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Full Rating Report

# SpareBank 1 Østfold Akershus

#### **LONG-TERM RATING**

Α

**OUTLOOK** 

Stable

SHORT-TERM RATING

**N2** 

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### **RATING RATIONALE**

Our 'A' long-term issuer credit rating on SpareBank 1 Østfold Akershus (SB1 Østfold Akershus) reflects the bank's strong profitability and modest risk appetite, as well as its exposure to a growth region of Norway. The bank is part of the SpareBank 1 Alliance, which we view as supportive of business diversity, operating efficiency and liquidity. The bank has strong pre-provision profitability, driven by strong net interest margins and a higher proportion of fee income within revenues than its peers, as well as strong cost efficiency. SB1 Østfold Akershus is predominantly a retail bank providing residential mortgages but also has exposure to commercial real-estate lending. The rating is constrained by the competitive environment in the bank's operating region and geographic concentration in the loan book, as well as uncertainty about the commercial real-estate sector.

Unlike most Norwegian savings banks, SB1 Østfold Akershus' equity belongs almost entirely to the owners of the bank's equity capital certificates (ECCs). Consequently, the bank relies on the equity market to finance growth. Two foundations control about two-thirds of the ECCs. We view the ownership structure as supportive of our standalone credit assessment, but do not incorporate prospective support into the rating.

#### **STABLE OUTLOOK**

The outlook is stable, reflecting our view that SB1 Østfold Akershus is likely to maintain solid profitability and capital generation as the bank increases focus on growth. While we believe the weakened economy will take some time to fully recover, we expect gradual improvements in the bank's asset quality metrics. The outlook also reflects our expectation that the bank will slim its capitalisation through growth and potential extraordinary dividends, but that it will maintain an adequate buffer to regulatory requirements.

## POTENTIAL POSITIVE RATING DRIVERS

## An upgrade is unlikely at this time, given earnings and capitalisation are already strong.

## POTENTIAL NEGATIVE RATING DRIVERS

- Tier 1 ratio under 18% over a protracted period or a CET1 ratio within 2pp of regulatory requirements.
- A material deterioration in the regional operating environment that negatively affects asset quality.
- Increased competition leading to lower profitability and a weaker market position.

Figure 1. Key credit metrics, 2021-2027e

%	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Net interest margin	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4
Loan losses/net loans	-0.03	0.04	0.07	0.19	0.13	0.09	0.09
Pre-provision income/REA	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.4
Cost-to-income	41.1	41.7	42.5	38.4	41.5	42.3	40.7
Return on ordinary equity	11.8	11.2	11.6	14.3	12.8	12.4	13.3
Loan growth	2.5	2.4	4.2	6.2	9.6	10.5	10.5
CET1 ratio	18.0	18.4	17.5	17.4	18.4	17.5	17.2
Tier 1 ratio	19.0	19.4	18.4	19.0	20.0	18.9	18.5

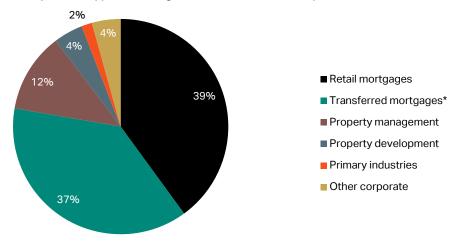
Source: company and NCR. e-estimate. REA-risk exposure amount. CET1-common equity Tier 1. All metrics adjusted in line with NCR methodology. \*Consolidated capital adequacy metrics.

#### **ISSUER PROFILE**

SB1 Østfold Akershus is a medium-sized Norwegian regional savings bank with origins dating back to 1835. The bank has operations in Østfold and Akershus in southeastern Norway. The region has a population of 450,000 and is within commuting distance of Oslo. The bank has seven branch offices and around 280 employees (full-time equivalent).

SB1 Østfold Akershus is a member of the SpareBank 1 Alliance (the Alliance), Norway's second largest finance group in terms of assets. The Alliance consists of 12 independent savings banks, which cooperate on branding and provide a joint IT platform. Importantly, the Alliance allows individual banks to offer competitive products and achieve economies of scale in development projects and compliance.

Figure 2. Gross loans by sector/type (including transferred loans), 30 Sep. 2025



Source: company.\*net loans transferred to SB1 Boligkreditt AS (92%) and SB1 Næringskreditt AS (8%).

#### **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

Operating environment

National banking environment

SB1 Østfold Akershus operates in a region with a diverse industrial base along the route connecting continental Europe to Norway and Oslo. Growth prospects are supported by proximity to the capital. We expect the broader economy to remain subdued over the next few years, with gradual improvement in economic activity. However, we believe the banking sector is well positioned to manage these challenges.

## Norwegian savings banks resilient to slowing economic activity

Net interest margins in the Norwegian banking sector have widened significantly since 2021, driven by higher interest rates. Along with strong lending growth, this has supported sector earnings. The central bank began a cautious normalisation of the policy rate, lowering it by 25bps to 4.25% in June 2025, followed by another 25bps cut to 4.00% in September. We do not anticipate further cuts in 2025, consistent with the central bank's latest guidance. While policy rates could gradually decline towards 3% through 2026–2027, this remains uncertain given persistently high inflation, changes in global trade and tariff policies and a resilient domestic economy. We expect that lower interest rates and increased competition, amid subdued loan demand, will slow earnings growth and reduce returns on equity during our forecast period.

As intended, persistently high interest rates are helping to slow the economy. Mainland GDP growth has improved somewhat from a weak 2023–2024, but we expect it to remain modest for now. Unemployment has increased slightly but remains exceptionally low compared with most European countries. Low unemployment has likely contributed to strong wage growth in recent years. While this has supported consumption and loan demand, it also raises concerns about continued inflation.

Nonetheless, Norwegian savings banks remain well capitalised, with the introduction of CRR3 enhancing competitiveness for those using the standardised approach, which includes most banks.

Figure 3. Norwegian inflation and interest rates, 2024-2028e

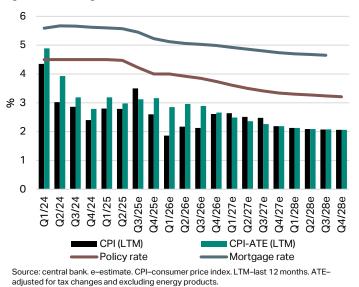
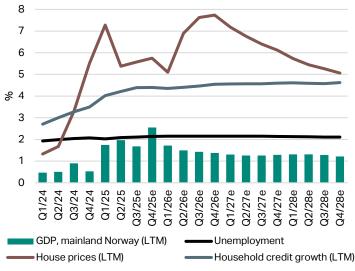


Figure 4. Norwegian economic indicators, 2024–2028e



Source: central bank. e-estimate

## Regional assessment

## Operations located in a region of high growth

Most of SB1 Østfold Akershus' lending is to borrowers in Østfold county and southeastern Akershus county, near Oslo. High real estate prices in Oslo have driven substantial residential and commercial real-estate development in the region. Population growth in the region has accelerated in recent years and we expect it to outpace the national average over the coming decades. The region's location along the land route to continental Europe, as well as investments in the railway, support the local economy. Unemployment is slightly above the national average but remains low by European standards and is not considered a major concern.

Figure 5. SB1 Østfold Akershus' core markets

Municipality	Population, 30 Jun. 2025	Expected population change, 2025-2050 (%)	Unemployment, Sep. 2025 (%)	Unemployment, Sep. 2024 (%)
Moss	52,920	14.8	2.8	2.7
Sarpsborg	60,386	10.9	3.2	3.3
Fredrikstad	86,090	10.7	3.1	2.8
Halden	32,044	8.3	2.7	2.9
Vestby	20,017	21.8	2.2	1.8
Indre Østfold	47,731	13.2	2.5	2.3
Core markets	299,188	12.4	2.9	2.7
Akershus	745,358	17.3	2.5	2.3
Østfold	315,535	12.7	2.8	2.7
Norway	5,606,944	9.1	2.1	2.0

Source: Statistics Norway, Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration

## **RISK APPETITE**

Risk appetite assessment

We assess SB1 Østfold Akershus's risk appetite as moderate. The bank maintains a well diversified funding and liquidity profile, a moderate credit risk profile, and sufficient capital. Risk governance and internal risk reporting are adequate given the bank's risk profile and complexity.

## Risk governance adequate for size and complexity

Risk governance

In our view, SB1 Østfold Akershus' risk governance framework, risk appetite, limit monitoring, and risk reporting are above the peer group average. Although the bank is more complex than smaller savings banks, we consider its risk governance to be robust and appropriate for its size and complexity. We also consider the bank's management to be sufficiently proactive in anticipating and responding

to regulatory changes and market dynamics. The bank also benefits from resources and tools provided by the Alliance. In our view, SB1 Østfold Akershus has allocated adequate resources to address money laundering risks and enhance customer surveillance and compliance. The Alliance further supports member banks in managing compliance issues.

We view the bank's management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as satisfactory, given its size, complexity and impact.

### Capital boosted by CRR3, but expected to be slimmed down

Our assessment of SB1 Østfold Akershus' consolidated capital reflects the bank's strong profitability, capital flexibility from high, cancellable dividends, access to capital instrument markets, and high consolidated risk exposure amount (REA). As of 30 Sep. 2025, SB1 Østfold Akershus' consolidated common equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio was 18.6%, and its Tier 1 capital ratio was 20.2%. Regulatory requirements were 15.1% and 16.9%, respectively, excluding a 1pp management buffer.

Earlier this year, the bank revised its dividend policy to around 50% of consolidated net profit, from up to 50% of unconsolidated net profit, and raised its return on equity target to above 11%, from above 10%. Like the broader Norwegian savings bank sector, SB1 Østfold Akershus received a significant boost to capital ratios following the implementation of CRR3 on 1 Apr. 2025. The estimated impact, including increased risk weight floors in SB1 Boligkreditt and BN Bank, is around 2pp. However, we do not believe that the bank wishes to operate at these capitalisation levels, an assumption that was corroborated by the announcement of an additional NOK 10kr/share dividend for 2024 profits, to be paid in Dec. 2025. We have also included an additional dividend of NOK 12kr/share for 2025 profits, paid in 2026, due to our belief that the bank wishes to further slim its capitalisation. Combined with our loan growth expectations of above 10% 2026-2027, this leads to a projected CET1 ratio of 17.1% and a Tier 1 ratio of 18.4% in 2027.

The bank's capital generation is supported both by dividends and its share of profits from associated companies. These have included extraordinary items, both positive and negative, in recent years, including factors outside the bank's control. We consider that this uncertainty is partially mitigated by the buffer provided by cancellable dividends and the bank's demonstrated ability to raise new equity if required.

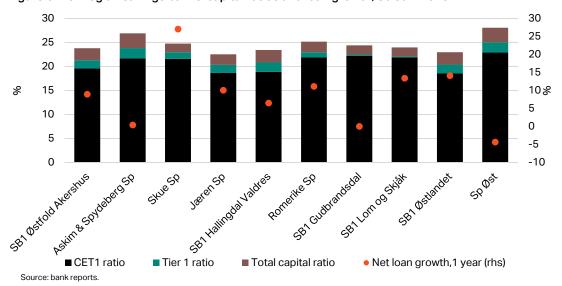


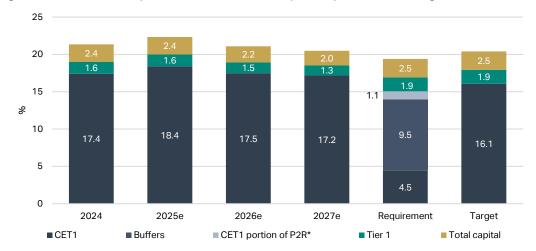
Figure 6. Norwegian savings banks' capital ratios and loan growth, 30 Jun. 2025

Figure 7. Capital projection assumptions

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	2025e	2026e	2027e
Loan growth	10%	10 %	10%
Dividend rate	69%*	74%*	50%
Return on equity	11.8%	11.7%	12.7%

\*includes additional dividend of NOK 10kr/share paid in 2025 (announced) and NOK 12kr/share paid in 2026 (NCR expectation)

Figure 8. Consolidated capital ratios 2024–2027e, capital requirement and targets as of Q3 2025



Source: company. e-estimate. \*total pillar 2 requirement (P2R) of 1.9% as of 30 Mar. 2025

#### Funding and liquidity satisfactory

Funding and liquidity

We consider SB1 Østfold Akershus' funding and liquidity management satisfactory. The bank is primarily funded through retail and corporate deposits, as well as covered bonds through jointly owned companies SB1 Boligkreditt and SB1 Næringskreditt, supplemented by senior unsecured issuance. As of 30 Sep. 2025, the bank had transferred NOK 15.4bn in retail and corporate mortgages. 92% of this was retail mortgages to SB1 Boligkreditt, representing 46.5% of total retail mortgages. We expect loan growth to be largely balanced between on- and off-balance sheet during the forecast period, with transfers potentially slightly exceeding on-balance growth. The funding mix between deposits and senior unsecured issuance is also expected to remain stable (senior unsecured at approximately 20% of total funding), supported by expectations of similar growth in household and corporate lending.

SB1 Østfold Akershus' senior unsecured bonds have an average maturity of 3.2 years as of 30 Sep. 2025, with a history of repurchasing outstanding volumes as maturity approaches. Although the bank has transferred a relatively large share of its retail mortgages, it is not required to take back non-performing loans and maintains an adequate buffer of transferable mortgages that serves as a liquidity reserve. As of 30 Sep. 2025, the liquidity coverage ratio was 134% and net stable funding ratio 132%, well above the minimum 100% requirement.

Figure 9. Deposit metrics, 2021-2027e

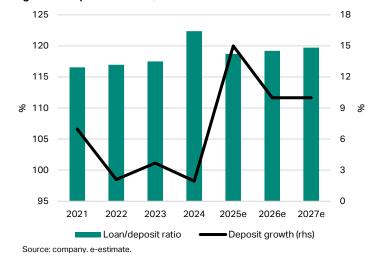
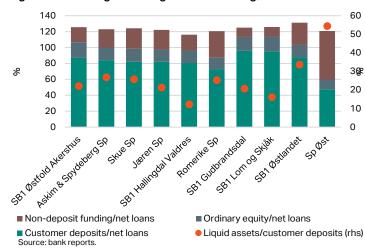


Figure 10. Norwegian savings banks' funding, 30 Jun. 2025



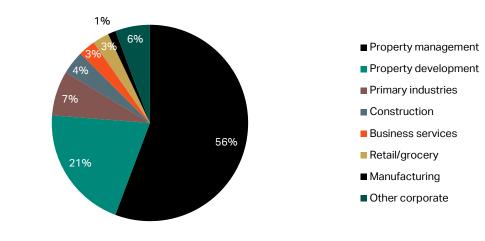
Credit and market risk

### Mortgage lending dominates product mix

SB1 Østfold Akershus' loan portfolio is primarily composed of retail mortgage loans to regional customers. Loan growth was 5.9% in the 12 months to 30 Sep. 2025, or 6.5% including transferred

loans. Growth was evenly distributed between households and corporates, and between on-balance and transferred loans. We expect the bank will have strong growth in both private and corporate lending over our forecast period, with corporate lending likely to outpace private lending. Corporate loans accounted for 24.7% of total loans (including transfers) as of 30 Sep. 2025, and we anticipate a gradual increase in this ratio. Credit risk on transferred mortgages and commercial loans is assumed by the SB1 Alliance covered bond companies; the bank retains ownership risk.

Figure 11. Corporate gross loans by sector (excluding transferred loans), 30 Sep. 2025



Source: company

In addition to retail customers, SB1 Østfold Akershus' primary sectoral exposure is to property management and property development. These sectors continue to face pressure following the recent period of high inflation, and persistent high interest rates. Although there are signs of stabilisation, including steadier cash flows and increased transaction activity, we believe the risks to individual exposures remain elevated, particularly in development and construction.

We do not consider market risk to be material for SB1 Østfold Akershus given the lack of a trading portfolio and its low limits on interest rate risk and currency risk.

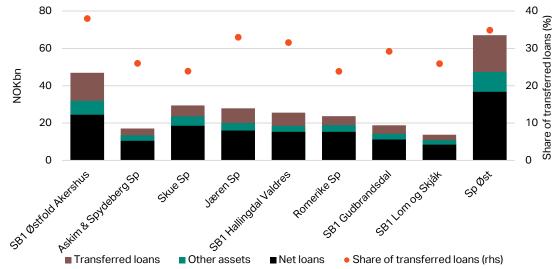
## **COMPETITIVE POSITION**

Competitive position

SB1 Østfold Akershus operates in a competitive region, with large Nordic banks such as DNB and Nordea, as well as major savings banks. In more rural areas, several smaller Eika alliance savings banks are also present. Despite this, the bank is gradually increasing its market share in its core markets, and its position remains solid. We view SB1 Østfold Akershus's significant role and financial contributions to the local market positively, as they strengthen its relationship with customers. A substantial portion of the bank's dividends is distributed to the local community through foundation owners, alongside other donations.

SB1 Østfold Akershus has a growing real-estate brokerage and accounting business, providing non-interest income. We view the relationship with the Alliance as beneficial, as it diversifies the bank's product offering and revenue streams.

Figure 12. Norwegian savings banks' total assets and net lending, 30 Jun. 2025



Source: bank reports. The chart excludes SB1 Østlandet, which had NOK 296bn in total assets incl. transferred mortgages as of 30 Jun. 2025.

#### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance indicators

SB1 Østfold Akershus has solid stability and diversity in its earnings performance, with lower reliance on interest rates than many peers, supporting our earnings forecast. Its loss performance, while strong with low realised losses, is not as exceptional as its earnings performance compared with peers.

#### Earnings metrics remain stable and strong

Earnings

Risk-adjusted earnings rose above 3% in 2023, following several years of lower interest rates. We expect earnings to decline somewhat from levels above 3.7% in 2024 and the first half of 2025, stabilising around 3.3% through 2025–2027. We expect SB1 Østfold Akershus to maintain a strong net interest margin over the forecast period, supported by robust net fee and commission income and contributions from associated companies.

In addition to dividends from associated companies, the bank reports on share of profit from associated companies. Both items can be volatile and are largely outside the bank's control. While our base case includes some earnings from associates, we factor in a higher degree of uncertainty for these earnings in our assessment.

Figure 13. Norwegian savings banks' annualised net interest margins, Q3 2024 - Q2 2025

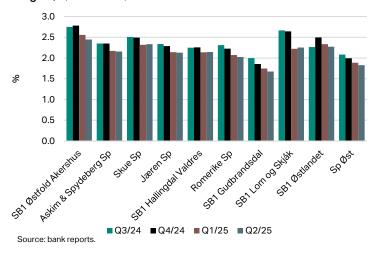
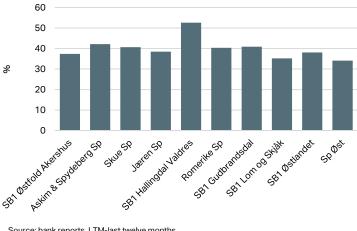


Figure 14. Norwegian savings banks' cost efficiency metrics, LTM to 30 Jun. 2025



Source: bank reports. LTM-last twelve months.

Figure 15. Norwegian savings banks' PPI to REA, LTM to 30 Jun. 2025

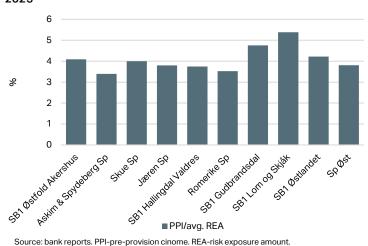
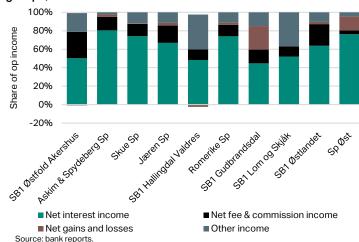


Figure 16. Norwegian savings banks' split between income groups, LTM to 30 Jun. 2025

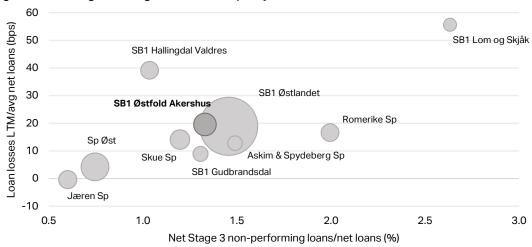


## Loss performance expected to improve towards historical levels

Loss performance

SB1 Østfold has consistently reported strong asset quality metrics compared with other Norwegian savings banks, with average loan loss provisions of 5bps and net Stage 3 loans at 0.65% between 2020 and 2023. In 2024, metrics weakened, with reported losses rising to 19bps in 2024 and net Stage 3 loans increasing to 1.3% of on-balance net lending as of 30 Sep. 2025. We do not consider this a significant concern, as similar trends have been observed among peers. We expect asset quality metrics to improve gradually over the forecast period.

Figure 17. Norwegian savings banks' asset quality metrics, 30 Jun. 2025



Source: bank reports. Bubble sizes reflect net loan volumes.

1.60 0.21 1.20 0.14 \$ 0.80 0.07 % 0.00 0.40 0.00 -0.07 2021 2023 2024 2027e 2022 2025e 2026e ■ Net Stage 3 loans/net loans ■ Gross Stage 3 loans/gross loans ● Credit provisions to net loans (rhs)

Figure 18. Asset quality metrics, 2021-2027e

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE FACTORS**

ESG factors are considered throughout our analysis, where material to the credit assessment.

Figure 19. Priority ESG factors

Source: company. e-estimate.

Figure 19. Priority ESG factors		
lssue/area	Risk/opportunity	Impacted subsections (impact on credit assessment*)
Physical climate risk to collateral	Climate-related damage to real-estate collateral (closely linked to supervision of insurance). Longer-term term effects on market values in flood risk areas.	Credit risk (-) Loss performance (0)
Physical climate risk to insurance revenue	Impact of significant weather/nature events on earnings from insurance business.	Earnings (0) Capital (-)
Social engagement in local community	Close connection to narrow regional markets provides a benefit.	Competitive position (++) Earnings (+) Funding & liquidity (+)
Sustainable green bond framework	Diversity of funding sources, access to additional markets and investors.	Funding & liquidity (+)
Anti-money laundering capacity	Risk of sanctions and fraud due to insufficient control of customers.	Risk governance (0)
Control of sustainability issues	Risk of overlooking sustainability impacts in underwriting, operations and customer base.	Risk governance (0) Credit risk (0)

\*Defined on a 5-step scale ranging from double minus (--) to double plus (++), with (--) representing the most negative impact and (++) the most positive. See ESG factors in financial institution ratings.

#### **SUPPORT ANALYSIS**

## **Ownership**

Our support analysis is neutral. We view SB1 Østfold Akershus' ownership as supportive of our standalone credit assessment, but do not adjust to reflect this support. The bank's ECCs are listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The owners of the ECCs control 93.2% of the bank's equity, but under Norwegian law they control no more than 40% of the vote in the assembly of representatives. The largest owners are two foundations that control 64.5% of the bank's ECCs. The foundations exist to exercise long-term and stable ownership of the bank. They are obliged to maintain an ownership interest constituting 15% or more of the bank's issued equity capital. In addition to this, we believe they have a limited ability to meaningfully contribute to the bank's equity but consider it positive that the bank has access to the equity market.

Figure 20. Ownership structure, 30 Sep. 2025

Owner	Share of capital
SpareBank 1 Stiftelsen Østfold Akershus	39.3%
SpareBank 1 Stiftelsen Halden	25.2%
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB	9.8%
VPF Eika Egenkapitalbevis	4.9%
Spesialfondet Borea Utbytte	2.0%
Other	18.8%
Total	100.0%

Source: company.

#### **ISSUE RATINGS**

Our rating on SB1 Østfold Akershus' unsecured senior debt is in line with the 'A' issuer rating. We rate the bank's Tier 2 instruments one notch below, at 'A-', and its additional Tier 1 instruments three notches below, at 'BBB', in line with our methodology.

## **SHORT-TERM RATING**

The short-term rating is 'N2', in line with our definition for the long-term rating level ('A').

## **METHODOLOGIES USED**

- (i) Financial Institutions Rating Methodology, 12 May 2025.
- (ii) Rating Principles, 14 Feb. 2024.
- (iii) Group and Government Support Rating Methodology, 14 Feb. 2024.

#### RELEVANT RESEARCH

- (i) Swedish savings banks steadfast amid increasing headwinds, 6 May 2025.
- (ii) Nordic niche banks navigate through winds of change, 4 Mar. 2025.
- (iii) Lower interest margin will lead to a drop in profitability for Norwegian savings banks, 20 Jan. 2025.
- (iv) NCR Comments: Norway moves to adopt new standardised approach to capital requirements, 6 Dec. 2024.
- (v) Norwegian savings banks' capitalization boosted by CRR3, 26 Jun. 2024.

Figure 21. SB1 Østfold Akershus key financial data, 2021-Q3 2025 YTD

Key credit metrics (%)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Q3 2025 YTD
INCOME COMPOSITION					
Net interest income to op. revenue	46.5	57.5	63.6	55.7	53.2
Net fee income to op. revenue	39.1	35.4	31.1	28.1	18.9
Net gains and losses/operating revenue	0.3	-0.4	1.6	1.0	-0.6
Net other income to op. revenue	14.0	7.5	3.7	15.2	28.5
EARNINGS					
Net interest income to financial assets	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.6
Net interest income to net loans	2.1	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.1
Pre-provision income to REA	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.7	4.2
Core pre-provision income to REA (NII & NF&C)	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.3
Return on ordinary equity	11.8	11.2	11.6	14.3	14.1
Return on assets	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.2
Cost-to-income ratio	41.1	41.7	42.5	38.4	39.4
Core cost-to-income ratio (NII & NF&C)  CAPITAL	48.0	44.8	44.9	45.8	54.7
CET1 ratio	18.0	18.4	17.5	17.4	24.2
Tier 1 ratio	19.0	19.4	18.4	19.0	26.0
Capital ratio	20.2	20.5	19.5	21.3	28.6
REA to assets	76.5	77.5	79.3	79.3	53.6
Dividend payout ratio	11.7	45.1	48.7	54.0	38.2
Leverage ratio	8.8	8.9	8.7	9.1	13.4
Consolidated CET1 ratio			17.5	17.4	18.6
Consolidated Tier 1 ratio			18.4	19.0	20.2
Consolidated Capital ratio			19.5	21.3	22.6
Consolidated Leverage ratio	0.0	0.0	8.7	9.1	8.6
GROWTH					
Asset growth	2.8	1.2	5.1	5.0	7.6
Loan growth	2.5	2.4	4.2	6.2	6.5
Deposit growth	7.0	2.1	3.7	1.9	11.2
LOSS PERFORMANCE					
Credit provisions to net loans	-0.03	0.04	0.07	0.19	0.11
Stage 3 coverage ratio	9.09	7.78	7.95	15.95	12.00
Stage 3 loans to gross loans	0.53	0.79	1.08	1.28	1.50
Net stage 3 loans to net loans	0.48	0.73	1.00	1.08	1.33
Net stage 3 loans/ordinary equity	2.55	3.71	5.04	5.34	6.64
FUNDING & LIQUIDITY					
Loan to deposit ratio	116.6	117.0	117.5	122.4	117.2
Liquid assets to deposit ratio	27.0	25.0	26.5	24.5	25.8
Net stable funding ratio	142.0	133.0	132.0	136.0	132.0
Liquidity coverage ratio	257.2	162.6	203.3	161.3	134.0
Key financials (NOKm)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Q3 2025 YTD
BALANCE SHEET					
Total assets	26,353	26,674	28,025	29,421	31,646
Total tangible assets	26,353	26,674	27,991	29,388	31,614
Total financial assets	25,419	25,645	26,992	28,058	30,378
Net loans and advances to customers	20,632	21,136	22,018	23,375	24,899
Total securities	3,041	2,974	3,163	3,420	4,096
Customer deposits	17,701	18,072	18,738	19,102	21,238
Issued securities	4,290	3,921	4,370	4,894	4,762
of which other senior debt	4,139	3,770	4,219	4,442	4,310
of which subordinated debt	151	151	151	452	452
Total equity	4,077	4,300	4,519	5,037	5,268
of which ordinary equity  CAPITAL	3,927	4,150	4,369	4,737	4,968
Common equity tier 1	3,634	3,799	2,883	3,954	4,107
Tier 1	3,836	4,008	4,097	4,431	4,407
Total capital	4,067	4,234	4,332	4,978	4,857
REA	20,173	20,671	22,226	23,333	16,966
INCOME STATEMENT					
Operating revenues	920	989	1,132	1,357	1,056
Pre-provision operating profit	542	577	651	836	640
Pre-provision operating profit Impairments	542 -7	577 9	651 16	836 42	640 20

Source: company. FY-full year. YTD-year to date.

Figure 22. SB1 Østfold Akershus rating scorecard

Subfactors	Impact	Score
National banking environment	10.0%	а
Sector exposure assessment	-	-
Regional assessment	10.0%	a
Cross border assessment	-	-
National factors	-	-
Regional, cross border, sector	-	-
Operating environment	20.0%	а
Risk governance	7.5%	а
Capital	17.5%	а
Funding and liquidity	15.0%	а
Credit and market risk	10.0%	bbb
Credit risk	-	-
Market risk	-	-
Other risks	-	-
Risk appetite	50.0%	a-
Competitive position	15.0%	bbb+
Earnings	7.5%	aa-
Loss performance	7.5%	а
Performance indicators	15.0%	a+
Indicative credit assessment		а
Peer comparison		Neutral
Transitions		Neutral
Borderline assessments		Neutral
Stand-alone credit assessment		a
Ownership		Neutral
Capital structure protection		Neutral
Rating caps		Neutral
Material credit enhancement		-
Issuer rating		Α
Outlook		Stable
Short-term rating		N2

Figure 23. Capital structure ratings

Seniority	Rating
Senior unsecured	A
Tier 2	Α-
Additional Tier 1	BBB

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