The Nordic bond market – an attractive funding venue

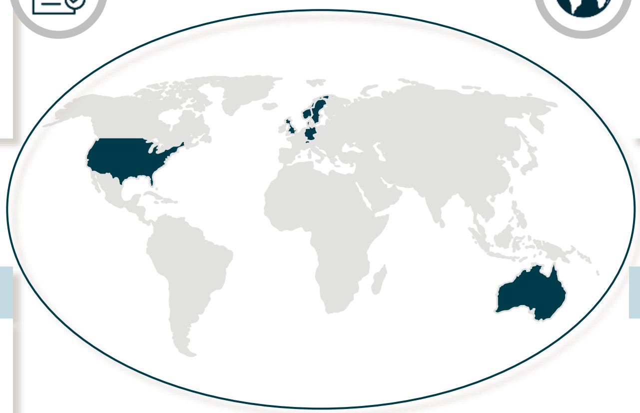
A well-established Euro 50 billion+ market becoming increasingly internationalized – Key aspects of the Nordic bond market

Flexible structures

- Various “use of proceeds” available, including refinancings, recapitalisations, acquisition financings and bolt-on financings
- Structures include both senior secured bonds (1st and 2nd lien) and unsecured bonds
- Covenant lite structures where traditional bank maintenance covenants may be excluded
- Multiple tenors spanning 3-5 years available, depending on issuer needs and preferences

Global investor universe

- Global investor universe comprising institutional investors in the Nordics, Europe, US and Asia
- Investors subscriptions typically range from Euro 1 million to Euro 50 million
- Investor demand will depend on issuer jurisdiction, type, issue size, yield on offer etc.
- Active secondary trading market in most issuances of certain size



Efficient process and light documentation

- Central trustee function through the Nordic Trustee coupled with broad investor acceptance for the Nordic Bond documentation
- Bond terms based on standardised Nordic law, which in turn is based on the LMA standard
- Legal cost at moderate levels and significantly lower than in international bond markets
- Light documentation required in terms of financial reporting following the bond issue

Swift issuance process

- No requirement to obtain official credit rating; typically only feasible for benchmark size transactions
- No extensive offering memorandum required; condensed investor presentation suffice
- No formal due diligence requirement; limited disclosure requirements
- ~4-6 weeks from mandate awarded to settlement

Source: Pareto Securities

Worldwide issuers can be matched with a global investor base

Issuers from all over the world

Supported by institutional investors globally

Selected PE Nordic Bond issuances in the DACH region:

Bregal Unternehmerkapital / onlineprinters	capiton / KD Pharma Creating Health Solutions	MUTARES	QUADRIGA CAPITAL / LR Health & Beauty	ORLANDO / SECOP	WATERLAND / lifefit group
Euro 225 million	Euro 180 million	Euro 135 million	Euro 130 million	Euro 50 million	Euro 140 million (2024) + 90 million top up in 03/2025

Source: Arctic

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Nordic bond – main characteristics

Size	▪ ~ Euro 30-300 million equivalent + frame amount for future tapping
Tenor	▪ 3-5 years, bullet
Docs	▪ Focus on light and efficient process based on condensed investor presentation, term sheet and credit analysis ▪ No formal / limited due diligence and no official rating(s) required (with some exceptions)
Covenants	▪ Incurrence based covenants ▪ Maintenance covenant(s) depending on credit specifics
Security	▪ Usually secured, but can also be unsecured
Legal Jurisdiction	▪ Nordic (in general Norwegian / Swedish)
Pricing	▪ Fixed or floating, usually floating and quarterly payments
Reporting	▪ Quarterly reporting
Investor universe	▪ International, institutional investor based focused on Europe and Nordics
Issuance process	▪ Typically 4- 10 weeks depending on transaction complexity with short time to market
Prepayment penalty	▪ NC period of typically 50% of tenor, thereafter repayable at decreasing premium
Certain funds	▪ Typically issued on a best-efforts basis; certain arrangers with bridge / UW capabilities

Source: Pareto Securities, Nordic Trustee and Oslo Stock Exchange
Note: (1) Floating Rate Notes