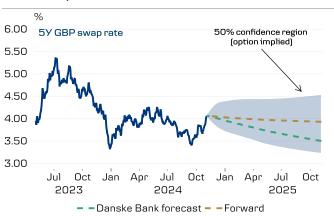
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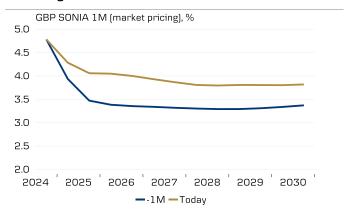
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# 5Y UK swap rates



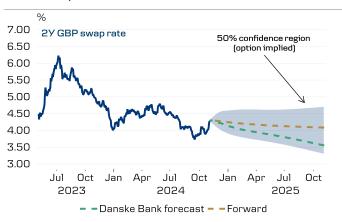
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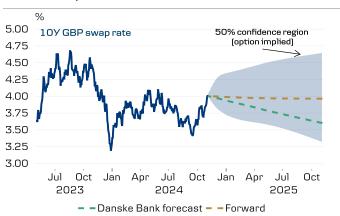
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# 10Y UK swap rates



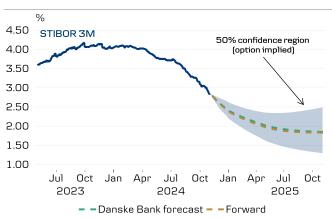
# **SEK** forecast

### SEK forecast table

		Forecast				st vs Fwd	in bp
SEK	Spot	+3M	+6M	+12M	+3M	+6M	+12M
Money market							
Repo	3.25	2.25	2.00	1.75			
STIBOR (3M)	2.85	2.28	2.02	1.85	3	5	2
Government bonds							
27	1.81	1.80	1.85	1.95			
5Y	1.91	2.05	2.15	2.25			
10У	2.12	2.35	2.40	2.50			
Swap rates							
2Y	2.14	1.95	2.00	2.10	-8	-1	3
5Y	2.22	2.20	2.30	2.40	1	10	15
10У	2.40	2.50	2.55	2.65	11	15	21

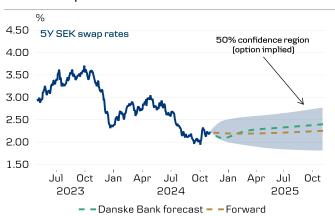
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#### 3M Stibor rates



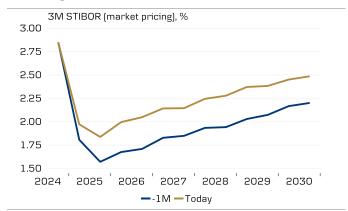
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# 5Y SEK swap rates



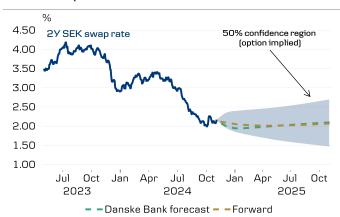
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# 1M change in STIBOR3M forward curve



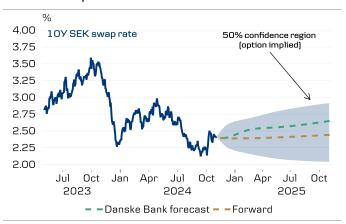
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#### 2Y SEK swap rates



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# 10Y SEK swap rates



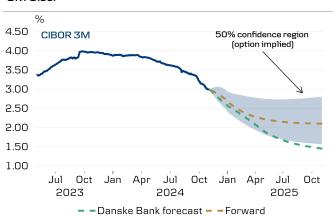
# **DKK** forecast

#### DKK forecast table

		Forec	ast		Fcst	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)	3.00	2.40	1.90	1.45	-8	-31	-65
CIBOR (6M)	2.93	2.30	1.85	1.55	-17	-42	-66
Government bonds							
2Y	1.96	1.85	1.55	1.35			
5Y	2.19	2.20	2.00	1.85			
10У	2.20	2.15	2.05	1.90			
Swap rates							
27	2.48	2.34	2.05	1.90	-2	-28	-47
5Y	2.50	2.50	2.35	2.25	4	-11	-24
10У	2.58	2.56	2.55	2.40	-1	-1	-18

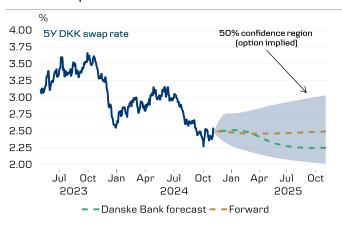
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#### 3M Cibor



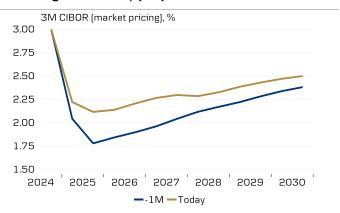
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# 5Y DKK swap rates



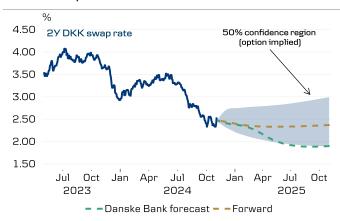
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# 1M change in DKK swap (3M)



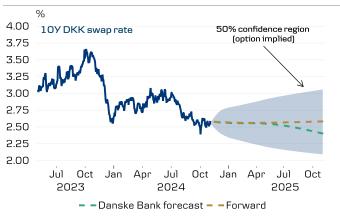
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# 10Y DKK swap rates



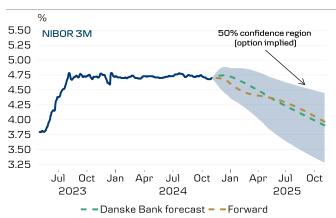
# **NOK** forecast

# NOK forecast table

		Forec	ast		Fcst	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	4.65	4.40	3.90	16	2	-6
NIBOR (6M)	4.73	4.60	4.40	3.85	3	2	-14
Government bonds							
27	4.09	3.85	3.60	3.25			
5Y	3.79	3.60	3.50	3.30			
109	3.83	3.65	3.50	3.40			
Swap rates							
27	4.32	4.15	3.90	3.55	-5	-19	-42
5Y	4.07	3.85	3.75	3.55	-16	-21	-36
10У	3.98	3.80	3.65	3.55	-15	-27	-34

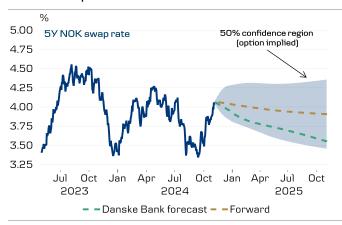
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#### 3M Nibor



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# 5Y NOK swap rate



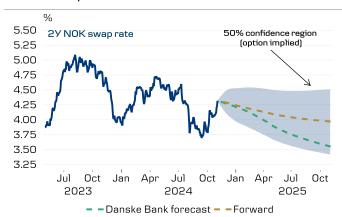
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# 1M change in NOK swap (6M)



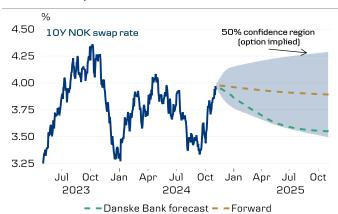
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#### 2Y NOK swap rate



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# 10Y NOK swap rate



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