

## Danish covered bonds

### Nykredit Danish Mortgage Index USD

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- The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Index is a tracker index based on the Danish covered bond market
- The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Index USD shows returns in USD on investments in the index hedged using 1M FX swaps
- The index return is calculated daily and is available on Bloomberg (Ticker: NYKRIUSD Index)

*The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index USD is based on the Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond (DMB) Index, which consists of the ten largest bond groups in the Danish covered bond market. The index shows daily returns in USD on investments in the Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond (DMB) Index hedged using 1M FX swaps.*

The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond index USD is a tracker index based on the Danish covered bond market, FX swapped and hedged into USD. The index shows daily returns in USD on investments in the Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index hedged daily using a 1M FX swap.

A tracker index contains a subset of the total market that reflects general market trends. The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index USD covers the most actively traded part of the Danish covered bond market, and the index basis is 30 January 2004.

The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index (the DMB Index) was the first index to include Danish covered bonds in the portfolio, and the index date is 1 January 1993. The DMB Index index consists of the ten largest bond groups in the Danish covered bond market and is founded on the most liquid covered bonds listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen. The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index comprises callable bonds, bullet covered bonds and capped floaters.

The Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index, including portfolio criteria, rebalancing and index return calculations, is described in further detail at: <https://www.nykredit.dk/en-gb/markets/covered-bonds/nykredit-indices/>

#### Calculation of index value

The original Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index is denominated in DKK. We begin by defining the return of a simple FX swap (RFXS).

$$RFXS(t) = \frac{F(t, t + 2B, t + 2B + 1M)}{S(t, t + 2B)} - 1$$

where  $t$  is the trade date,  $F$  is the 1M FX DKKUSD forward rate at trade date  $t$  and spot settlement date  $t+2B$ .  $S$  is the FX DKKUSD spot rate. We use the Danish business calendar, i.e. 2B is two business days.

The value of unwinding the FX swap (URFXS) at date  $t+1$  is given by

$$URFXS(t + 1B) = \frac{1}{RFXS(t + 1B) \cdot d_t}$$

where  $d$  is the day count fraction of the remaining maturity (at date  $t+1$ ) of the FX swap traded at date  $t$ , which is calculated as

$$d_t = \frac{(t + 2B + 1M) - (t + 1B)}{(t + 2B + 1M) - (t + 2B)}$$

Combining the above definitions and taking into account the return of the original index, we can calculate the index value in USD as

$$I_{t+1B}^{USD} = \frac{I_t^{USD}}{URFXS(t + 1B)} \cdot \frac{I_{t+1}^{DKK}}{I_t^{DKK}} \cdot [1 + RFXS(t + 1B)]$$

where  $I_t^{DKK}$  is the index value in DKK at date  $t$ .

Hedging is carried out daily based on 1M FX swaps. At any trade day, the value of the index is hedged going forward by entering into a 1M FX swap contract. The next trade date ( $t+1$ ), the previous 1M currency hedge is unwinded and the new value of the index including the 1 day return of the original index is hedged by a new 1M FX swap. The next trading day the process is repeated. The unwinding of the index is interpolated from the new 1M FX forward.

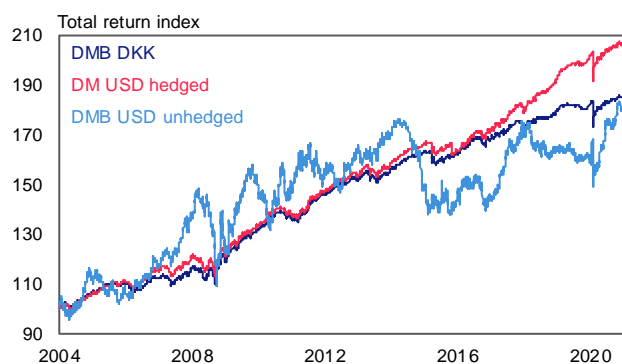
Hedging the index is based on the inception value of the index, as we do not know the value of the index one day going forward from the time of entry into the FX forward contract. This way, we are able to hedge everything except the development of the index for the next day ahead.

In an FX swap hedge, the FX risk of the spot transaction is offset by the forward transaction (approximately). Thus, an FX swap is exposed to an interest rate risk rather than FX risk. Here, this is a daily interest risk as measured by the 1M forward point. Obviously, this may contribute positively and negatively to

the difference in the return between the Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index and the USD-hedged index.

### Historical returns and index development

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The development of the Nykredit Danish Mortgage Bond Index in DKK and USD, hedged and unhedged, since January 2004.

Source: Nykredit Markets

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<b>Table 1: Recommendations – fixed income</b>	Proportion I	Proportion II
Buy	50	0
Sell	50	0

<b>Table 2: Recommendations – portfolio allocation</b>	Proportion I	Proportion II
Overweight	0	0
Neutral	0	0
Underweight	0	0

Source: Nykredit Markets

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