



# Fund Flash

## Nordea 1 - Norwegian Short-Term Bond Fund

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This fund aims to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns by investing in investment grade NOK denominated short-term bonds and other short-term transferable debt securities.<sup>1</sup>

### Portfolio comment as of 31/12/2018

Norwegian housing prices have slowed down somewhat lately, but seasonally adjusted housing prices gained 0.7% in December after falling 0.5% in November. House prices are now about 2.7% higher. We still expect an increased supply of new homes, combined with further rate hikes from Norges Bank in 2019 and muted population growth to constrain house price growth going forward.

The labor market has been improving since the beginning of 2016, and unemployment stands at 2.3% in December, unchanged since November. The trend is still solidly down. DNB PMI has also been volatile over the last months, but the index for December indicates that there is still solid activity in the manufacturing sector, falling slightly back to 55.9. Market indicators suggest there is still some more spare capacity in the economy and indicate further activity growth going forward.

The Norwegian Krone (NOK) strengthened in the first 10 months of 2018 but has weakened after the oil price fell back in the end of the year and ends the year only slightly stronger on a trade weighted basis. A weak currency will, all else equal, contribute to higher inflation in 2019.

In this context, the fund delivered a monthly return equal to 0.05%, bringing YTD performance to 1.04% (BP-NOK).

3 month NIBOR came up in December, starting at 1.22% and ending at 1.25% averaging 1.27% for the month. The most important driver for this increase was the LIBOR-OIS spread in the USD LIBOR-market which came up some 2-3 bps in December and dragged 3 month NIBOR along.

Credit spread carry and roll contributed positively to the fund performance in December. However, credit spreads widened in December, contributing adversely to the fund performance. This, together with an average 3 month NIBOR yielding around 1.27 % during the month, caused the fund to see positive performance.

Portfolio Positioning	30/11/2018	31/12/2018	Cumulative Performance	1M	YTD	3 Years
Effective Duration	0.13 years	0.14 years	Fund (BP-NOK)	0.05%	1.04%	4.67%
YTM	1.75%	1.84%				
Average Rating <sup>2</sup>	A	A				

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