# PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2006

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SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge – the region's leading bank

Assets NOK 54.9 billion

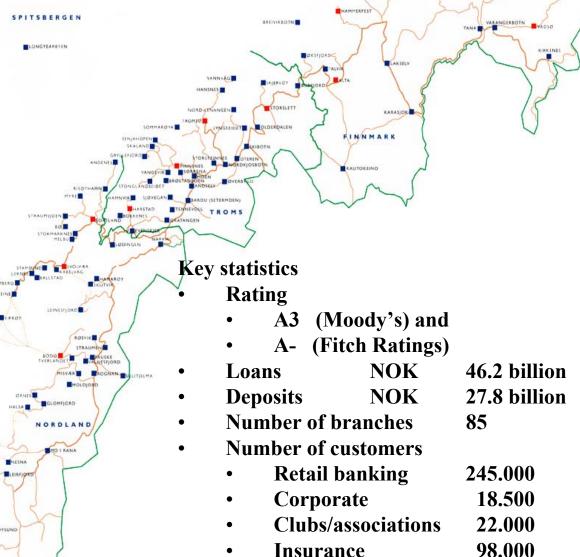
Good profitability

High job satisfaction among staff

 The Bank's strong involvement in the local community strengthens its market position.

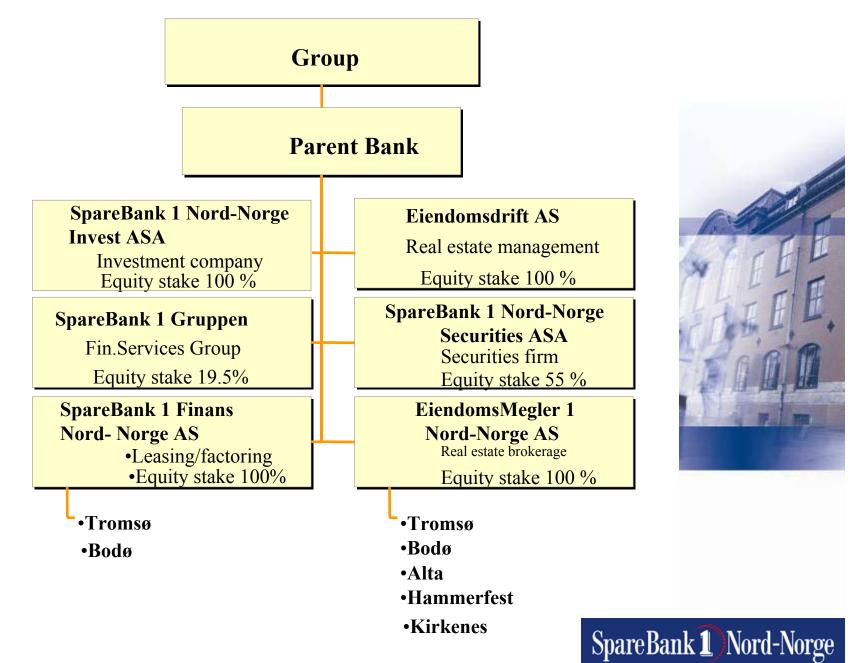
 Very good results in SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS

The SpareBank 1 alliance – this strategic and operational platform for the Bank functions well and is well accepted by the market





#### Organisation of the financial services group





#### SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge

#### **Finnmark**

Alta Berlevåg Breivikbotn **B**åtsfjord

#### Hammerfest

Havøysund Honningsvåg Karasjok Kautokeino Kirkenes Kjøllefjord Lakselv Tana Vadsø Varangerbotn

Andenes Borkenes

Hamnvik

Myre Narvik

Ramberg Reine

Risøyhamn Sortland

Stamsund

Stokmarknes

Svolvær

#### **Troms Bardufoss** Brøstadbotn Burfiord **Finnsnes** Gryllefjord Hansnes Langnes flyplass Langnes Tromsø (Jekta) Longyearbyen Lyngseidet Nord-Lenangen Nordkjosbotn Olderdalen Oteren Setermoen

Senjahopen

Sjøvegan

Skaland

Skibotn

Skjervøy

Storslett

Sørreisa

Tennevoll

Tromsdalen

Sommarøy

Storsteinnes

Stonglandseidet

#### Hålogaland

Vardø

Øksfjord

Βø Evenskier

#### Harstad

Kabelvåg Leknes Lødingen Melbu

Tromsø UNN. Tromsø Øverbygd

**Nordland** Bodø City Nord, Fauske Hamarøy Leinesfjord, Steigen Misvær Moldjord

Mørkved Rognan Røst

> Straumen Værøy Ørnes

Helgeland Brønnøysund

Mo i Rana

Mosjøen Nesna

Sandnessiøen

Sollfjellsjøen, Dønna

NORDLAND

HELGELAND

•SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge Group:

FINNMARK

•Head Office: Tromsø 5 regions •Organisation:

SNØHVITFELTET

TROMS

•Location: 85 branches

825 •Staff at Group:

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge

#### Financial targets:

### Capital adequacy ratio

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge shall be a financially strong bank with a capital adequacy ratio which reflects the risks involved within the Bank's market area.

- Capital adequacy ratio of 12 % and a core capital coverage of 9 % minimum.
- The confidence level shall be 99,9%.



### **Capital Adequacy**

(AMOUNTS	IN NOK MIL	LION)				
PARENT B	BANK - NO	GROUP - IFRS				
31.12.04	31.12.05	31.12.06		31.12.06	31.12.05	31.12.04
2.859	2.986	3.360	Core capital	3.573	3.178	2.946
831	931	945	Supplementary capital in addition to the core capital	944	884	941
			Deduction items:			
310	456	691	Subord. loan-and equity cap. participations in other fin.inst.	124	0	0
0	0	0	Capital adequacy reserves	619	504	577
3.380	3.461	3.614	Net equity and related capital resources	3.774	3.558	3.309
28.694	31.118	34.640	Total risk-weighted assets base	35.678	31.806	35.474
11,78 %	11,12 %	10,43 %	Capital adequacy ratio	10,58 %	11,19 %	9,33 %
9,96 %	9,60 %	9,70 %	Core capital adequacy ratio	10,01 %	9,99 %	8,30 %

#### **Financial targets:**

### Profitability and effectiveness

#### **Profitability**

- SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge's return on equity shall reflect the risk pertaining to the Bank's business operations and the general level of interest rates
- The targeted after-tax return is minimum 6 percentage points above the yield on long-term government bonds
- The profitability shall be comparable to the performance of competing banks in Norway

#### **Effectiveness**

- SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge's target is a cost-income ratio of 50%
- The effectiveness shall be comparable to the level of competing banks in Norway



#### Main features – 4th quarter 2006 (2005)

- A very good result
  - Pre-tax operating result of NOK 941 mill. (NOK 729 mill.)
  - After-tax return on equity capital 23.7 % (20.5 %)
  - Parent Bank profit per PCC NOK 15.20 (NOK 13.20)
- Very good result development for SpareBank 1 Gruppen AS
- The Bank's share of result (IFRS) was NOK 189 mill. (NOK 120 mill.)
- Overall cost ratio: 49.9 % (52.3 %)
- Very low loan losses: Reduced write-downs produce net gain of NOK 43 mill. (in 2005, there were losses amounting to NOK 65 mill.)
- Total result from securities and foreign exchange amounted to NOK 81 mill., made up of a NOK 7 mill. gain on securities and a NOK 74 mill. gain of foreign exchange and other financial instruments
- Lending growth during the last 12 months: 11.0 % (9.8 %)
  - Retail banking market: + 12.9 %
  - Corporate market: + 7.6 %
- Deposit growth during the last 12 months: 9.6 % (10.2 %)
- Overall deposit coverage ratio: 60.1 % (60.9 %)
- Proposed cash dividend: NOK 10.00 per PCC
- A dividend issue is proposed, where the Bank's PCC-holders may choose between a cash dividend or participating in the issue.
- It is proposed that NOK 104 mill. is set aside for the Bank's Donations Fund.



### Group profit and loss account - IFRS

(Amounts in NOK million)	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	31.12.06	31.12.05
Interest- and similar income	2.215	1.765	450	4,32 %	3,93 %
Interest- and similar costs	1.118	690	428	2,18 %	1,54 %
Net interest- and credit commission income	1.097	1.075	22	2,14 %	2,39 %
Dividends and other income from sec.with var.yield	17	5	12	0,03 %	0,01 %
Income from shareholdings in Group companies	156	93	63	0,30 %	0,21 %
Commission inc.and revenues from banking services	427	403	24	0,83 %	0,90 %
Comm.costs and expenditure gen.from banking servi	65	63	-2	0,13 %	0,14 %
Net gains/ losses from securities and foreign exchang	64	77	-13	0,12 %	0,17 %
Other operating income	80	76	4	0,16 %	0,17 %
Total operating income	679	591	88	1,33 %	1,32 %
Total net income	1.776	1.666	110	3,47 %	3,71 %
Wages, salaries and general administration costs	710	710	0	1,39 %	1,58 %
Depreciation etc. of fixed and intangible assets	49	49	0	0,10 %	0,11 %
Other operating costs	119	113	-6	0,23 %	0,25 %
Total costs	878	872	-6	1,71 %	1,94 %

### Group profit and loss account - IFRS

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Result before losses and write-downs	898	794	104	1,75 %	1,77 %
Losses on loans, guarantees etc.	-43	65	-108	-0,08 %	0,14 %
Net losses and write-downs	-43	65	-108	-0,08 %	0,14 %
Result before tax	941	729	212	1,84 %	1,62 %
Tax payable on ordinary result	205	172	-33	0,40 %	0,38 %
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Result from ordinary operations after tax	731	554	177	1,44 %	1,24 %

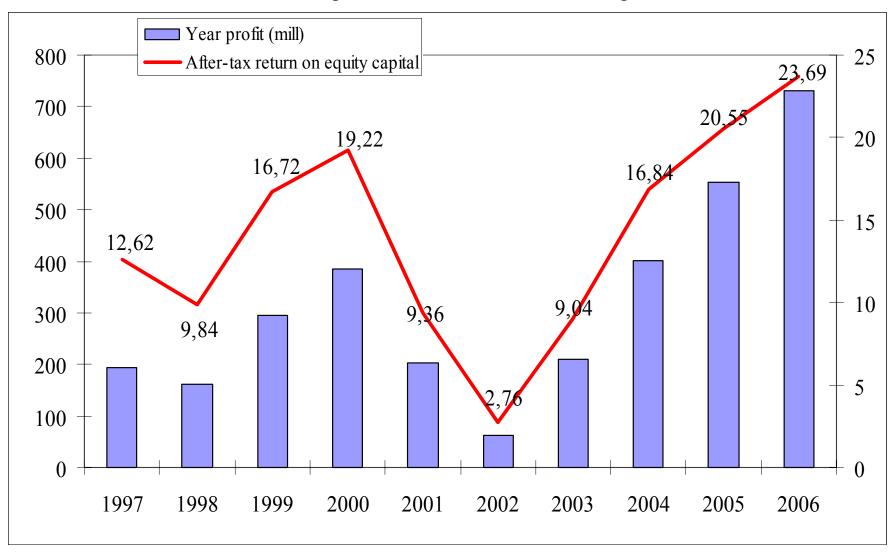
### **Group Companies**

#### **Profit after tax**

	31.12.06	31.12.05
SpareBank 1 Finans Nord-Norge AS	14.732	13.473
SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge Invest ASA	-139	239
Eiendomsdrift AS	7.238	10.937
Eiendomsmegler 1 Nord-Norge AS	5.313	3.882
SpareBank 1 NN Securities ASA (55%)	6.368	4.293
TOTAL	33.512	32.824

### Year profit and After-tax return on equity capital

From 2004 the figures have been restated according to IFRS



### **Group Operating income**

(Amounts in NOK million)	Q4-06	Q3-06	Q2-06	Q1-06	Q4-05
Interest income	282	283	270	262	268
Total other income	264	141	107	167	203
Total operating expenses	238	206	226	208	228
Profit before losses	308	218	151	221	243
Losses and write-downs	-32	-6	1	-6	24
Profit before tax	340	224	150	227	219
Income tax expense	47	53	43	62	40
Profit after tax	293	171	107	165	179

### **Group operating income**

In comparison with 2005, the changed result is primarily ascribable to the following factors:

<ul> <li>Increase in net interest income</li> </ul>	+ NOK	22 million
• Increase in other (non-interest) income	+ NOK	26 million
<ul> <li>Net gain/income and value change—securities</li> </ul>	- NOK	1 million
• Share of Sp 1 Gruppen AS's result	+ NOK	69 million
• Share of result in other joint ventures	- NOK	6 million
• Increase in costs	- NOK	6 million
• Reduction in net loan losses	+ NOK	108 million
• TOTAL	+ NOK	212 million



#### Allocation of profit

Parent Bank's profit for the year after tax	NOK	676 mill
Transferred to Fund for Evaluation Differences	NOK	102 mill
	NOK	574 mill
Set aside for cash dividend to be paid	NOK	158 mill
Set aside for Equalisation Fund	NOK	46 mill
Set aside for PCC-holders (35.6 per cent)	NOK	204 mill
Set aside for Donations	NOK	104 mill
Transferred to the Savings Bank's Fund	NOK	266 mill
Total allocations	NOK	676 mill

- Profit and Loss Account (NGAAP) is the basis for allocation of profit.
- Proposed dividend: NOK 10 per PCC. This gives a direct yield of 6.7 %.
- After a transfer of NOK 46 million to the Dividend Equalisation Fund, it totals NOK 197 million
- Dividend payments and transfer to the Dividend Equalisation Fund reflect the PCC-holders' share of the Bank's equity capital as at 01.01.06 (35.6 %)
- NOK 104 million to be set aside for the Bank's Donations Fund. This is equivalent to 25 per cent of the profit for allocation, after dividends.
- NOK 266 million to be transferred to the Savings Bank's Fund

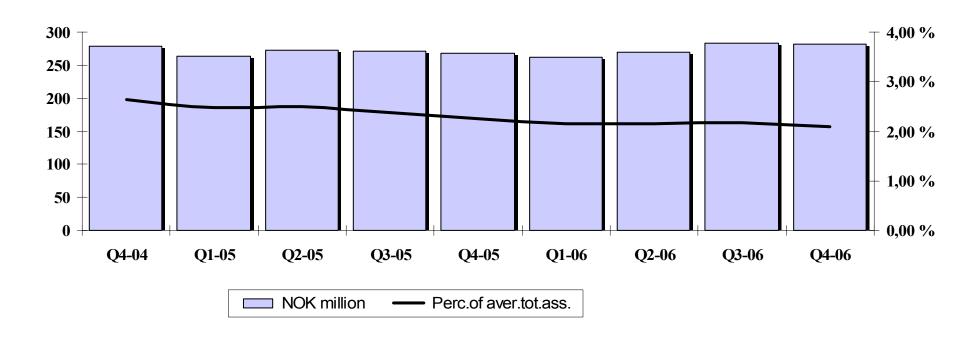


### Highlights 2006

- Good economic development in Nord-Norge. Considerable national focus on our region and the areas in the north
- Very good profitability within the Bank's core operations
- Positive risk development in the Bank's lending portfolio, both within the retail banking- and corporate markets
- The Bank has strengthened its position within the public sector.
- Fitch Ratings has changed its assessment of SNN from "stable" to "positive outlook".
- The investment company SNN Invest has been established with a capital base of NOK 180 million.
- During the first half of 2006, the Bank acquired a 20 % equity stake in Helgeland Sparebank.
- A separate region has been established in Helgeland strong ambitions of a higher market share.
- A representative office is being planned in Murmansk, North-Western Russia.
- Strong focus on internal control and risk management in connection with the Bank's application for IRB-status in accordance with Basel II. The Bank expects to be reporting according to IRB with effect from the 1st quarter of 2007.
- High activity levels relating to the Bank's "Corporate Social Responsibility" involvement (CSR) active use of donations to benefit a number of worthy causes within the local community

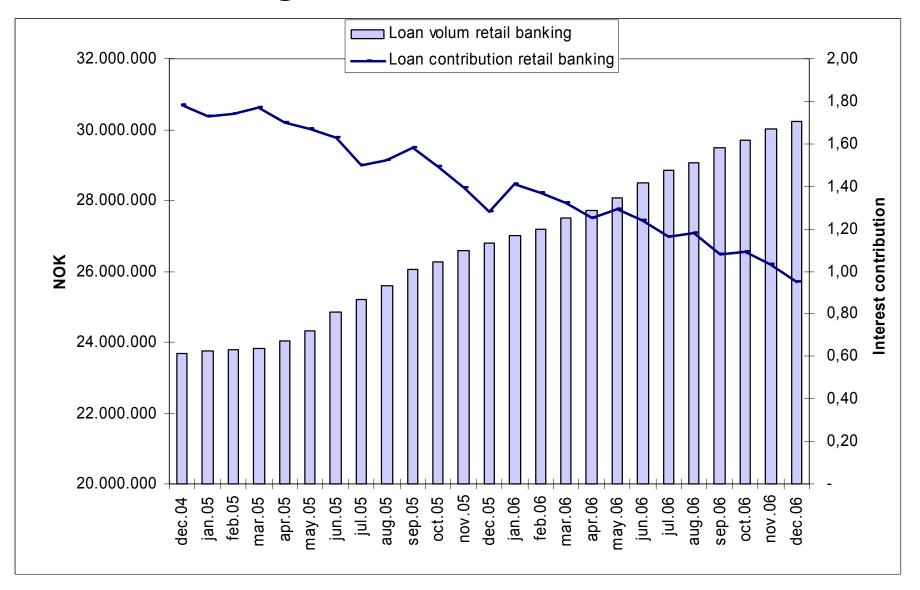


### Net interest- and credit commission income - Group

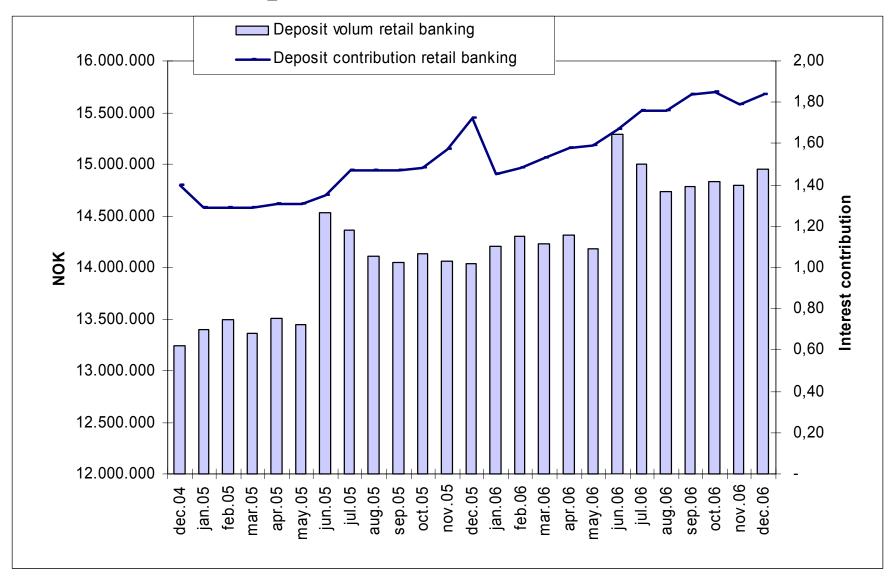


	Q4-04	Q1-05	Q2-05	Q3-05	Q4-05	Q1-06	<b>Q2-06</b>	Q3-06	Q4-06
NOK million	278	263	273	271	268	262	270	283	282
Perc.of aver.tot.ass.	2,63 %	2,48 %	2,50 %	2,38 %	2,26 %	2,16 %	2,16 %	2,18 %	2,10 %

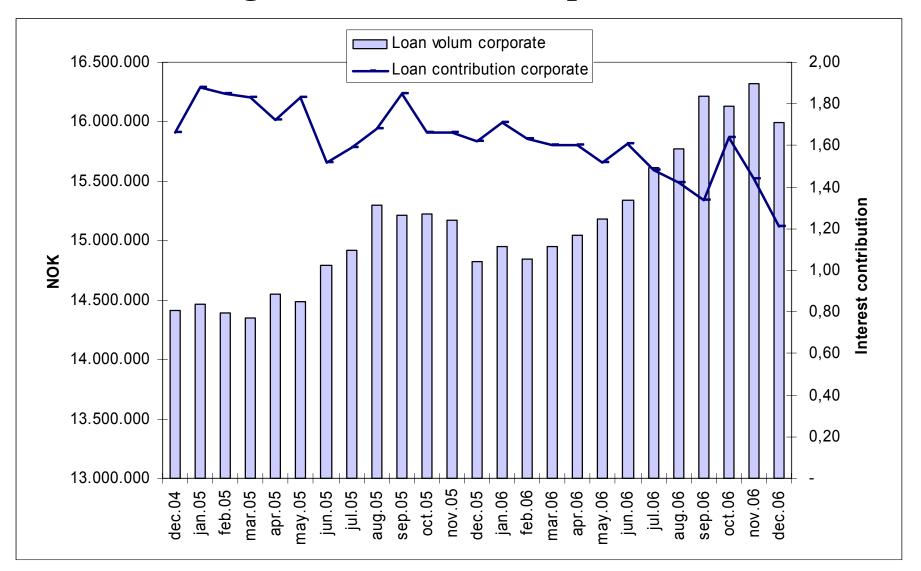
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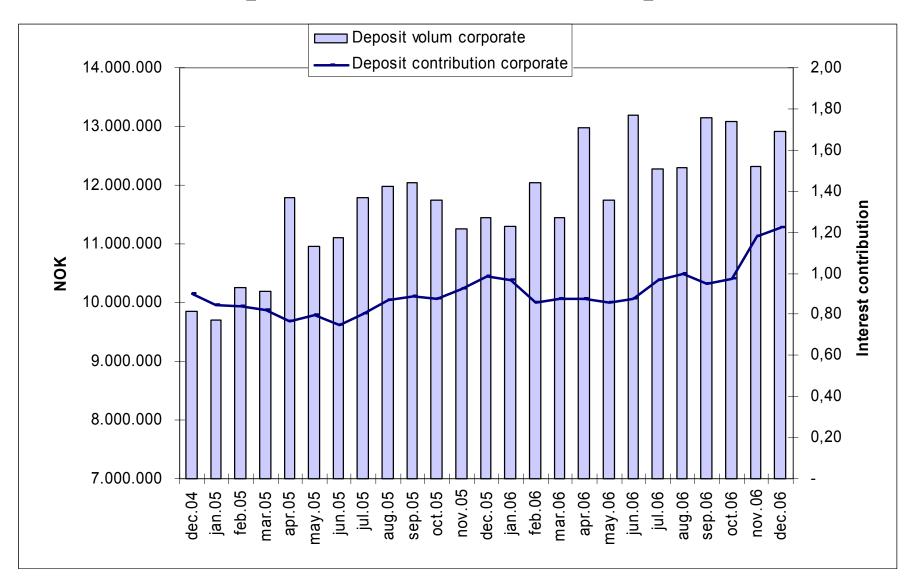
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#### Lending, Parent bank – corporate market



### Customer deposits, Parent bank – corporate market



#### **Financial targets:**

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#### **Profitability**

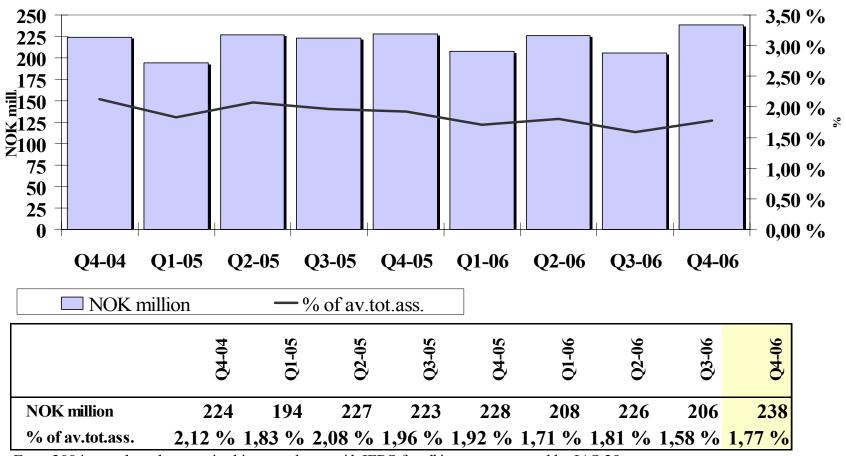
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#### **Group operating expences**



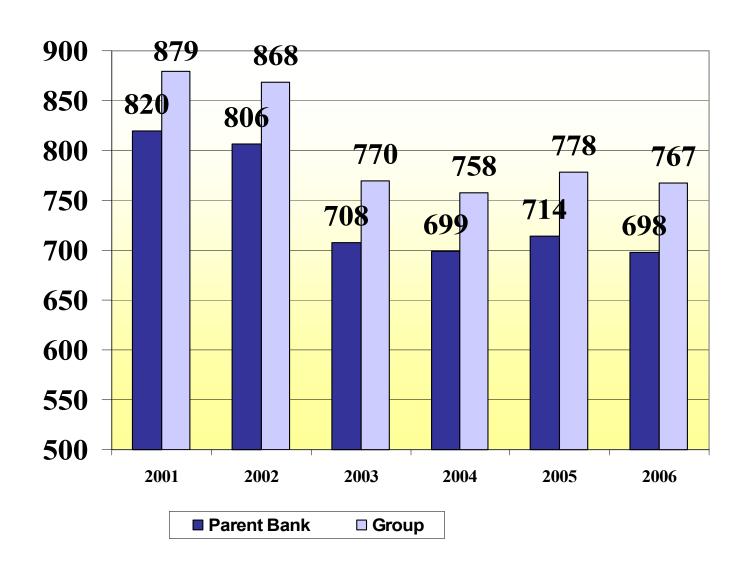
From 2004 costs have been revised in accordance with IFRS for all items not covered by IAS 39



### **Group operating costs**

	1q	2q	3q	4q	2006	4q	2005
Wages, pension and							
sosial costs	106	123	115	125	469	116	467
Administration costs	60	61	53	67	241	70	243
Depreciation	12	11	11	15	49	13	49
Other costs	30	31	27	31	119	29	113
Total costs	208	226	206	238	878	228	872

### Group development – man years





#### **Financial targets:**

#### Market areas and customer groups

#### Market areas

- Nord-Norge represents SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge's primary market area. In particular, marketing efforts will be focused on Nordland (Helgeland).
- Customers who move away from the region will be actively followed up by the Bank.

#### Customer groups

- ➤ Retail banking customers represent SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge's most important customer group — SNN shall be the Bank for these people during all phases of their lives.
- SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge also targets small and medium-sized businesses, the public sector, clubs and associations.





#### **Financial targets:**

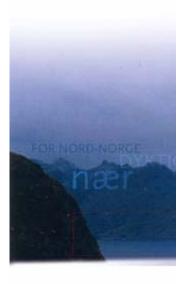
#### Market share and income targets

#### Market shares

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge's target is to achieve market shares of minimum 30% in Nord-Norge within all product areas

#### **Business** areas

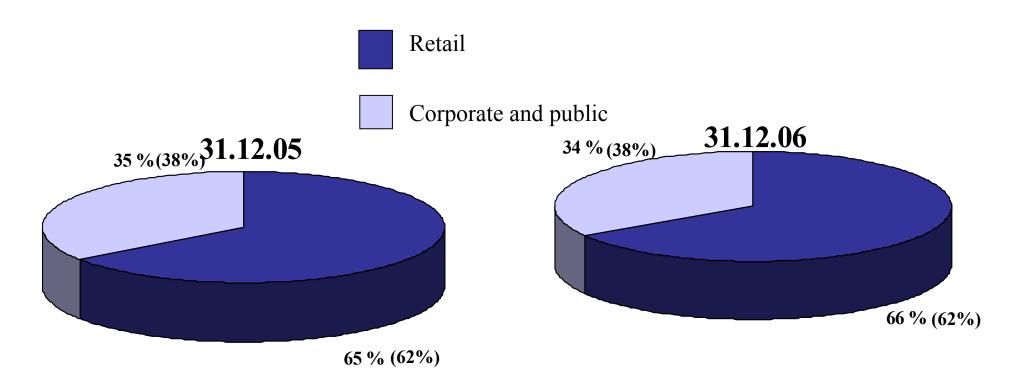
SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge offers a broad range of products and services within the areas of financing, saving and placement, insurance, and payments transmission services. The Bank makes every effort to further develop a diversified product range as well as new business areas.



### **Key figures balance sheet**

(Amounts in NOK million)				
BALANCE SHEET	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	Change %
Total assets	54.895	48.630	6.265	12,9%
Gross lending	46.226	41.638	4.588	11,0%
Deposits	27.784	25.350	2.434	9,6%

### Group lending portfolio according to markets



(NOK Million)	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	Change %
Retail	30.555	27.074	3.481	12,86 %
Corporate and public	15.671	14.564	1.107	7,60 %
TOTAL	46.226	41.638	4.588	11,02 %

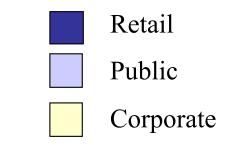
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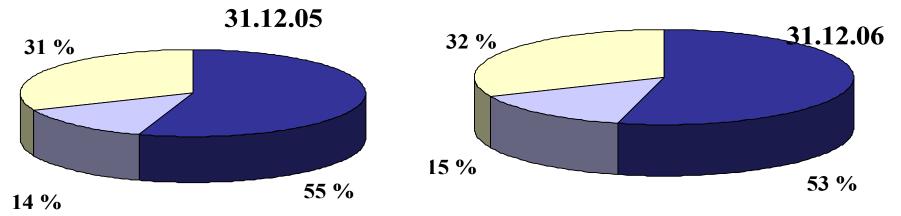


### Group corporate lending by sector

(NOK million)	31.12.2006	Share	31.12.2005	Share	Change
Agriculture and forestry	666	4 %	623	4 %	43
Fishing vessels	1.127	7 %	884	6 %	243
Fish farming	782	5 %	1.001	7 %	-219
Extraction of crude oil and natural gas	22	0 %	12	0 %	10
Mining	52	0 %	35	0 %	17
Fishing industry	588	4 %	605	4 %	-17
Other industries	704	5 %	496	3 %	208
Power and water supply	404	3 %	354	2 %	50
Building and construction	774	5 %	822	6 %	-48
Retail trade	963	6 %	920	6 %	43
Wholesale trade	378	2 %	343	2 %	35
Hotel and restaurant	355	2 %	370	3 %	-15
Intern. shipping and pipeline transport	1	0 %	-	0 %	1
Transport and communication	1.210	8 %	1.343	9 %	-133
Finance and insurance	178	1 %	48	0 %	130
Housing cooperatives	768	5 %	505	4 %	263
Property project	1.137	7 %	1.059	7 %	78
Property hiring out	3.063	20 %	2.765	19 %	298
Real estate business	416	3 %	161	1 %	255
Business services	986	6 %	1.298	9 %	-312
Other sectors	760	5 %	631	4 %	129
Insurance, fund management and financial service	103	1 %	104	1 %	-1
TOTAL	15.437	100 %	14.379	100 %	1.058

### Group deposits according to markets





(NOK Million)	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	Change %
Retail	14.951	13.975	976	6,98 %
Public	4.073	3.453	620	17,96 %
Corporate	8.760	7.922	838	10,58 %
TOTAL	27.784	25.350	2.434	9,60 %

### Development of deposits and other savings products

Balance sheet/portfolio	2004	2005	2006	Growth 2006	Growth in % 2006	Growth in Norway
Unit trust	1,226	1,849	2,515	666	36.0 %	21,7 %
Insurance-related savings	635	930	1,154	224	24.1 %	n.a.
Investment management (incl. NNI)	293	542	808	266	49.1 %	n.a.
Structured products	1,018	1,349	827	-522	-38.7 %	n.a.
Property		31	88	57	183.9 %	n.a.
Total savings products	3,172	4,701	5,661	960	20.4 %	n.a.
Bank deposits*	23,072	25,466	27,873	2,407	9.6 %	*

 $<sup>\</sup>bullet$  In November 2006, the 12-month growth for private households and the corporate sector in Norway was 6.2 % and 25.5 % respectively.



## Strong development within the savings- and placement market.

- Strong growth in the unit trust portfolio: NOK 666 million (36 %) as against market growth of 21.7 % in Norway.
- Good growth in the portfolio for insurance-related saving: NOK 224 million (24 %)
- Strong growth within investment management: NOK 266 million (49 %)
- Normal redemption of structured products in 2006 (minus NOK 522 million) kroner)
- Property products at an early stage of their development: Growth NOK 57 million (184 %)
- Satisfactory deposit growth: NOK 2,407 million (9.6 %)

### The credit area





#### The credit area

Management targets have been made within the following areas;

- Risk-adjusted return in the retail banking- and corporate banking market
- Concentration risk
  - Breakdown between retail banking- and corporate banking market commitments
  - Largest individual commitment
  - Maximum exposure involving the Bank's 20 largest customers
  - Proportion of risk-adjusted capital per sector
- Operational targets
  - Proportion of high-risk commitments
  - Probability of commitments going into default
  - Maximum expected losses
  - Maximum unexpected losses



### **Credit policy**

- Special handling routines (powers of attorney) for:
  - Marine sector
  - Financing of intangible rights
  - Commercial property
  - Project financing
- Upper limit of exposure for the marine sector NOK 3.5 billion



## The credit area: Strategy

#### **Growth – with appropriate risk:**

- Retail banking market a two-part strategy:
  - Maintain current business and develop more business from existing customers
  - Capture new market shares, especially where Bank's market share is low
- Corporate customers
  - Strong emphasis on SMB segments
  - Cultivate and develop existing customer base ('across-the-board' sales)
  - New larger corporate customers providing risk is low
- General points relating to both markets:
  - Correct pricing in relation to risk
  - Avoid detrimental concentration within certain sectors and areas

    SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge



# Favourable risk development in the Bank's lending portfolio

This is due to:

- 1. Good development within Nord-Norge's economy and within our customers' financial position
- 2. Systematic work on the high-risk part of the portfolio
  - individual commitments have been terminated
  - individual commitments have been identified as losses and specific write-downs have been made
- 3. New corporate customers have largely been low-risk customers.
- 4. Enhanced quality in the use of the Bank's portfolio management system (Porto)



## **Portfolio migration 31.12.05-31.12.06**

#### SpareBank1 Nord-Norge risk change

	New loan 1) commitments	Reduction due to loss of customers 2)	Change in score and 3)	Net change 31.12.05 - 31.12.06	Expos ure 31.12.06	
	(55		exposure		5 115	
A	677				5.117	
В	2.019	-1.097	2.668	3.590	20.954	Risk change:
C	779	-619	2.101	2.261	10.823	6.956
D	859	-444	-330	85	6.970	J
E	199	-168	355	387	1.988	Risk change:
F	1.651	-279			3.326	855
G	161	-38	-340	-217	698	)
Н	54	-22	-223	-191	318	Risk change:
I	80	-114	-190	-224	1.020	<b>-942</b>
J	5	-104	14	-85	226	
K	15	-156	-85	-225	504	J
Total	6.500	-3.276	3.645	6.869	51.944	

Score	
A - D	Low Risk
E - F	Medium Risk
G-I	High Risk
J	Doubtful Loans
K	Bad Loans

- 1) Customers to whom loans have been granted during the period, but who did not have loans outstanding as at 31.12.05.
- 2) Customers who had loans outstanding as at 31.12.05, but not as at 31.12.06.
- 3) Change in volume and/or score for the rest of the customers in the portfolio



## **Portfolio migration 31.12.05-31.12.06**

#### Corporate Market risk change

	New loan 1)	Reduction due to	Change in	<b>Net change 31.12.05</b>	Exposure	
	commitments	loss of customers 2)	score and exposure 3)	<b>-31.12.06</b> 3)	31.12.06	
A	360	-74		668	2.295	7
В	825	-489	529	864	7.185	Risk change
C	183	-257	1.158	1.083	3.209	2.360
D	296	-118	-433	-256	1.581	J
E	22	-60	399	361	722	Risk change
F	1.307	-166	-566	575	2.300	936
G	41	-5	-184	-148	289	<u> </u>
Н	6	-5	-183	-182	91	Risk change
I	17	-36	-27	-46	440	<del>-694</del>
J	2	-88	-17	-104	124	
K	15	-135	-94	-214	381	J
Total	3.074	-1.434	963	2.602	18.619	

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## **Portfolio migration 31.12.05-31.12.06**

#### Retail Market risk change

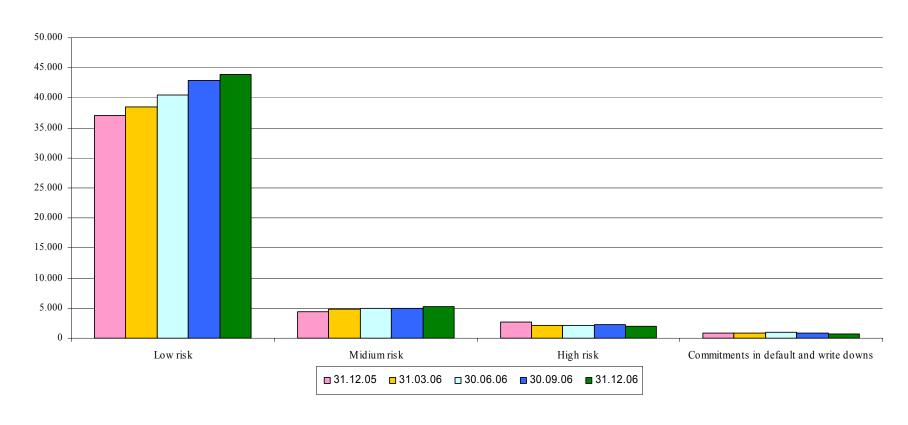
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	commitments	loss of customers 2)	score and exposure 3)	-31.12.06	31.12.06	
A	317	-162	197	352	2.822	
В	1.195	-608	2.139	2.726	13.769	Risk change:
C	597	-362	943	1.178	7.614	4.596
D	563	-326	104	340	5.389	J
E	177	-108	-44	25	1.267	Risk change:
F	345	-113	-338	-107	1.026	-81
G	120	-33	-156	-70	409	)
H	48	-18	-39	-9	227	Risk change:
I	63	-78	-163	-177	581	<b>-248</b>
J	3	-15	32	20	101	
K	0	-20	9	-11	123	J
Total	3.427	-1.842	2.682	4.267	33.326	

Score	
A - D	Low Risk
E - F	Medium Risk
G-I	High Risk
J	Doubtful Loans
K	Bad Loans

- 1) Customers to whom loans have been granted during the period, but who did not have loans outstanding as at 31.12.05.
- 2) Customers who had loans outstanding as at 31.12.05, but not as at 31.12.06.
- 3) Change in volume and/or score for the rest of the customers in the portfolio



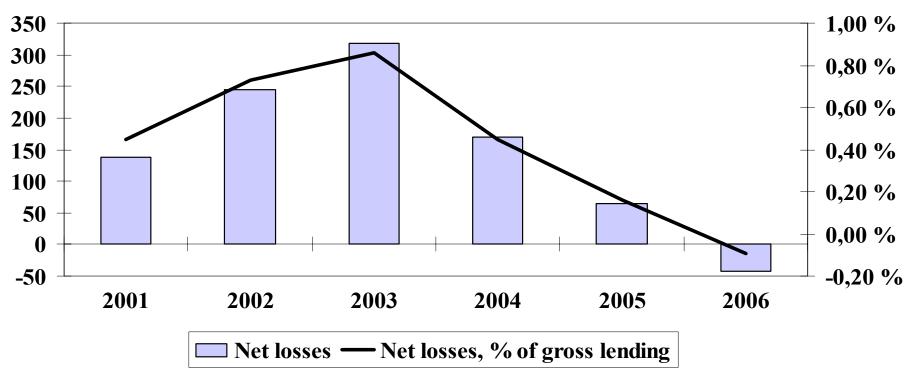
## Lending by risk class



	30.09.05	31.12.05	31.03.06	30.06.06	30.09.06	31.12.06
Low risk	37.033	37.140	38.504	40.419	42.849	43.864
Midium risk	4.773	4.460	4.873	4.922	5.004	5.315
High risk	2.428	2.669	2.192	2.071	2.219	2.037
Commitments in default and						
write downs	700	807	912	941	826	729
Total	44.934	45.075	46.480	48.353	50.898	51.944



## Losses on loans and guarantees - Group



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Individual write-downs imp. value	123	233	345	206	109	20
Collective write-downs imp. value	41	42	0	-1	-22	-36
Recoveries, previously confirmed losses	26	30	27	35	22	27
Net losses	138	245	318	170	65	-43
Net losses, % of gross lending	0,45 %	0,73 %	0,86 %	0,45 %	0,16 %	-0,09 %



## **Group - lending key figures**

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Net losses	-0,09 %	0,16 %	0,45 %	0,86 %	0,73 %	0,45 %
Write downs for imp. value	0,81 %	1,17 %	1,70 %	2,24 %	2,02 %	1,70 %
Individual write-downs	0,42 %	0,65 %	0,85 %	1,36 %	1,06 %	0,79 %
Collective write-downs	0,39 %	0,52 %	0,85 %	0,87 %	0,96 %	0,91 %
Total bad and doubtful comm.	1,64 %	2,31 %	2,65 %	3,11 %	3,20 %	2,11 %
Net bad and doubtful comm.	1,22 %	1,68 %	1,80 %	1,75 %	2,13 %	1,32 %

## **PCC\*-holder policy**

\*Primary Capital Certificates



### **Dividend policy**

- SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge aims to produce profits which will provide the basis for offering a competitive rate of return on the Bank's PCC's.
- The level of dividend paid to PCC-holders will depend upon the annual profit made. The sum of the dividend paid and transfer made to the Dividend Equalisation Fund should reflect the PCC-holders share of the Bank's equity capital.
- As far as the split between the total cash dividend payment and transfer to the Dividend Equalisation Fund is concerned, the Bank will seek to give priority to achieving a high cash dividend share. When considering the split between these two elements, however, the Board of Directors will also take into consideration the Bank's equity capital situation.
- The bank will make transfers to/and from the Dividend Equalisation Fund in accordance with the level of profit for the year and currently applicable laws, rules and regulations.

## Cash dividend and/or participating in the issue

- The main Board of Directors propose a cash dividend at NOK 10.00 per PCC
- A dividend issue is proposed, where yhe Bank's PCC-holders may choose between a cash dividend or participating in the issue.



## Cash dividends and equity dilution

- The Bank has two ownership groups; PCC-holders and the Savings Bank's Fund.
- The two ownership groups' equity stakes and rights to shares of the Bank's profit are calculated on the basis of the book value of the equity capital (not market values).
- The Bank's profit is divided between the two ownership groups in accordance with their equity stakes in the form of:
  - Cash dividend (PCC-holders) and donations (other equity capital)
  - Retained profit;
    - Dividend Equalisation Fund (PCC-holders) and
    - The Savings Bank's Fund (other equity capital)
- The PCC-holders have traditionally been paid a higher share of "their" portion of the profit in the form of dividend in comparison with the Bank's other equity capital. Over a period of time, this has reduced the PCC-holders' equity stake in the savings banks, also resulting in the transfer of values from the PCC-holders to the Bank's other equity capital. This represents 'dilution' as far as the PCC-holders are concerned.

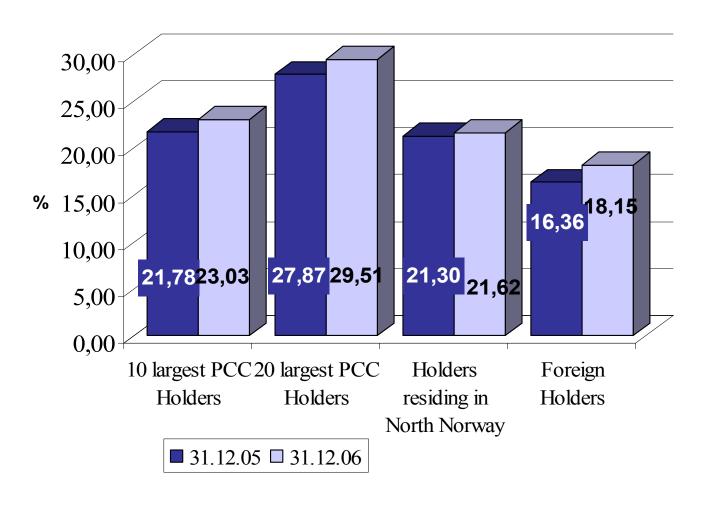


#### **Dividend** issue

- In order to counteract equity dilution, and in order to take care of the PCC-holders' different preferences relating to cash dividends, it is proposed that a private placement for existing PCC-holders (dividend issue) is arranged.
- The amount of the issue will be NOK 158 million equivalent to the amount of dividend payments set aside.
- The issue price is intended to provide an incentive for choosing a dividend certificate rather than a cash dividend.
- The issue price will be fixed before the start of the subscription period. The issue price will determine the number of existing PCCs required in order to provide the right to receive one new PCC. Fractional certificates will not be issued, but an ordinary cash dividend of NOK 10 will be paid on each PCC which does not give the right to acquire a new PCC.
- Preliminary time-table:
  - Consideration by the Board of Trustees:
     13 March 2007
  - PCCs to be traded ex-dividend: 14 March 2007
  - Subscription period: 16 30 March 2007
  - Payment of dividends/allocation of new PCCs: 20 April 2007



### **PCC** holder structure



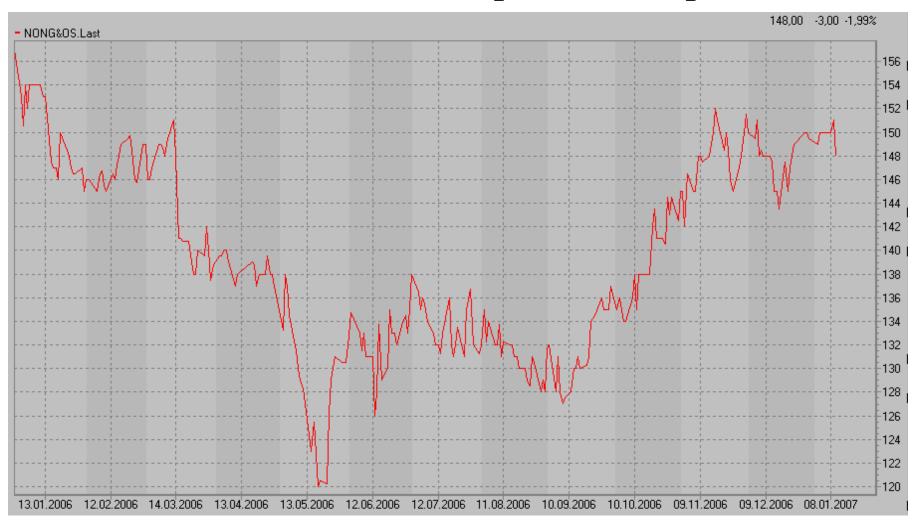
## The 20 largest PCC Holders 31.12.06

HOLDERS	NUMBER OF	PERCENTAGE
	PCC'S	SHARE OF TOTAL
		PCC CAPITAL
Swedbank - client account	1.541.640	9,74 %
Frank Mohn AS	398.200	2,52 %
Terra Utbytte	317.410	2,00 %
MP Pensjon	298.560	1,89 %
Tonsenhagen Forretningssentrum AS	244.200	1,54 %
Mellon Bank Agent	218.000	1,38 %
Framo Development AS	200.000	1,26 %
National Financial Services Citibank N.A.	162.354	1,03 %
Troms Kraft AS	134.830	0,85 %
JPMorgan Chase Bank - client account	131.136	0,83 %
Karl Ditlefsen	125.680	0,79 %
Trond Mohn	120.000	0,76 %
Sparebankstiftelsen	112.600	0,71 %
SpareBank 1 SR-bank	103.901	0,66 %
Fred Olsen & Co's Pensjonskasse	102.000	0,64 %
Stichting Shell Pensjon	98.100	0,62 %
Ringerikes Sparebank	94.080	0,59 %
JPMorgan Chase Bank Omnibus	92.640	0,59 %
State Street Bank - client account	90.517	0,57 %
Forvarets Personell Service	86.880	0,55 %
TOTAL	4.672.728	29,51%

The 20 largest PCC Holders residing in Northern Norway 31.12.2006

HOLDERS	NUMBER OF	PERCENTAGE
	PCC'S	SHARE OF TOTAL
		PCC CAPITAL
Troms Kraft AS, Tromsø	134.830	0,85%
Karl Ditlefsen, Tromsø	125.680	0,79%
Bodø Kommune, Bodø	69.600	0,44%
Norges Råfisklag, Tromsø	68.880	0,44%
Eriksen Eiendom AS, Bardufoss	59.981	0,38%
AS Ferdighus, Sørreisa	52.720	0,33%
Asbjørn Hansen, Tromsø	51.600	0,33%
O.A.Ovesen AS, Sørreisa	45.360	0,29%
Ole Ovesen, Sørreisa	44.680	0,28%
Tor Ovesen, Sørresia	43.380	0,27%
Tromstrygd, Tromsø	40.000	0,25%
Stig Vonka, Harstad	37.280	0,24%
Hemming Andersen, Kvaløysletta	36.910	0,23%
Gullsmed Kristiansen Eiendom AS, Tromsø	36.000	0,23%
Stein Harald Enoksen, Gryllefjord	34.000	0,21%
Bj. Rasch-Tellefsen AS, Harstad	31.760	0,20%
Hans A. Kristiansen, Lyngseidet	29.440	0,19%
Torodd Vonka, Kirkenes	28.900	0,18%
Kræmer AS, Tromsø	24.000	0,15%
Tromsø Skotøimagasin AS, Tromsø	24.000	0,15%
TOTAL	1.019.001	6,43%

## The Bank's PCC – price development





## **Economic outlook**





## The economic situation in Northern Norway

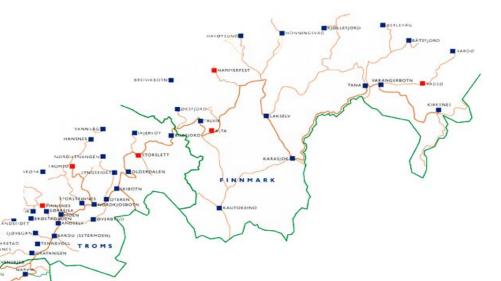
#### 3 counties and 89 municipalities

Nordland: 236 300 inhabitants

Troms: 153 400 inhabitants

Finnmark: 73 000 inhabitants

Northern Norway 462.700 inhabitants



# Employment in the region: 223.000 Public sector 43 % (34 %)

Private services 26 % (33 %)

Tourism 10 % ( 9 %)

Marine sector 5 % (1%)

Manufacturing 5 % (13 %)

Other sectors 11 % (10 %)

## The general economic situation in Nord-Norge

### At the top of the cyclical upturn

- Lowest unemployment for 20 years
- The jobless level has fallen by a third in the last 12 months.
- A shortage of labour is slowing down further growth.
- Restructuring and renewal within traditional industries
- Building boom in towns and increased activity in many districts
- Good levels of financial strength in households; higher consumer spending and increased levels of saving

## The struggle to get enough competent staff

- We may be facing a continual shortage of manpower.
- All business sectors are becoming more knowledge-intensive.
- We shall be needing more people with a background of scientific subjects, e.g. mathematics and physics, craftsmen, economists and sociologists.
- We must take particularly good care of the young people from the large classes of the nineties.

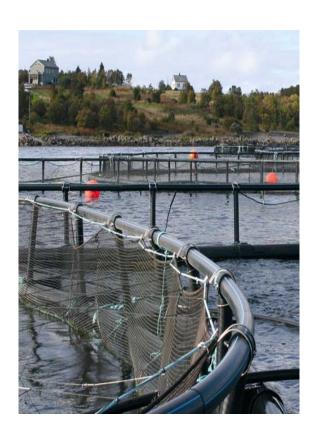
## Record levels of low unemployment in the region

- Unemployment in Nord-Norge was
   2.6% in December 2006
- 2. Employment levels increased by 1,000 persons from the 2nd quarter of 2005 to the 2nd quarter of 2006.
- 3. Unemployment fell by 3,000 persons during the last 12 months.
- 4. Good supply of new available jobs

The labour market December 2006	Nord-Norge		
Totally unemployed	6,036	2.6 %	
On local programmes	1,480	0.6 %	
Gross unemployment	7,516	3.2 %	
Supply of jobs (% of gross unemployment)	1,480	19 %	

### Marine sector

- Higher prices for cod and salmon
  - Improved profitability in fishing and salmon farming
- Still problems within the fishing industry
- Excess capacity produces reduced employment levels
  - Restructuring measures in the fishing fleet
- Good long-term market prospects
  - Global population- and standard of living development



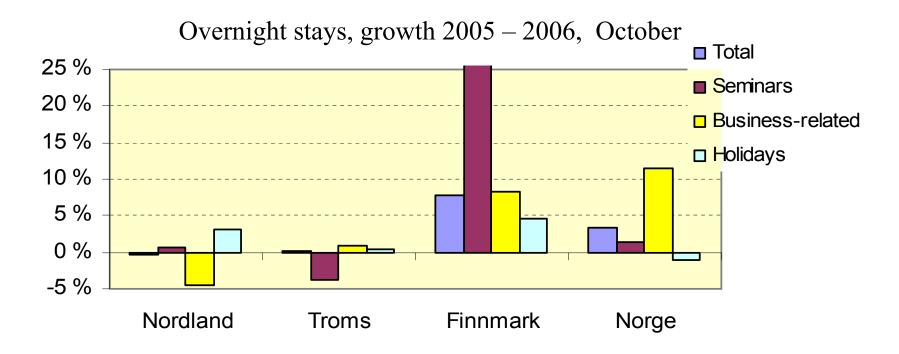
# High activity levels within the building- and construction sector

- Activity levels remain high in this sector.
- This is particularly the case for pressure areas.
- The sector benefits from imported manpower.
- The shortage of skilled labour prevents growth and puts upward pressure on wages.
- The level of productivity is improved by more effective building processes.



### **Tourism**

- Biggest growth in business-related travel, from which cities and towns benefit
- The Norwegian krone exchange rate and cheap flights to foreign destinations are having a big impact on tourism.



Source: SSB, Percentage change, number of overnight stays, January-October, 2005-2006



## **Energy**

#### Renewable energy

- No shortage of energy in Nord-Norge
- The potential for wind power and small-scale water power in Nord-Norge is equivalent to today's hydro-electric power production within the region.

#### **Petroleum**

- Snøhvit production to start in 2007
  - Several development stages are ready to start.
- Goliat
  - ENI has decided on further development; test drilling taking place now
  - ENI estimates a production period of 10-12 years.
- Skarv Idun BP and Statoil outside the Helgeland coast
  - Base- and operations support functions at Sandnessjøen
  - Expected economic life minimum 20 years
- Shtokman postponed until after 2013

# Good prospects for the main industrial and commercial sectors

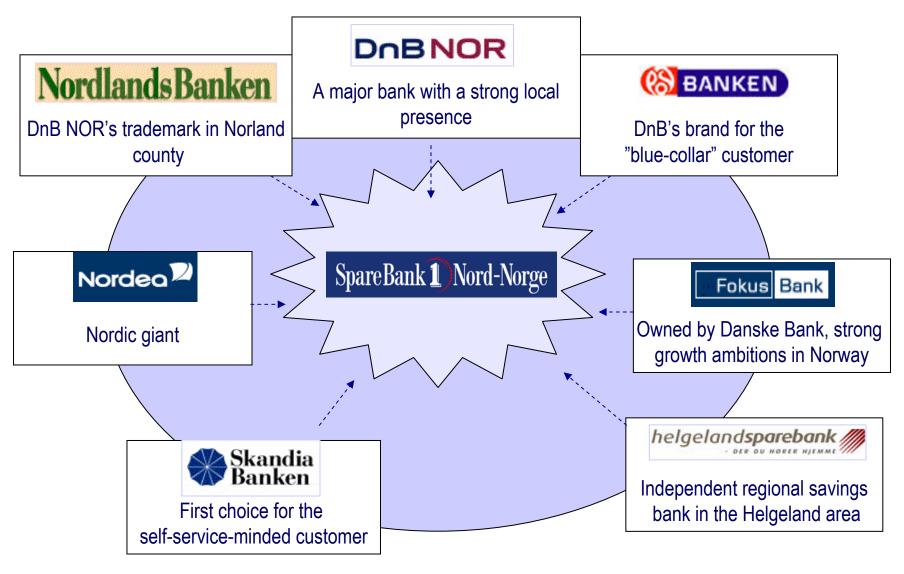
- 1. Marine sector comprehensive restructuring; good market prospects in due course
- 2. Industry renewal based on the development of competence and effective processes
- 3. Building and construction high activity levels; shortage of skilled labour
- 4. A future energy region petroleum and renewable resources
- 5. Tourism at a crossroads with regard to markets and products, and with regard to its attraction as an industry
- 6. The private service sector a key role for increased wealth creation



## The financial services industry



## Northern Norway - the competitive arena



In addition, there are six local savings banks in Hålogaland and Svenska Handelsbanken's branch in Tromsø.



## Stronger competition – a more focused strategy

The competition has become fiercer and more complex.

- 1. Several strong players are focusing on the market in North Norway.
- 2. Competence and innovation are key driving factors.
- 3. Being close to the customers and the Bank's involvement in the local community are given a great deal of emphasis.





## Strategy in brief

The strategy aims to strengthen our competitive position. The ambition is growth in market shares and productivity.

#### Our goals:

- > Stable, high profitability
- Increased market shares
- > Increased customer satisfaction
- ➤ More effective business processes
- ➤ Continuous knowledge development

Our customers will view us as the close, local and competence-driven bank

Our business processes build on our <u>strong distributional power</u>. We apply "best practice" in sales and advisory, customer acquisition, innovation and risk management in addition to a strong involvement in the local community.

Our organisation fosters <u>a winner culture</u> based on knowledge development, cooperation and open communication.



## Growth and productivity

#### Growth in all business areas through ....

- > cross-sales to existing customers
- sales to new customers
- development of the bank market area
- > development of services and business areas

#### Increased productivity by ....

- high quality performance
- > more efficient business processes
- development of professional skills
- > Furthering internal cooperation



Northwest Russia - platform for economic development:





## Representative office

Customers and Russian experts recommend that we open a representative office in Russia in order to:

- offer service and advisory services to corporate customers
- make available a network for the benefit of Russian, Norwegian and western companies
- provide information about market-, economicand legislative matters
- be able to have a dialogue with Russian authorities

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge is considering applying for a licence to open a representative office at Murmansk.



## Helgeland region; strengthened focus

	Total market NOK billion	SNN share	SNN target 2009	SNN market share (target 2009)
Retail banking market	18.2	2.1	3.7	20 %
Corporate banking market	6.9	0.8	1.4	20 %
Total	25,1	2,9	5,1	20 %

- Establish a corporate banking market environment
- Appoint more retail banking advisers
- Strengthen real estate brokerage services
- Improved services within factoring and leasing SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge



## **Summary 4th quarter 2006**

**Group:** 

Groupt				
NOK million	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	Change %
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				
Result from ordinary operations	941	729	212	29,1%
BALANCE SHEET				
Total assets	54.895	48.630	6.265	12,9%
Gross lending	46.226	41.638	4.588	11,0%
Deposits	27.784	25.350	2.434	9,6%
KEY FIGURES	31.12.06	31.12.05	Change	Change %
Capital Adequacy ratio	10,58%	11,19%		-0,61%
After-tax return on equity capital	23,69%	20,55%		3,14%
Cost as a perc.of overall contrib.margin	49,91%	52,34%		-2,43%
Man-years	767	778	-11	
Parent bank:				
Earnings per PCC (NOK)	15,20	13,24	1,96	

