



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.¹

Portfolio comment as of 31/03/2019

Norwegian housing prices seem to have stabilized and are actually edging higher. Seasonally adjusted housing prices gained 0.3% in March after being unchanged in February. House prices are now about 3.2% higher than one year ago. Looking at the fundamental macroeconomic indicators, we expect a moderate development going forward as overall economic growth will keep up, wage growth is set to rise, and unemployment should continue to trend downwards. We still expect an increased supply of new homes, combined with one more rate hike from Norges Bank in 2019 and muted population growth to constrain house price growth going forward.

Oil investments have hit bottom, and we expect them to rise substantially this year, spurring growth in the economy. We believe overall growth in the mainland economy will end above normal levels in 2019.

Norges Bank increased the policy rate again by 25bp to 1.00% in March. This was highly anticipated, but Norges Bank was more hawkish in the front end than the market had expected, lifting its rate-path until early 2021. After the rate decision, we see that market pricing indicates a higher probability of one more rate hike in 2019, even implying a slight chance of two more hikes in 2019, even though this is not our main scenario. The bank concluded: "Our current assessment of the outlook and balance of risks suggests that the policy rate will most likely be increased further in the course of the next half-year".

In this context, the fund delivered a monthly return equal to 0.23%, bringing YTD performance to 0.65% (BP-NOK).

Both government and swap rates widened somewhat in the short end in March, while tightening from 5 years and out on the back of global rates movements. Government rates tightened in tandem with swap rates in 3 and 5 years, causing swap spreads for those tenors to remain more or less unchanged. In the long end we saw swap spreads widening 6-7 basis points. 3-month NIBOR increased in March, starting at 1.29% and ending the month at 1.34% averaging 1.34% for the month. The increase was much less than Norges Bank's rate hike, implying that the hike was heavily discounted going into the month.

Credit spread carry and roll contributed positively to the fund performance. Credit spreads also tightened. This, together with the level of the 3 month NIBOR during the month, supported the fund's absolute performance.

Portfolio Positioning	28/02/2019	31/03/2019	Cumulative Performance			
Effective Duration	0.12 years	0.14 years	1M	YTD	3 Years	
YTM	1.84%	1.83%	Fund (BP-NOK)	0.23%	0.65%	4.71%
Average Rating ²	A	A				

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