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Management of Norges Bank's foreign exchange reserves

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MANAGEMENT OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

Norges Bank's foreign exchange reserves shall be available for use as part of the conduct of monetary policy with a view to promoting financial stability and to meet Norges Bank's international commitments to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and individual countries. The reserves are divided into a long-term portfolio, a money market portfolio and a petroleum buffer portfolio. Norges Bank Investment Management manages the long-term portfolio, while the money market portfolio and petroleum buffer portfolio, while the money market portfolio and petroleum buffer portfolio.

The foreign exchange reserves shall be invested so that at least SDR 10bn, including the entire money market portfolio, can be used within a single trading day without having to realise any appreciable losses. The money market portfolio shall be between SDR 3.5bn and SDR 4.5bn and be invested in short-term fixed income instruments. The benchmark index for the money market portfolio is a composite of USD and EUR overnight money market indices and Treasury bill indices for the same currencies. The long-term portfolio shall be invested in equities and fixed income instruments. The benchmark index for the long-term portfolio is a composite of global equity and government bond indices.

The purpose of the petroleum buffer portfolio is to provide for an appropriate management of the government's need for converting foreign currency and NOK. The portfolio is intended to receive the government's cash flow from petroleum activities in foreign currency and manage any transfers to and from the Government Pension Fund Global (GPFG). The petroleum buffer portfolio is invested in short-term fixed income instruments. No benchmark index has been set for the petroleum buffer portfolio.

Main points from 2016 Q2

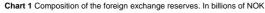
- The market value of Norges Bank's foreign exchange reserves was NOK 466.6bn at the end of 2016 Q2, an increase of NOK 5.4bn during the quarter.
- In international currency terms, the return on the foreign exchange reserves, excluding the petroleum buffer portfolio, was 1.01%. The return on equity investments was 1.28%, 1.01% on long-term fixed income investments and 0.06% on short-term fixed income investments.
- The size and liquidity of the foreign exchange reserves are regarded as being sufficient for meeting Norges Bank's commitments. Liquid investments amount to SDR 24.5bn.

Size and composition

The market value of the foreign exchange reserves was NOK 466.6bn at the end of 2016 Q2. The reserves comprise the long-term portfolio, with NOK 400.8bn, the money market portfolio, with NOK 47.7bn and the petroleum buffer portfolio, with NOK 18.2bn. The value of the reserves increased by NOK 5.4bn during the quarter. The return in international currency and a weaker krone contributed NOK 4.8bn and NOK 2.6bn, respectively, while a net capital outflow in isolation reduced the reserves by NOK 2.0bn.

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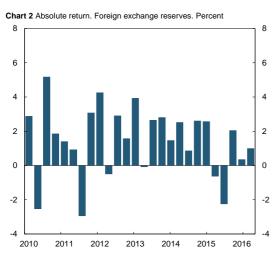
2016 Q2. In billions of NOK 600 Money market investments 47.7 Long-term fixed income investments 241.1 Equity investments 159.7 Petroleum buffer portfolio 18.2 Foreign exchange reserves 466.6 Total change during the period 5.4 Return 4.8 26 Movements in the krone exchange rate -2.0 Net transfers

Table 1 Market value of the foreign exchange reserves at the end of

¹ Net income from financial instruments before foreign exchange gains/losses (see income statement on page 12).

Return

In 2016 Q2, the return on the foreign exchange reserves was 1.01%, up from 0.36% in Q1. The return on equity investments was 1.28%, 1.01% for long-term fixed income investments and 0.06% for short-term fixed income investments.



| Table 2 Return in international currency terms | . Percent |
|--|-----------|
| | |
| | 2016 Q2 |
| Return: | |
| Money market investments | 0.06 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 1.01 |
| Equity investments | 1.28 |
| Foreign exchange reserves ¹ | 1.01 |
| | |
| Relative return: | |
| Money market investments | 0.01 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 0.00 |
| Equity investments | -0.03 |
| ¹ Excluding petroleum buffer portfolio. | |
| | |

In Q2 the markets were dominated by political events, primarily relating to the UK referendum on EU membership. After a period of relatively tranquil markets at the beginning of the quarter, a flight to safety was seen after the UK electorate voted to leave the EU. The Japanese yen appreciated markedly, while the US dollar remained fairly stable. Demand for fixed income securities and less cyclically sensitive equities rose considerably.

Return in international currency terms

The foreign exchange reserves are invested in international financial instruments in foreign currency. The return on the foreign exchange reserves is measured primarily in terms of international currency, ie weighted composites of the currencies in the portfolios' benchmark indices. These composites are referred to as the foreign exchange reserves' currency baskets, and currently comprise nine currencies for equity and long-term fixed income investments. For money market investments, the currency basket comprises EUR and USD. Unless otherwise specified in the text, return is measured in terms of the foreign exchange reserves' currency baskets. The petroleum buffer portfolio, which is not held for the purpose of crisis management, is excluded from return reporting.

MONEY MARKET INVESTMENTS

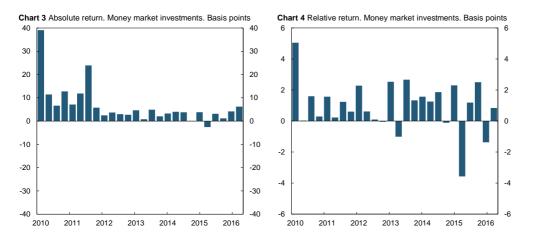
The return on money market investments was 6 basis points in 2016 Q2, 1 basis point higher than the benchmark index.

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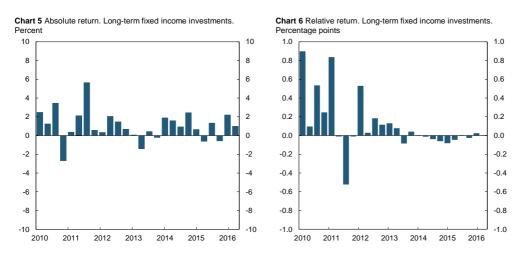
Yields on US Treasury bills fell in Q2, with the yield on the 12-month Treasury bill ending the period approximately 15 basis points lower. Yields were generally unchanged early in the period, before increased risk appetite ensured an increase in yields towards the end of May. In June, yields fell markedly. The decline in yields was due to somewhat weaker US key data and an increased likelihood that the UK referendum would show a majority for leaving the EU. The outcome ensured increased uncertainty, with the market expecting a considerable postponement of the next increase in policy rates by the Federal Reserve.

Yields on German Treasury bills fell sharply in Q2, with the longest yields falling more than the shorter yields. Heightened uncertainty in connection with the UK referendum and increased expectations concerning monetary policy measures by the ECB through the period weighed on yields. For the quarter as a whole, the German six-month yield fell by 16 basis points.



LONG-TERM FIXED INCOME INVESTMENTS

The return on long-term fixed income investments was 1.01% in 2016 Q2. The return on bonds in JPY was a solid 10.67%, owing to a sharp appreciation of the Japanese yen relative to the other long-term fixed income investments. The return on investments in USD and EUR was 1.73% and 1.05%, respectively. The return on investments in bonds in GBP was negative 4.63%, primarily as a consequence of a sharp depreciation of sterling in Q2. Long-term fixed income investments earned the same return as the portfolio's benchmark index in Q2.

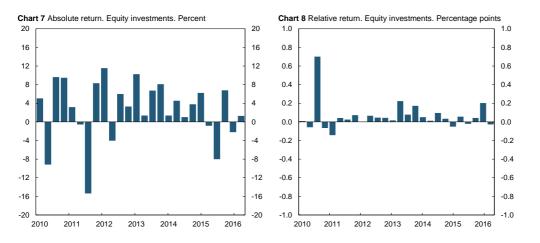


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EQUITY INVESTMENTS

The return on equity investments was 1.28% in 2016 Q2. US equities posted the highest return in Q2, 2.53%. European equities posted a negative return, negative 1.81%, while Asian equites posted a return of 1.21%. The health and oil and gas sectors made the largest contributions, with returns for the quarter of 6.87% and 10.70%, respectively.



The equity portfolio earned a negative excess return of 3 basis points, compared to the benchmark index. Management of the equity portfolio was also close to the index in Q2, but with some use of enhanced indexing strategies. These strategies made a negative contribution.

Benchmark indices

The strategic benchmark index for equity investments is a tax-adjusted version of the FTSE All-World Developed Market Index. The strategic benchmark index for long-term fixed income investments is based on Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index, but limited to sovereign bonds issued by the governments of France, Germany, Japan, the UK and the US and with a residual maturity of less than 10 years. The currency weighting of the index is 35% EUR, 45% USD, 10% GBP and 10% JPY. Fixed income securities comprise 60% of the strategic benchmark index for equity and long-term fixed income investments and equities comprise 40%.

The currency weighting of the strategic benchmark index for the money market portfolio is 75% USD and 25% EUR. The cash portion accounts for 10% and comprises the Merrill Lynch Overnight Index for USD and EUR. The securities portion comprises Barclays Capital Treasury bill indices: German Bubill Index and US T-bills.

Risk management

The foreign exchange reserves' market risk is determined by the composition of investments and movements in equity prices, foreign exchange rates, interest rates and credit spreads. No single measure can fully capture market risk. In this report, market risk is measured by the standard deviation in the rate of return¹. This risk measure provides an estimate of how much the value of the portfolio can be expected to change in the course of a year. For equity and long-term fixed income investments, expected absolute volatility was 12.8% and 1.9%, respectively, at the end of 2016 Q2, approximately unchanged on the previous quarter. For the money market portfolio, expected absolute volatility was approximately zero. During the quarter, there was little change in absolute volatility for the foreign exchange reserves as a whole.

While absolute volatility provides an indication of how much the foreign exchange reserves are expected to fluctuate in value, relative volatility provides an indication of

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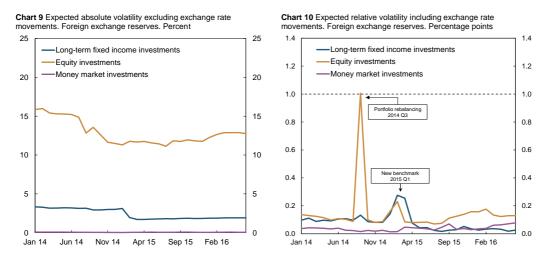
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¹ Also referred to as absolute volatility.

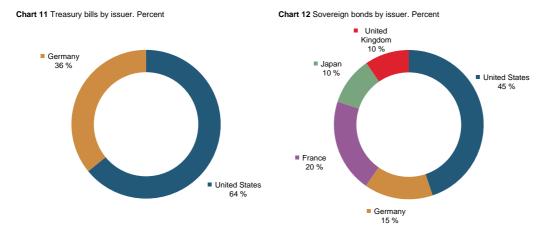
how much the portfolios can be expected to fluctuate in value compared with the portfolio's benchmark index.² At the end of Q2, expected relative volatility of equity and long-term fixed income investments was 0.13 and 0.03 percentage point, respectively. The expected relative volatility of the money market portfolio was 0.08 percentage point.



Credit and counterparty risk is defined as the risk of losses if issuers or counterparties default on payment obligations. Credit risk on the fixed income investments in the foreign exchange reserves is low. At the end of 2016 Q2, 90.5% was invested in government securities rated AA or higher. A considerable portion of fixed income investments; 64% of Treasury bills and 45% of sovereign bonds, is issued by the US and has a AAA rating. At the end of Q2, NOK 142.3bn was invested in US and German sovereign bonds, which are considered to be highly liquid investments.

Table 3 Fixed income investments in the foreign exchange reserves at the end of Q2 by credit rating. Percent

| | AAA | AA | А | BBB | Lower | Total |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Treasury bills | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.7 |
| Sovereign bonds | 54.5 | 27.2 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 91.3 |
| Corporate bonds | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total fixed income instruments | 63.2 | 27.2 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |



² Under the guidelines for equities and long-term fixed income investments issued by the governor, the aim of management is to limit expected relative volatility to no more than 1.0 percentage point (100 basis points). In the guidelines for the money market portfolio, a limit of 1.0 percentage point has been set for expected relative volatility. Relative volatility of 1 percentage point means that the excess return on the portfolio is expected to be within the interval ± 1.0 percentage point in two out of three years.

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International commitments

The foreign exchange reserves are held for the purpose of crisis management and shall be used as part of the conduct of monetary policy with a view to promoting financial stability and to meet Norges Bank's international commitments to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and individual countries.

Pursuant to the Norges Bank Act, Norges Bank shall meet the commitments ensuing from membership of the IMF. This membership entails a standing commitment to furnish foreign exchange for IMF loans to other member countries. Table 4 summarises amounts related to the IMF recognised in the balance sheet at the end of 2016 Q2. The size and liquidity of the foreign exchange reserves are assessed to be sufficient to meet Norges Bank's international commitments (see page 9).

Table 4 Claims on and liabilities to the International Monetary Fund (IME) at 30, June 2016. In millions of NOK

| Table 4 Claims on and liabilities to the intern | national Monetary Fund | a (IMF) at 30 June 2 | 016. In million | SOINOK | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| | | Recognised in the balance sheet | | | | |
| | Loan resource commitments ² | Drawn on commitments | Subscrip- tion ³ | SDRs | Total amount recognised | |
| Financial assets | | | | | | |
| IMF subscription (quota) ¹ | - | - | 43 873 | - | 43 873 | |
| Holdings of SDRs | - | - | - | 14 861 | 14 861 | |
| Loans to the IMF - NAB | 22 978 | 4 059 | - | - | 4 059 | |
| Loans to the IMF – Bilateral agreement | 70 103 | - | - | - | - | |
| Loans to the IMF – PRGT | 3 505 | 3 451 | - | - | 3 451 | |
| Claims on the IMF | | 7 510 | 43 873 | 14 861 | 66 244 | |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | | |
| Krone liability to the IMF | - | - | 41 186 | - | 41 186 | |
| Equivalent value of SDR allocations | - | - | - | 18 264 | 18 264 | |
| Liabilities to the IMF | - | - | 41 186 | 18 264 | 59 450 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Net positions with the IMF | | 7 510 | 2 686 | -3 403 | 6 793 | |
| | | | | | | |

¹ The IMF allocates quotas to member countries which primarily reflect member countries' relative size in the world economy. The quota provides the basis for determining the member country's voting power in the IMF, the member's financial contribution to the IMF, the amount of financing the

¹ Commitments giving the IMF a borrowing facility with Norges Bank up to an agreed amount. Only the portion drawn is recognised in the balance of payments problems and the amount of SDRs the member is allocated.
 ² Commitments giving the IMF a borrowing facility with Norges Bank up to an agreed amount. Only the portion drawn is recognised in the balance sheet. Norges Bank's commitments to the IMF are in SDRs; amounts have been translated into NOK.
 ³ The net subscription is referred to as the reserve tranche position (RTP) comprising Norway's IMF quota less Norway's krone liability to the IMF, is the portion of the policy of the policy of the policy of the policy.

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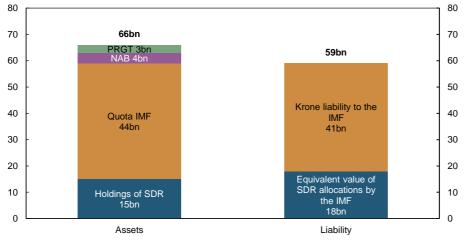


Figure 13 Claims on and liabilities to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at 30 June 2016. In billions of NOK

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Overview-Norges Bank's commitments to the IMF at 30 June 2016

IMF subscription (quota)

In 2010, the IMF approved the 14th General Review of Quotas, which entailed a doubling of member countries' IMF quota subscriptions. The payment was made on 17 February 2016, increasing Norway's quota to SDR³ 3 755m.

The amount drawn⁴ rose following the financial crisis, but in recent years has fallen again. At the end of 2016 Q2, the amount drawn totalled SDR 230m (Chart 14).

NAB

On the same date Norges Bank paid its quota increase, Norway's loan resource commitments under the NAB⁵ were reduced by approximately the same amount. This did not involve any transactions. Norges Bank's commitments under this lending programme were reduced to SDR 1 997m (Chart 15). Total outstanding drawings were SDR 347m at the end of 2016 Q2.

When the IMF has a need for funds, it normally draws on quota commitments and the NAB. Following the quota increase, owing to a reduction of commitments under the NAB in the same amount, Norges Bank's total commitments to the IMF are virtually unchanged. Commitments under the quota and NAB are SDR 5 722m. At the end of Q2, the IMF had drawn SDR 577m. A further SDR 5 144m may thus be drawn under these arrangements. Following the quota increase, the NAB plays a more traditional role as support for quota-based financing.

Bilateral agreements

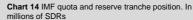
In 2012, Norges Bank provided the IMF with a borrowing facility under a bilateral borrowing agreement of SDR 6 000m. The IMF will draw on the facility only in very special circumstances.

PRGT

In June 2010, the Ministry of Finance and the IMF signed an agreement under which Norway will furnish SDR 300m in loan resources to the IMF's programme for low income countries (PRGT⁶). Norges Bank is the agent for the loan and administers the commitments. At the end of 2016 Q2, SDR 295m had been drawn (Chart 16).

Holdings of SDRs

The IMF has allocated SDRs to member countries. Member countries may change their SDR holdings by using SDRs in transactions with the IMF or by purchasing from or selling to members who have voluntarily agreed to be a counterparty in SDR transactions. In 2009, Norges Bank entered into a new agreement with the IMF on the voluntary purchase and sale of SDRs, as long as holdings remain within 50-150 percent of SDR allocations. In 2009, SDR allocations increased from SDR 168m to SDR 1 563m. Thus, if other countries wish to sell SDRs, Norges Bank may have to increase holdings of SDRs to SDR 2 345m. Purchases of SDRs are charged to the foreign exchange reserves. The agreement also gives Norges Bank the right to sell SDRs. At the end of Q2, holdings of SDRs were SDR 1 272m (Chart 17).



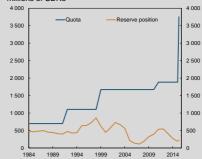


Chart 15 NAB. In millions of SDRs

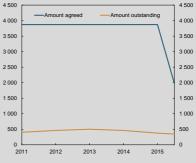
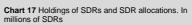
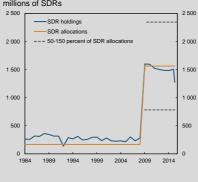


Chart 16 PRGT. In millions of SDRs







³ Special Drawing Right (SDR). The SDR is an instrument the IMF can use to allocate international liquidity. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of four currencies: the US dollar (42%), euro (37%), Japanese yen (10%) and pound sterling (11%). At 30 June 2016, SDR 1 = NOK 11.68.

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⁴ Amount drawn is equal to the reserve tranche position.

⁵ New Arrangements to Borrow (NAB).

⁶ Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT).

Key figures

 $\label{eq:table 5} \textbf{Table 5} \ \textbf{Market value of the foreign exchange reserves. In billions of NOK}$

| | 2016 Q2 | 2016 Q1 | 2015 Q4 | 2015 Q3 | 2015 Q2 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Money market investments | 47.7 | 47.3 | 50.3 | 49.8 | 45.9 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 241.1 | 236.8 | 241.9 | 236.9 | 217.3 |
| Equity investments | 159.7 | 156.5 | 169.2 | 154.3 | 154.2 |
| Petroleum buffer portfolio | 18.2 | 20.6 | 8.7 | 18.1 | 39.8 |
| Foreign exchange reserves | 466.6 | 461.3 | 470.1 | 459.1 | 457.3 |
| | | | | | |
| Total change during the quarter | 5.4 | -8.8 | 11.0 | 1.8 | -22.4 |
| Total change during the quarter Return | 5.4 4.8 | -8.8 -0.5 | 11.0 10.5 | 1.8 -6.8 | -22.4 -3.3 |
| | | | | | |

Table 6 Return in international currency terms. Percent

| | 2016 Q2 | 2016 Q1 | 2015 Q4 | 2015 Q3 | 2015 Q2 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Portfolio: | | | | | |
| Money market investments | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.03 | -0.03 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 1.01 | 2.22 | -0.59 | 1.35 | -0.64 |
| Equity investments | 1.28 | -2.21 | 6.78 | -8.02 | -0.83 |
| Foreign exchange reserves ¹ | 1.01 | 0.36 | 2.06 | -2.25 | -0.64 |
| Benchmark index: | | | | | |
| Money market investments | 0.05 | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 1.01 | 2.20 | -0.57 | 1.35 | -0.59 |
| Equity investments ¹ Excluding petroleum buffer portfolio. | 1.31 | -2.41 | 6.74 | -8.00 | -0.88 |

Table 7 Return in NOK terms. Percent

| | 2016 Q2 | 2016 Q1 | 2015 Q4 | 2015 Q3 | 2015 Q2 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Portfolio: | | | | | |
| Money market investments | 0.60 | -5.37 | 3.10 | 8.51 | -1.48 |
| Long-term fixed income investments | 1.76 | -2.57 | 2.10 | 9.50 | -1.63 |
| Equity investments | 2.03 | -6.79 | 9.67 | -0.62 | -1.82 |
| Foreign exchange reserves ¹ ¹ Excluding petroleum buffer portfolio. | 1.74 | -4.42 | 4.86 | 5.65 | -1.68 |

Table 8 Key figures for asset allocation. Foreign exchange reserves at 30 June 2016. Percent

| Risk | | Limits | Actual 2016 Q2 |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | | | |
| Money market portfolio | Cash | > 10.0% | 51.7 |
| | Securities | < 90.0% | 48.3 |
| | | | |
| Long-term portfolio | Fixed income portfolio | > 50.0% | 60.2 |
| | Equity portfolio | < 50.0% | 39.8 |

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Table 9 Key figures at 30 June 2016. Annualised. In international currency terms

| | Past year | Past 3 years | Past 5 years | Past 10 years ¹ |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Foreign exchange reserves excl. petroleum buffer portfolio: | | | | |
| Gross annual return (percent) | 1.12 | 5.42 | 5.71 | 5.42 |
| | | | | |
| Money market investments: | | | | |
| Portfolio return (percent) | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.16 | - |
| Benchmark return (percent) | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.13 | - |
| Excess return (percentage points) | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 | - |
| Realised absolute volatility (percent) ² | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.07 | - |
| Realised relative volatility (percentage points) ² | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 | - |
| Information rate ³ | 0.62 | 0.88 | 0.96 | - |
| | | | | |
| Long-term fixed income investments: | | | | |
| Portfolio return (percent) | 4.03 | 3.76 | 4.16 | 4.63 |
| Benchmark return (percent) | 4.03 | 3.85 | 4.10 | 4.34 |
| Excess return (percentage points) | 0.01 | -0.10 | 0.06 | 0.30 |
| Realised absolute volatility (percent) ² | 1.87 | 2.41 | 2.95 | 3.56 |
| Realised relative volatility (percentage points) ² | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.31 | 1.58 |
| Information rate ³ | 0.18 | -0.88 | 0.19 | 0.19 |
| | | | | |
| Equity investments: | | | | |
| Portfolio return (percent) | -2.72 | 9.52 | 9.53 | 5.68 |
| Benchmark return (percent) | -2.91 | 9.29 | 9.29 | 5.60 |
| Excess return (percentage points) | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.24 | 0.08 |
| Realised absolute volatility (percent) ² | 14,79 | 10.86 | 11.83 | 14.93 |
| Realised relative volatility (percentage points) ² | 0.21 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.41 |
| Information rate ³ | 0.21 | 1.38 | 1.55 | 0.41 |
| | 0.90 | 1.30 | 1.55 | 0.20 |

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¹ Pertains only to equities and long-term fixed income investments.
 ² Realised volatility is a measure of the fluctuation in monthly return values, expressed here by the annualised empirical standard deviation. Absolute/relative volatility expresses risk related to absolute/relative return.
 ³ Information rate (IR) is a risk-adjusted return measure. IR is the ratio between excess return and the portfolio's realised relative market risk (measured by relative volatility).

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Income statement

| | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2015 Tatal |
|---|-------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Amounts in millions of NOK NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS | Q2 | Q1 | YTD | Total |
| Net income/expenses – gains/losses from: | | | | |
| Equities and units | 1 842 | -5 402 | -3 560 | 10 221 |
| Bonds and other fixed income instruments | 2 892 | 4 876 | 7 768 | 2 573 |
| Financial derivatives | -8 | 2 | -6 | -29 |
| Secured lending | 37 | 23 | 60 | 69 |
| Interest income and expense from deposits and short-term borrowing | - | - | - | -8 |
| Tax expense | -17 | -28 | -45 | -42 |
| Other financial income/expenses | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Net income from financial instruments before foreign exchange gains/losses | 4 750 | -528 | 4 222 | 12 785 |
| Foreign exchange gains/losses | 2 648 | -20 329 | -17 681 | 53 699 |
| Net income from financial instruments | 7 398 | -20 857 | -13 459 | 66 484 |

Balance sheet

| Amounts in millions of NOK | 30 Jun. 2016 | 31 Mar. 2016 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| FINANCIAL ASSETS | | |
| Deposits in banks | 18 533 | 24 019 |
| Secured lending | 61 110 | 55 650 |
| Unsettled trades | 2 374 | 3 474 |
| Equities and units | 155 112 | 147 862 |
| Equities lent | 4 786 | 9 383 |
| Bonds and other fixed income instruments | 261 178 | 264 126 |
| Financial derivatives | 7 | 7 |
| Other financial assets | 2 464 | 680 |
| Total financial assets | 505 564 | 505 201 |
| | | |
| FINANCIAL LIABILITIES | | |
| Secured borrowing | 927 | 830 |
| Unsettled trades | 36 565 | 38 203 |
| Financial derivatives | 0 | 1 |
| Other financial liabilities | 0 | 3 839 |
| Total financial liabilities | 37 492 | 42 873 |
| Total foreign exchange reserves | 468 072 | 462 328 |

Notes

Note 1 Accounting policies, significant estimates and critical accounting judgements

These financial statements and notes pertain solely to Norges Bank's foreign exchange reserves at 30 June 2016. Pursuant to Section 30, second paragraph, of the Norges Bank Act, the financial statements of Norges Bank have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Act and the Regulation concerning annual financial reporting for Norges Bank, which has been laid down by the Ministry of Finance. The regulation requires that Norges Bank's financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as endorsed by the EU. For a description of accounting policies and methods of computation, see Norges Bank's annual financial statements for 2015. Financial reporting for Norges Bank's foreign exchange

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reserves does not include a statement of cash flows and a statement of changes in equity and is thus not fully compliant with IFRS. Amounts in the financial statements are in Norwegian kroner (NOK) and are rounded off to the nearest million, minor rounding differences may occur.

The preparation of the financial reporting for the Bank's foreign exchange reserves involves the use of estimates and judgements that may affect assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Estimates are based on best judgement; however, actual results may deviate from the estimates. For further information on significant estimates and critical accounting judgements, see Norges Bank's annual financial statements for 2015.

Note 2 Spesification of the income statement by portfolio

| Amounts in millions of NOK NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS | Long-term portfolio 2016 Q2 | Money market portfolio 2016 Q2 | Petroleum buffer portfolio 2016 Q2 | Total foreign exchange reserves 2016 Q2 | Total foreign exchange reserves 2016 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Net income/expenses – gains/losses from: | | | | | |
| Equities and units | 1 842 | - | - | 1 842 | -3 560 |
| Bonds and other fixed income instruments | 2 873 | 19 | - | 2 892 | 7 768 |
| Financial derivatives | -2 | -6 | - | -8 | -6 |
| Secured lending | 16 | 17 | 4 | 37 | 60 |
| Interest income and expense from deposits and short-term borrowing | - | 1 | -1 | - | 1 |
| Tax expense | -17 | - | - | -17 | -45 |
| Other financial income/expenses | 4 | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Net income from financial instruments before foreign exchange gains/losses | 4 716 | 31 | 3 | 4 750 | 4 222 |
| Foreign exchange gains/losses | 2 648 | 255 | -255 | 2 648 | -17 681 |
| Net income from financial instruments* | 7 364 | 286 | -252 | 7 398 | -13 459 |
| * For the long-term portfolio, net income from financial instruments includes outs | | | | | - |

* For the long-term portfolio, net income from financial instruments includes outstanding balances with the Government Pension Fund Global (GPFG).

Note 3 Specification of the balance sheet by portfolio

| | Long-term portfolio | Money market portfolio | Petroleum buffer portfolio | Total foreign exchange reserves |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 30 Jun. | 30 Jun. | 30 Jun. | 30 Jun. |
| Amounts in millions of NOK | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 | 2016 |
| FINANCIAL ASSETS | | | | |
| Deposits in banks | 414 | 8 003 | 10 116 | 18 533 |
| Secured lending | 927 | 43 099 | 17 083 | 61 110 |
| Unsettled trades | 2 374 | - | - | 2 374 |
| Equities and units | 155 112 | - | - | 155 112 |
| Equities lent | 4 786 | - | - | 4 786 |
| Bonds and other fixed income instruments | 238 171 | 23 008 | - | 261 178 |
| Financial derivatives | 1 | - | 6 | 7 |
| Other financial assets | 1 928 | - | 536 | 2 464 |
| Total financial assets | 403 713 | 74 110 | 27 741 | 505 564 |
| FINANCIAL LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Secured borrowing | 927 | - | - | 927 |
| Unsettled trades | 2 036 | 26 410 | 8 119 | 36 565 |
| Financial derivatives | - | - | - | - |
| Other financial liabilities | - | - | - | - |
| Total financial liabilities | 2 963 | 26 410 | 8 119 | 37 492 |
| Total foreign exchange reserves* | 400 750 | 47 700 | 19 622 | 468 072 |

* For the long-term portfolio, total portfolios include outstanding balances with the GPFG.

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