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# Sparkasse Hannover

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# **Ratings**

	Rating	Outlook
Fitch	A+	Stable
Moody's	-	-
S&P	_	_

#### Homepage

www.sparkasse-hannover.de

Sparkasse Hannover is a public law institution and Germany's sixth-largest savings bank in terms of total assets (data as of year-end 2022). With its 1,744 employees, it is the regional market leader in the core business areas of retail and corporate banking. As a member of the support fund for savings banks of the Sparkassenverband Niedersachsen (association of savings banks in Lower Saxony), it benefits from a joint protection scheme for German savings banks. In 2023 and, hence in its 200th anniversary year, Sparkasse Hannover reported an operating profit before valuation of EUR 140.9m (FY/2022). The most significant source of income is net interest income (FY/2022: EUR 267.6m), for which an increase of EUR 34.3m was reported in 2022. Loans to customers increased by EUR 863m, adding up to EUR 14.8bn. Sparkasse Hannover reported net fee and commission income at EUR 112.8m (FY/2022). According to Sparkasse Hannover's calculations, the CIR was 63.3% as of FY/2022 (previous year: 66.9%). The institute's operating expenses amounted to EUR 244.7m (FY/2022) and were largely driven by investments in the digital infrastructure and the modernization of the advisory centers. Increased customer demand for media and digital service was met in FY/2022 with five new centers for multichannel customer service. In addition, investments with a volume of around EUR 45m are planned for the period 2020 to 2024/25 to modernize the range of stationary operations and onsite service. Sparkasse Hannover has been issuing mortgage Pfandbriefe since 2010 and public Pfandbriefe since 2018. The institute has a framework for green issues and placed its first Green Pfandbrief in July 2021.

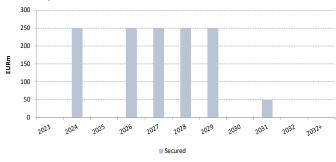
# **Balance Sheet**

(EURm)	2019Y	2020Y	2021Y
Net Loans to Customers	12,292	13,218	13,921
Total Securities	2,316	2,209	2,299
Total Deposits	12,888	13,865	14,924
Tier 1 Common Capital	1,181	1,282	1,401
Total Assets	16,503	18,520	20,404
Total Risk-weighted Assets	9,525	10,425	11,295

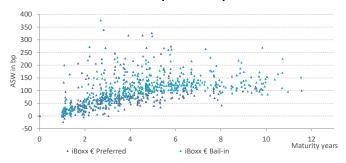
#### **Income Statement**

(EURm)	2019Y	2020Y	2021Y
Net Interest Income	241	237	192
Net Fee & Commission Inc.	110	114	111
Net Trading Income	-	-	-
Operating Expense	261	249	248
Credit Commit. Impairment	21	34	3
Pre-tax Profit	54	54	56

# **Redemption Profile**



#### Senior Unsecured Bonds (EUR BMK)



# **Company Ratios**

	2019Y	2020Y	2021Y		2019Y	2020Y	2021Y
Net Interest Margin	1.55	1.38	1.01	Liquidity Coverage Ratio	140.00	165.00	176.00
ROAE	1.48	1.45	1.42	IFRS Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	-	-	-
Cost-to-Income	72.36	69.14	76.19	NPL/ Loans at Amortised Cost	0.81	0.70	-
Core Tier 1 Ratio	12.40	12.30	12.40	Reserves/Loans at Amort. Cost	0.61	0.76	-

As of: 09.05.2023; Source: Bloomberg, S&P Global Market Intelligence, NORD/LB Markets Strategy & Floor Research

#### **Strengths / Opportunities**

- Regional market leader in the retail & SME segments
- Deposit basis
- Liability member of the Sparkassen financial group

# Risks / Weaknesses

- Regional concentration
- Profitability
- · Fierce competition





# **Covered Bonds**

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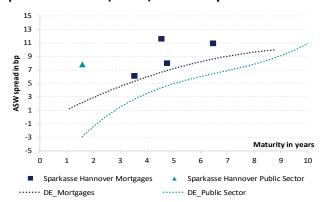
## Two programmes for the issuance of Pfandbriefe

Sparkasse Hannover has a program for issuing both mortgage and public-sector Pfandbriefe. As of 31 March 2023, public Pfandbriefe with a volume of EUR 566.1m and mortgage Pfandbriefe with a volume of EUR 1,627.6m were outstanding. These were matched by corresponding cover assets totalling EUR 1,386.3m (Öpfe) and EUR 2,757.5m (Hypfe). As an issuer in the EUR subbenchmark segment, Sparkasse Hannover has a total of five outstanding covered bonds, four of which are mortgage-backed.

#### Programme data

31 March 2023	Mortgage	<b>Public Sector</b>
Covered bonds outstanding	EUR 1,628m	EUR 566m
Cover pool volume	EUR 2,758m	EUR 1,386m
Current OC (nominal / regulatory)	69.4% / 2.0%	144.9% / 2.0%
Туре	82.1% Residential 85.9	% Local authority
Country	100% Germany	100% Germany
NPL	0.0%	0.0%
Fixed interest (Cover Pool / CBs)	90.1% / 100%	94.5% / 100%
LTV	56.1%	-/-
CB Rating (Fitch / Moody's / S&P)	AAA / - / -	-/-/-

# Spread overview (SBMK) - Germany



Source: Issuer, rating agencies, Bloomberg, NORD/LB Markets Strategy & Floor Research

# High proportion of single-family and two-family houses in the mortgage cover pool

The cover assets of Sparkasse Hannover's mortgage cover pool consist of 96.3% primary cover as at the reporting date of 31 March 2023. Moreover, the majority of these primary cover assets (82.1%) consist of residential mortgage finance. Here, in turn, the largest share is accounted for by single- and two-family homes (59.8% of residential cover). A total of EUR 540.2m is attributable to the multifamily housing category, which corresponds to a share of 24.8% of residential cover assets or 20.4% of total primary cover assets. Commercial cover assets total EUR 474.0m (share of primary cover: 17.9%), with the largest volume of EUR 255.5m attributable to the "office buildings" category. With a 63.0% share of primary cover, the "less than EUR 300,000" category is the largest exposure class, indicating the granularity of the mortgage cover pool. The category "more than EUR 10m" accounts for the smallest share at 7.2%. At 69.4%, the overcollateralization ratio is above the statutory minimum of 2%. As of the reporting date March 31, 2023, the voluntary overcollateralization thus amounts to EUR 1,062.8m (nominal value).

# Rating and regulation

While the mortgage Pfandbrief program of Sparkasse Hannover is rated AAA by Fitch, the program for issuing public-sector Pfandbriefe is not rated. Subbenchmark issues (SBMK) from the rated program are subject to a risk weighting of 10% in accordance with CRR. In the context of LCR management, we believe that the issuer's SBMK mortgage Pfandbriefe can be used as a Level 2A asset. The German Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG) provides for the possibility of a maturity extension. Pfandbriefe of the Issuer placed as of 08 July 2022 may bear the label "European Covered Bond (Premium)".



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