



Fund Flash

Nordea 1 - Norwegian Bond Fund

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The fund aims to provide a rate of return which exceeds the return of the reference index without taking on excessive risk levels.¹

Portfolio comment as of 31/07/2022

Norges Bank raised its deposit rate by 0,5% in June, after leaving it unchanged in May and hiking to 0,75% in March. The deposit rate is now 1,25%. This rate hike was more aggressive than what the market had anticipated, and also a bit more aggressive than our expectations. The central bank indicates a deposit rate of 1,75% at year-end 2022. In our opinion the risk is skewed toward more hikes rather than less hikes this year. Norges Bank places high emphasis on financial stability and wish to curb excess credit growth.

Seasonally adjusted house prices were down 0,2% in July, while nominal prices fell by 1,6%. House prices are up 5.8% over the last 12 months – and 21,5% since the start of 2020.

We believe the market balance is still tilted towards some continued price growth in the coming months due to record low supply of homes and still strong demand. The policy rate hikes coming from Norges Bank will probably also do their part to reduce the pace of price growth in the coming months. We do not see a sharp reduction in house prices in the short to medium term as very likely, but it is certainly more likely now than a few months ago.

The money market rate measured by the 3 month NIBOR averaged around 1,97 % during the month, while the 3 year NOK swap rate started at 3,13 % and ended at 3,09 %.

In this context, the fund delivered a monthly return equal to 1.42%, bringing YTD performance to -4.86% (BP-NOK).

The 5 year NOK swap rate fell back in July. It started at 3,1 % and ended the month at 2,97 % while the 10 year NOK swap rate started at 3,12 % and ended at 2,96 %.

Credit spreads have moved tighter in July, while swap yields moved lower. Lower interest rates has been the most important positive performance driver, along with carry and roll and credit spread tightening for both the portfolio and its benchmark. In sum, the fund saw positive absolute and relative performance in July.

Portfolio Positioning	31/07/2022	30/06/2022	Cumulative Performance	1M	YTD	3 Years	10 Years
Average Rating ²	A	A	Fund (BP-NOK)	1.42%	-4.86%	-2.28%	17.18%
			Benchmark	1.53%	-3.40%	-2.37%	13.81%
			Alpha	-0.10%	-1.47%	0.09%	3.37%

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