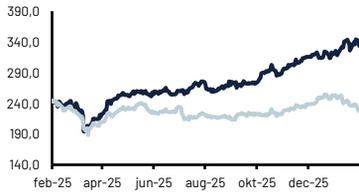


Share information



Ytd	7.2%	1 year:	44.7%
1 month:	7%	3 year:	114.5%

Note: We apply the closing price from 3 November 2025
Index rebased to 4 November 2024. Source: S&P Capital IQ

Financials

(DKKbn)	2024	2025	2026E*
Net interest income	36.7	36.6	
Total income	56.4	56.8	
Total costs	25.7	25.8	26.0-26.5
Income before tax	31.2	30.7	
Net income	23.6	23.0	22.0-24.0
Shareholder's equity	174.6	181.2	
Deposits	1,095	1,110	
Total assets	3,716	3,754	

Note: *Company's own guidance. Danske Bank now expects Net income in the upper end of the guidance range. Source: Danske Bank

Valuation multiples

	2024	2025	2026E*
P/E (x)	7.3	11.4	11.4
P/B (x)	0.97	1.43	1.48
ROE (%)	13.4	13.3	13.0
Dividend/share (ord.)	28.7	22.7	22.6
Dividend yield (%)	14.1	7.1	6.8
Adj. C/I ratio (%)	45.6	45.5	45.6
Total capital ratio (%)	22.4	20.9	20.9
CET 1 Capital ratio (%)	17.8	17.3	17.3

Note: Multiples for 2024 and 2025 are based on historical numbers. Source: *Based on consensus analyst estimates from S&P Capital IQ. Capital ratios are from Danske Bank's latest financial report.

Company description

Danske Bank is a leading Nordic bank and the largest bank in Denmark. The company provides a wide range of financial services, such as personal banking, corporate banking, wealth management, and insurance. Danske Bank operates five commercial business units, Personal Customers, Business Customers, Large Corporates & Institutions, Danica Pension, and Northern Ireland. Its largest geography is Denmark, with operations in Sweden, Norway, Finland, the UK and others.

Investment case

Danske Bank delivered a solid 2025 result, with net interest income (NII) remaining resilient despite lower deposit margins following central bank rate cuts, supported by lending growth and effective interest rate risk management. Net fee income was strong, driven by record-high performance fee income and growing assets under management, while loan impairments remained very limited at DKK 294 million. Net profit came in at DKK 23.0 billion, reaching the upper end of the DKK 21-23bn guidance range and achieving an ROE of 13.3%.

Danske Bank is focused on strengthening its position as a leading bank in the Nordics, continuing to execute its Forward '28 strategy. For business and institutional customers, growth in prioritised segments was supported by new partnerships, scalable platforms, and digital solutions. For retail and private banking customers, the bank's holistic advisory concept, Panorama, and focus on life events improved customer engagement, with assets under management reaching record-high levels.

Danske Bank's 2026 financial targets call for an ROE above 13%, a C/I ratio around 45%, and net profit in the range of DKK 22-24bn, maintaining its dividend policy of 40-60% of net profit.

For 2025, Danske Bank proposed a total dividend of DKK 22.72/share (ordinary DKK 16.94 + extraordinary DKK 5.78), alongside a new DKK 4.5bn share buy-back, bringing total 2025 cash returns to shareholders to around DKK 18-19bn.

Key investment reasons

Despite recent rate cuts, net interest income remained resilient in 2025 through lending growth and effective interest rate risk management, supporting a strong total payout for 2025. Looking into 2026, the redistribution story remains compelling, with consensus expecting a dividend of DKK 22.6 per share.

Danske Bank has traded at a discount to its Nordic peers, but a large part of this gap has closed as the share price responded positively to strong results and execution on the Forward '28 strategy. However, a small discount can still be found.

With the Estonia matter now fully resolved, management can focus entirely on commercial execution and market share gains – already visible in record-high assets under management, strong corporate lending growth, and improving customer satisfaction scores in 2025.

Key investment risks

Credit quality remained strong in 2025, with Danske Bank reporting loan impairments of only DKK 294 million for the full year, well below normalised levels. However, geopolitical uncertainty and US tariff risks mean impairment charges could increase in 2026, with Danske Bank itself guiding for around DKK 1 billion in loan impairment charges for the year ahead.

Danske Bank's C/I ratio improved to 45.5% in 2025, broadly in line with its 2026 target of ~45%, representing meaningful progress relative to peers. However, operating expenses are guided to rise to DKK 26-26.5bn in 2026, driven by ongoing investments in digitalisation and wage inflation, meaning further improvement will require continued top-line growth.

Structural risks remain a feature of banking broadly, with asset-liability management, liquidity and solvency risks present across the sector. Elevated geopolitical tensions serve as a reminder that hidden tail risks in the financial system remain a concern heading into 2026.

Table: Nordic Large-Cap Banks

BANK	MCAP (EURm)	Share price	Ytd Performanc	1-year Performanc	1-year Total Return	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E	P/B	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E	ROE	2025A	2026E	2027E	Cost / Income	2025A	2026E
Danske Bank A/S	36.281	DKK 333.1	4.6%	42.7%	51.7%	1.43	1.48	1.43	1.39	11.4	11.4	10.7	10.1	13.3	13.0	13.8	45.5	45.6			
DNB Bank ASA (OB:DNB)	38.666	NOK 299.9	6.2%	17.6%	25.2%	1.51	1.55	1.49	1.44	9.9	11.3	11.0	10.6	15.9	13.8	13.7	38.0	39.4			
Nordea Bank Abp	56.719	EUR 16.65	3.5%	34.4%	45.0%	1.70	1.70	1.63	1.56	11.6	11.7	10.9	10.2	15.5	15.0	15.7	46.0	46.1			
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)(OM:SEI)	35.602	SEK 193.3	-0.9%	13.6%	22.1%	1.66	1.61	1.52	1.44	12.7	11.8	10.9	10.2	14.0	13.5	14.3	42.0	42.3			
Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ)(OM:SHB A)	26.992	SEK 143.55	6.8%	6.6%	20.4%	1.33	1.52	1.46	1.43	11.2	12.8	12.2	11.7	13.0	11.4	12.3	41.5	44.4			
Swedbank AB (publ)(OM:SWED A)	36.451	SEK 346	7.8%	35.5%	48.0%	1.60	1.75	1.74	1.66	11.1	13.0	12.2	11.7	15.2	13.5	14.9	36.0	39.7			
Simple Average			4.7%	25.1%	35.4%	1.54	1.60	1.54	1.49	11.3	12.0	11.3	10.7	14.5	13.4	14.1	41.5	42.9			
Median			5.4%	26.0%	35.1%	1.56	1.58	1.51	1.44	11.3	11.8	11.0	10.4	14.6	13.5	14.1	41.8	43.4			

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Source: S&P Capital IQ, data pr. 24/02/2026

Peer Group Selection: Danske Bank's peer group consists of other large-cap Nordic banks with cross-border activities, reflecting a similar business model and market structure to Danske Bank.

Nordea: is a Nordic financial services group with headquarters in Helsinki, Finland. It is the largest financial services group in the Nordics, with employees in around 20 countries. Nordea offers a wide range of financial products and services, including retail banking, corporate banking asset management, and life insurance.

DNB Bank: is a Norwegian financial services group with headquarters in Oslo, Norway. It is the largest financial services group in Norway and has a strong presence in the Nordic region. DNB Bank provides a wide range of financial products and services, including retail banking, corporate banking asset management, and life insurance.

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB): is a Swedish financial services group with headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden. It is one of the largest banks in the Nordic region, also operating in Germany the Baltics. SEB provides a wide range of financial products and services, including retail banking, corporate banking asset management, and life insurance.

Svenska Handelsbanken: is a Swedish financial services group headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. It is one of the largest banks in the Nordic region, also operating in the UK. It provides a wide range of financial products and services, including retail banking, corporate banking asset management, and life insurance.

Swedbank: is a Swedish financial services group headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. It is one of the largest banks in the Nordics, also operating in the Baltics. Swedbank's business segments include Retail Banking, Corporate Banking, and Asset Management & Insurance.

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