

Note 42 - ECC capital and ownership structure

ECC capital

The Bank's ECC capital totals NOK 2,884,311,800 distributed on 144,215,590 equity capital certificates (ECCs), each with a face value of NOK 20. As of 31 December 2023 there was 17,348 ECC holders (17,007 as of 31 December 2022).

ECC capital has been raised by the following means:

Year	Change	Change in ECC capital (NOK)	Total ECC capital (NOK)	No. of ECCs
1991	Placing	525,000,000	525,000,000	5,250,000
1992	Placing	75,000,000	600,000,000	6,000,000
2000	Employee placing	5,309,900	605,309,900	6,053,099
2001	Employee placing	4,633,300	609,943,200	6,099,432
2002	Employee placing	4,862,800	614,806,000	6,148,060
2004	Bonus Issue	153,701,500	768,507,500	7,685,075
2005	Placing	217,424,200	985,931,700	9,859,317
2005	Employee placing	23,850,000	1,009,781,700	10,097,817
2005	Split	-	1,009,781,700	40,391,268
2005	Rights issue	252,445,425	1,262,227,125	50,489,085
2007	Dividend issue	81,752,950	1,343,980,075	53,752,203
2007	Employee placing	5,420,000	1,349,400,075	53,976,003
2008	Dividend issue	90,693,625	1,440,093,700	57,603,748
2008	Employee placing	6,451,450	1,446,545,150	57,861,806
2009	Bonus issue	289,309,025	1,735,854,175	69,434,167
2010	Employee placing	12,695,300	1,748,549,475	69,941,979
2010	Rights issue	624,082,675	2,372,632,150	94,905,286
2011	Rights issue	625,000	2,373,257,150	94,930,286
2012	Reduction in nominal value	-474,651,430	1,898,605,720	94,930,286
2012	Rights issue	569,543,400	2,468,149,120	123,407,456
2012	Employee placing	16,220,200	2,484,369,320	124,218,466
2012	Placing	112,359,540	2,596,728,860	129,836,443
2023	Fusion	287,582,940	2,884,311,800	144,215,590

20 largest ECC holders at 31 December 2023	No. Of ECCs	Holding
Sparebankstiftinga Søre Sunnmøre	12,971,224	8.99 %
Sparebankstiftelsen SMN	5,463,847	3.79 %
Kommunal Landspensjonskasse Gjensidige	4,222,118	2.93 %
Pareto Aksje Norge VPF	3,870,618	2.68 %
State Street Bank and Trust Company	3,421,466	2.37 %
Pareto Invest Norge AS	2,938,362	2.04 %
VPF Eika Egenkapitalbevis	2,743,094	1.90 %
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., London	2,651,780	1.84 %
Danske Invest Norske Institutt II.	2,375,940	1.65 %
The Northern Trust Company, London Br	2,232,500	1.55 %
VPF Alfred Berg Gambak	2,201,532	1.53 %
VPF Holberg Norge	2,150,000	1.49 %
State Street Bank and Trust Company	2,143,675	1.49 %
VPF Odin Norge	2,016,474	1.40 %
Forsvarets Personellservice	2,014,446	1.40 %
J.P. Morgan SE	1,870,630	1.30 %
VPF Nordea Norge Verdi	1,847,635	1.28 %
RBC Investor Services Trust	1,786,001	1.24 %
Spesialfondet Borea Utbytte	1,550,642	1.08 %
MP Pensjon PK	1,352,771	0.94 %
Sum 20 største eiere	61,824,755	42.87 %
Øvrige eiere	82,390,835	57.13 %
Utstedte egenkapitalbevis	144,215,590	100 %

Dividend policy

SpareBank 1 SMN aims to manage the Group's resources in such a way as to provide equity certificate holders with a good, stable and competitive return in the form of dividend and a rising value of the bank's equity certificate.

The net profit for the year will be distributed between the owner capital (the equity certificate holders) and the ownerless capital in accordance with their respective shares of the bank's total equity capital.

SpareBank 1 SMN's intention is that around one half of the owner capital's share of the net profit for the year should be disbursed in dividends and, similarly, that around one half of the owner capital's share of the net profit for the year should be disbursed as gifts or transferred to a foundation. This is on the assumption that capital adequacy is at a satisfactory level. When determining dividend payout, account will be taken of the profit trend expected in a normalised market situation, external framework conditions and the need for tier 1 capital.