

• 4Q21 Financial Results

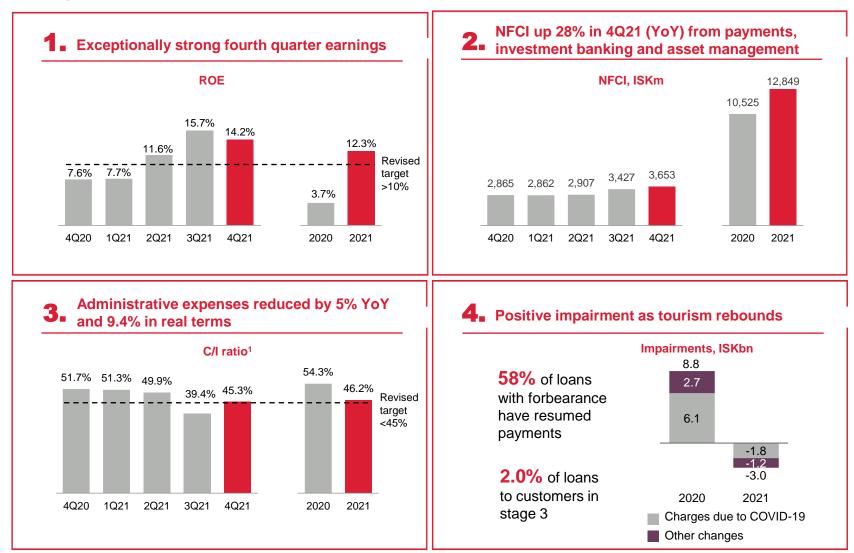
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ROE of 14.2% in 4Q21 exceeds financial targets and consensus

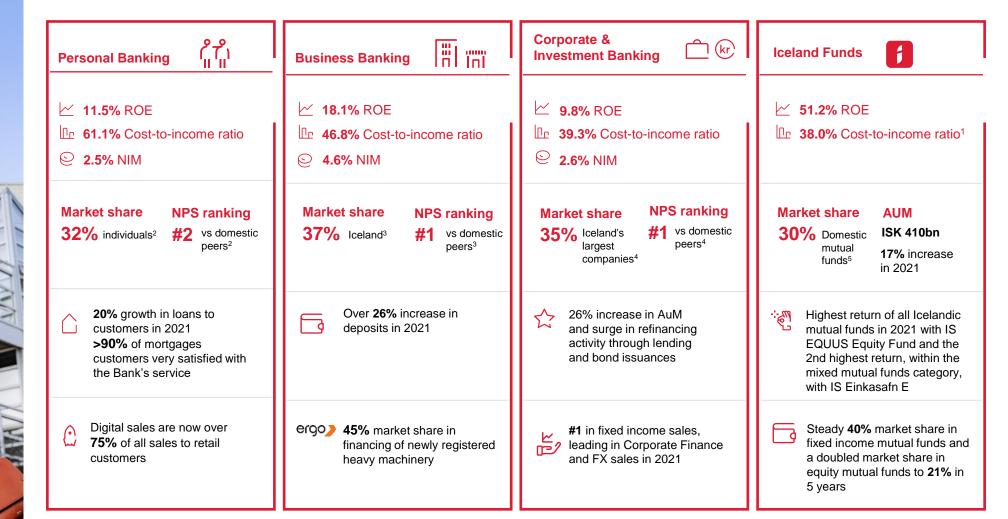
Stronger economic recovery and resilient borrowers drive performance



1. Calculated as (Administrative expenses + Contribution to the Depositors' and Investors' Guarantee Fund – One-off items) / (Total operating income – One-off items).

Customer success in an outstanding year

Digital services at the heart of the ambition to be #1 for service

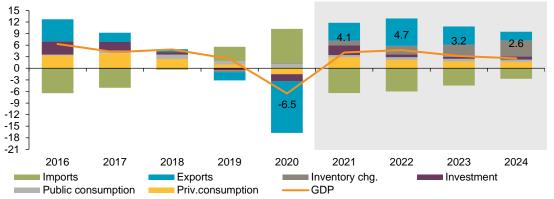


1. As calculated from the Bank's Consolidated Income Statement 2. Gallup Iceland Internet-panel survey age 18+, rolling average 6 months conducted for Islandsbanki. 3. Gallup Iceland telephone/internet survey among companies with +4 employees in Iceland as of December 2021 conducted for Islandsbanki. 4. Gallup Iceland telephone/internet survey among 300 largest companies in Iceland December 2021 conducted for Islandsbanki. 5. Market share of Icelandic fund management companies as of 31.12.2021

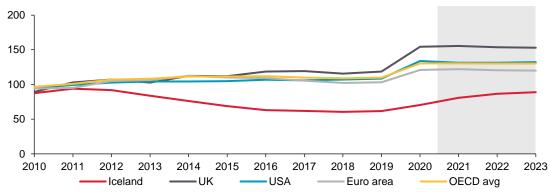
Economic recovery continues

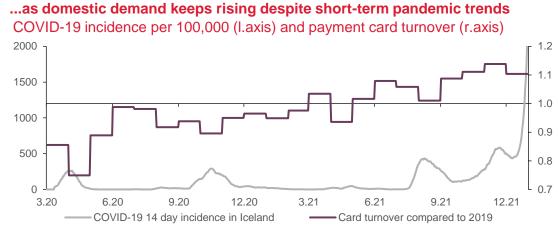
Strong foundations facilitate a robust recovery as world-wide pandemic impact fades

Exports replace domestic demand as the key catalyst of healthy GDP growth.. Real GDP and main subitems, YoY change, %

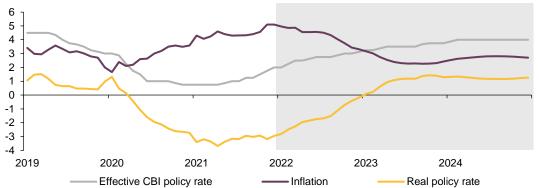


Government finances remain on a sustainable path post-pandemic.. General government gross debt as % of GDP









ROE above 10% as financial targets are revised

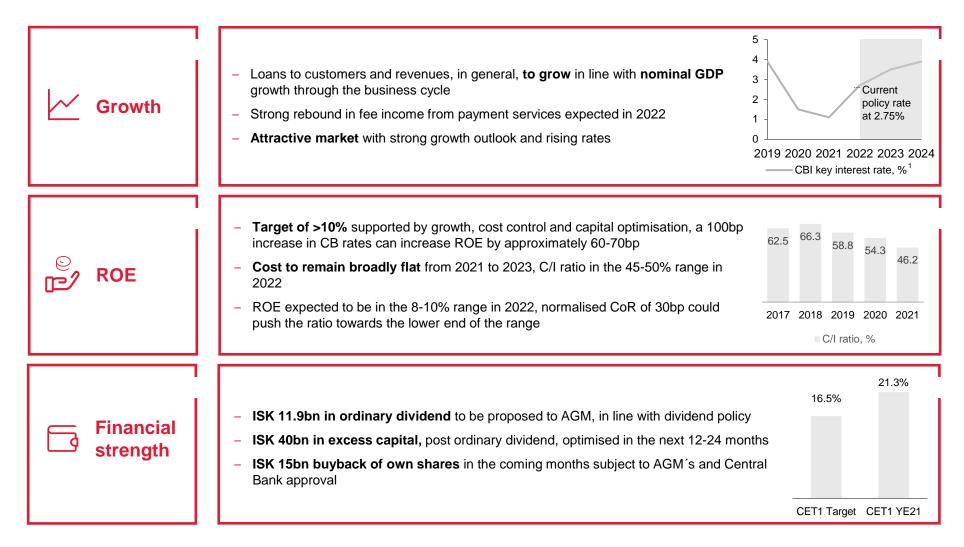
Strong performance calls for revised targets

| Targets | Revised | Previous | 4Q21 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|---------|---------|
| Return on equity ¹ | >10% | 8-10% by 2023 >10% long-term | 14.2% 🗸 | 12.3% 🗸 |
| Cost-to-income ratio ² | <45% | <45% by 2023 | 45.3% 🗸 | 46.2% 🗸 |
| CET1 capital ratio ³ | ~16.5% | >16% Total capital ratio: 18.3-19.8% | 21.3% 🗸 | 21.3% 🗸 |
| Dividend-payout-ratio | unchanged | ~50% | | 50% 🗸 |

1. ROE excluding one-off cost is 12.9% for 2021, one-off cost for 2021 is ISB 663m. 2. Calculated as (Administrative expenses + Contribution to the Depositors' and Investors' Guarantee Fund – One-off items) / (Total operating income – One-off items). 3. Long term CET1 capital target is subject to regulatory requirements and includes a management buffer of 50-200bp.

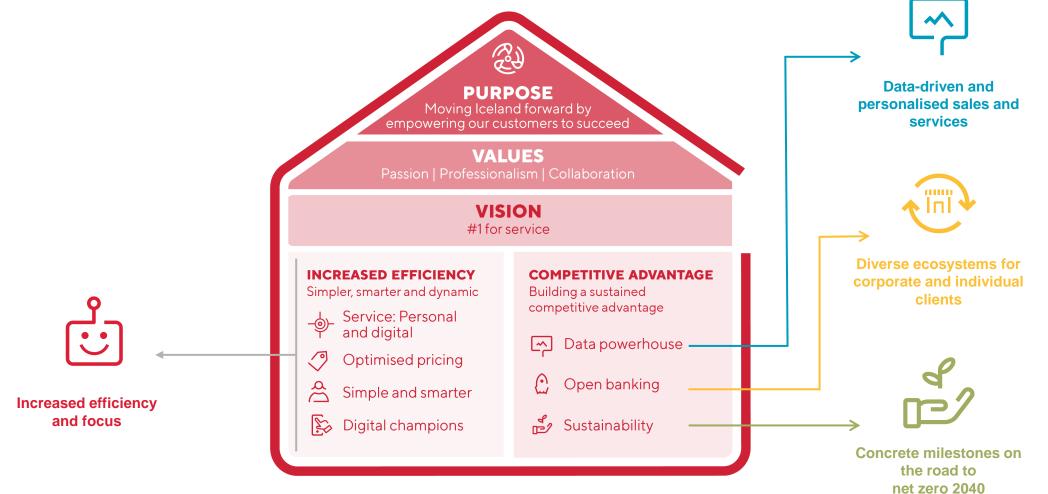
Highly attractive capital return and growth opportunity

A solid strategy building on strong foundations



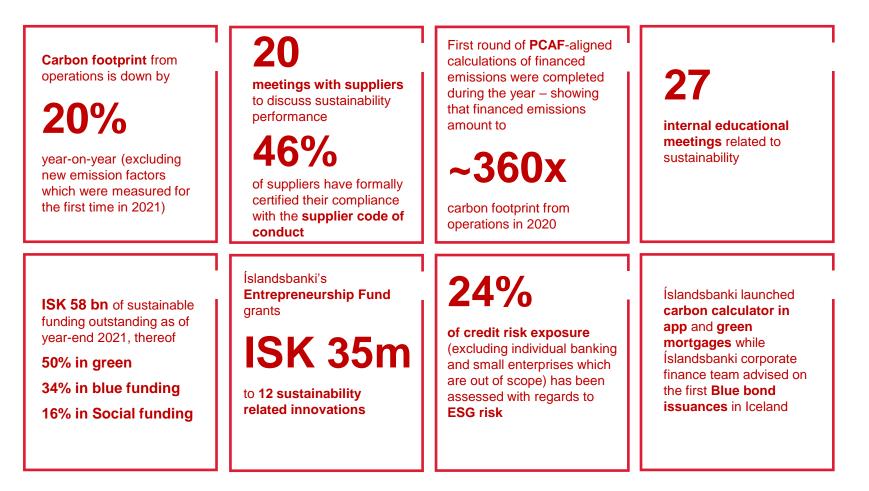
Íslandsbanki's four strategic themes in 2022

The strategy house has served the Bank well as is reflected in the latest results and successful IPO



Key sustainability milestones in 2021

The Bank's sustainability policy has set short- and medium-term goals with a clear link to ESG criteria and the UN SDGs.



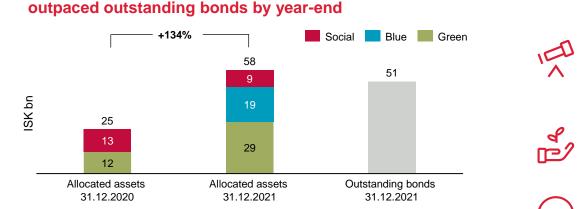
Sustainable lending more than doubled and

Sustainability priorities ahead in 2022

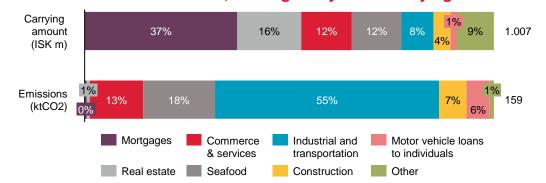
Increasing sustainable lending and mapping out path to net-zero emissions in 2040 are the Bank's biggest sustainability priorities in 2022

Financed emissions

- Initial estimates of financed emissions for 2019 and 2020 published according to the PCAF standard
- Financed emissions were ~360x higher than emissions from operations in 2020
- This can be compared to a global avg. for finance sector of 700x according to CDP



Industrial and transportation account for 55% of emissions from loan book in 2020, although only 8% of carrying amount¹



Sustainability goals for 2022 include²

Present officially validated science-based targets for short- and medium term financed emissions

- Increase sustainable lending by ISK 40bnbringing % of sustainable corporate loans to 15%
- >50% of credit exposure in the loan portfolio to be ESG risk rated

Reduce operations-related carbon footprint by 40% from 2019-2022

Further increase customer access to and awareness of sustainable savings options

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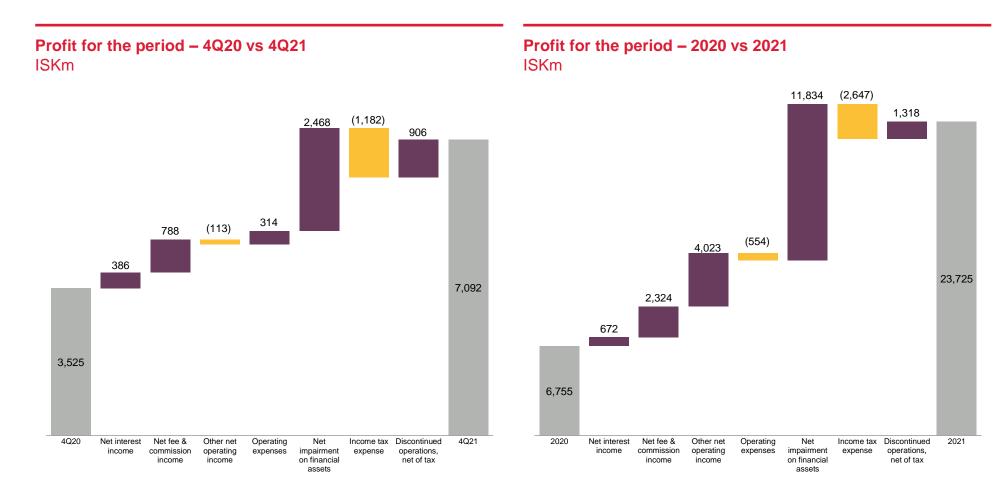
1. Other loans to customers include investment companies, financial services, energy, public sector and non-profit organisations and loans to individuals other than mortgages and motor vehicles some of which are out of scope according to the PCAF methodology, 2. Full list of objectives can be found in the annual and sustainability report for 2021

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Profitability exceeds expectations

Driven by strong underlying business and reversed impairments

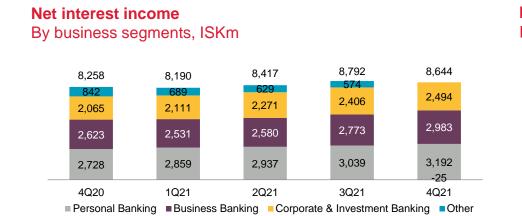


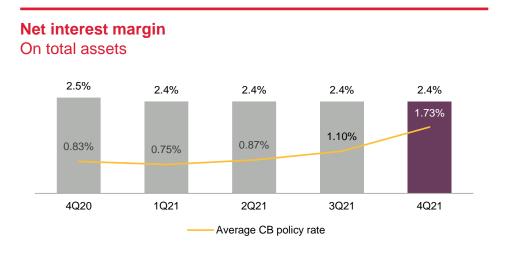
Net interest income rises for all business units

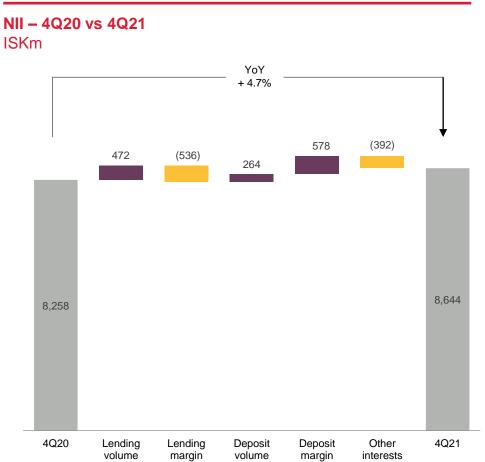
NIM resilient as interest rates fluctuate

Highlights

- Fall in NII from 3Q21 is explained by decrease in loans and deposits on average, as well as increase in subordinated loans and decrease in the Bank's CPI gap
- Net interest margin on loans fell from 2.2% to 2.1% in 4Q21 while net interest margin on deposits increased from 1.3% to 1.4% in 4Q21
- Higher CBI rates feed into NIM and liquidity portfolio with a lag





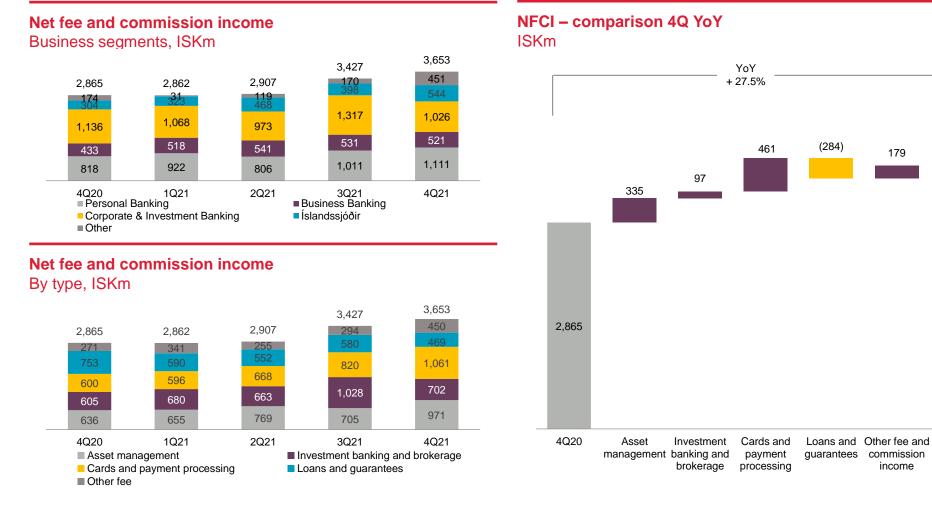


Diverse sources of NFCI and strong growth

Headwinds from COVID-19 recede and cards and payment processing fees reach previous levels

Highlights

- NFCI up 22.1% from 2020 mostly from asset management, investment banking and brokerage and payment processing
- Card turnover rose swiftly in the past year, particularly turnover abroad
- AuM growth of 19.9% and 46% growth in NFCI for Iceland Funds
- Other income increases due to good performance of the Allianz Ísland subsidiary



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income

3,653

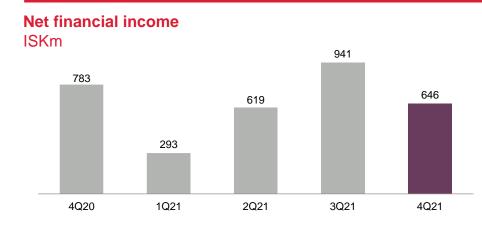
4Q21

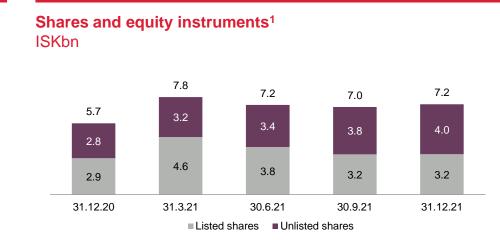
Supportive equity market lifts NFI

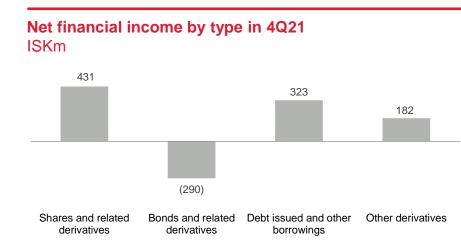
Positive valuation of unlisted holdings contributes to good results

Highlights

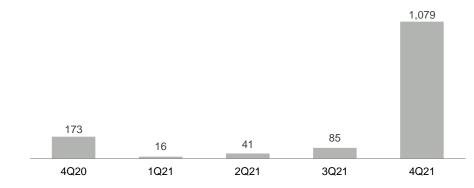
- Fair value changes account for considerable part of net financial income in 4Q21, as well as generally favourable market conditions
- Increase in profits from discontinued operations is due to a subsidiary's sale of preferred shares and a sale of land







Discontinued operations ISKbn



1.Excluding listed shares and equity instruments used for economic hedging.

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Administrative expenses – by type

5.776

333

1,038

324

3,574

1Q21

Salaries and related expenses

Software and IT expenses

Depreciation

ISKm

6,073

386

1.280

414

3.381

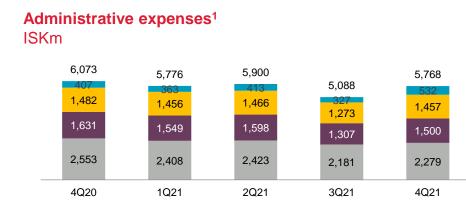
4Q20

Cost/income hits target with real cost reduction of 9.4% YoY

Other operating expenses down despite inflation and continued investments in technology

Highlights

- Cost reduction YoY result of continued cost awareness
- Increase in salaries from 3Q21 due to cyclicality in salaries
- One-off cost related to IPO totaled ISK 521m in 2021 and general wage agreements, oneoff cost resulting from the sale of the Bank and redundancy cost raised salary cost in 2021 relative to 2020



Personal Banking Business Banking Corporate and Investment Banking Other

5,900

400

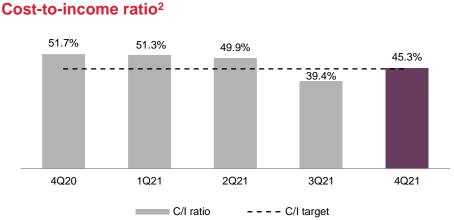
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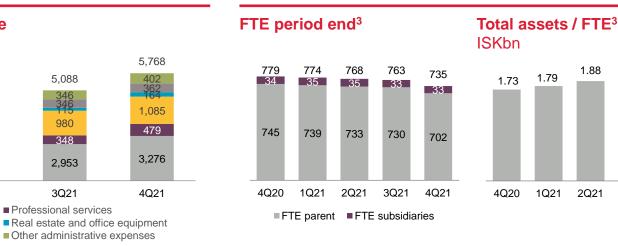
1,111

481

3,451

2Q21





1. Administrative expenses in 1Q21 and 2Q21 are excluding one-off cost related to the Bank's IPO, 76m in 1Q21 and 588m in 2Q21. 2. Calculated as (Administrative expenses + Contribution to the Depositor's and Investors' Guarantee Fund – one off items) / Total operating income – one-off items). Target was updated in 1Q21 from the previous <55% 3. FTE numbers exclude seasonal employees.

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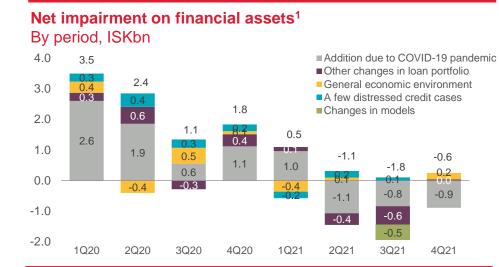
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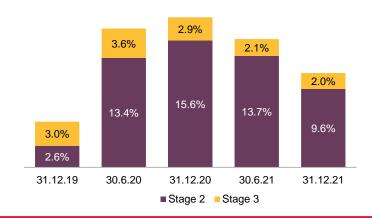
3Q21

Positive net impairment in 2021 as the economy recovers

Tourism sector in better shape than feared



Loans to customers: Stage 2 and 3 Development of gross carrying amount as ratio of total loans

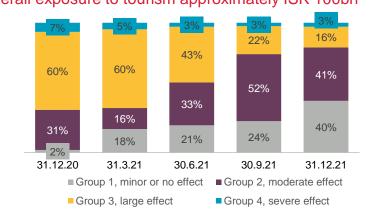


Current and expected cost-of-risk

- Annualised cost of risk was -23bp in 4Q21 and -28bp in FY21, compared to +91bp for the full year 2020 and +73bp for 4Q20
- The average cost of risk in 2019 and 2020 excluding the effect of COVID-19 amounts to +35bp, which would have been closer to +30bp based on the current composition of the loan book with a higher proportion of mortgages
- The additional impairment allowance currently attributable to the tourism overlay and stage transfer is approximately ISK 2.0bn in 4Q21 down from 2.8bn in 3Q21
- The probability weights of economic scenarios were unchanged at 15% (good), 50% (baseline), and 35% (bad) at end of 4Q21. A shift of 5% from baseline to the bad scenario would increase the impairment allowance by ISK 0.5bn while a 5% shift from the baseline to the good would decrease the allowance by ISK 0.2bn

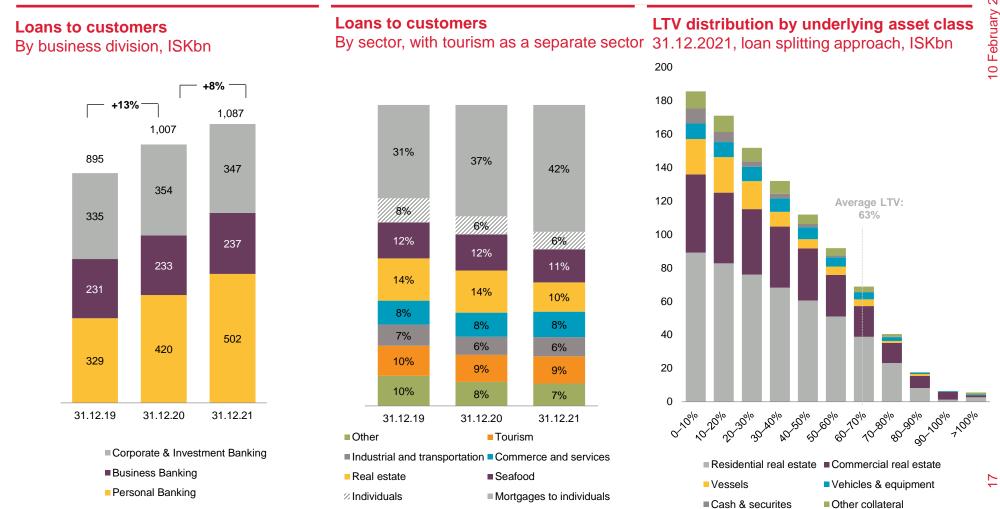
1. See further in note 3 and 66.4 in Consolidated Financial Statements 2021

Exposure to tourism by effect of COVID-19 Overall exposure to tourism approximately ISK 100bn



Diversified and highly collateralised loan portfolio

Loans to individuals are 48% of loans to customers, mainly residential mortgages

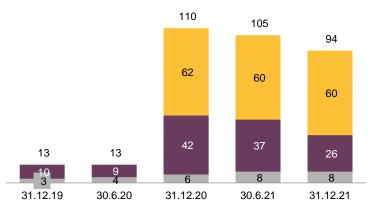




COVID-19 impact on forbearance loans gradually receding

Majority of moratoria borrowers have resumed payments

Performing loans with forbearance Gross carrying amount, ISKbn

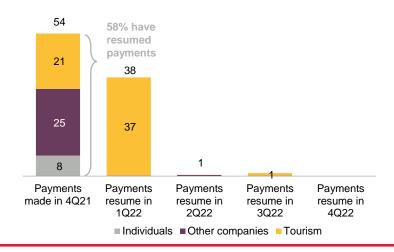


Individuals Other companies Tourism

Further extension of moratorium

- The forbearance increase at end of 2020 mostly due to extension of COVID-19 moratoria to companies in the tourism sector
- Loans that have been granted extended moratoria primarily with collateral in residential or commercial real estate
- The definition of forbearance includes a 24-month probation period and therefore loans are classified with forbearance even after normal payments have resumed
- The fall in performing loans with forbearance since year-end 2020 is due to loans that are fully repaid

Indication on when payments resume after moratorium Gross carrying amount, ISKbn



Clarity on when payments are expected to resume

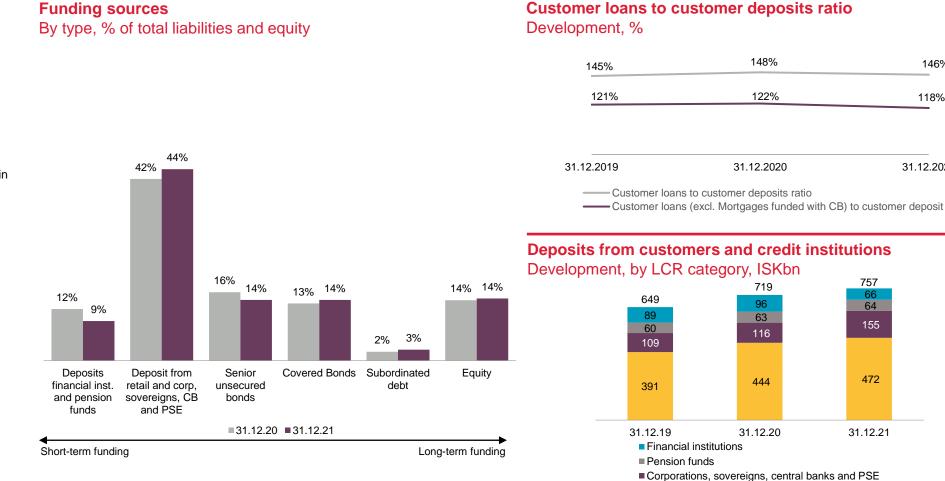
- Loans amounting to ISK 94bn are classified as performing with forbearance, but ISK 54bn have already begun regular payments or 58%
- Performing loans with forbearance that have not yet started regular payments are almost exclusively in the tourism industry
- According to current schedule, additional ISK 38bn should resume regular payments in the first quarter of this year
- Note that some customers might request further extension of moratoria when the current moratoria expires

Deposits are largest source of funding

Strong growth in retail deposits in 2021 provides a solid funding base

Highlights

- Term deposits are 18% of total deposits
- Deposit concentration is stable. 12% of the Bank's deposits belonged to the 10 largest depositors and 28% to the 100 largest depositors at YE21, compared to 16% and 31% respectively at YE20
- At YE21 76% of deposits were in non-indexed ISK, 12% CPIlinked and 12% in foreign currencies



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146%

118%

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757

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64

155

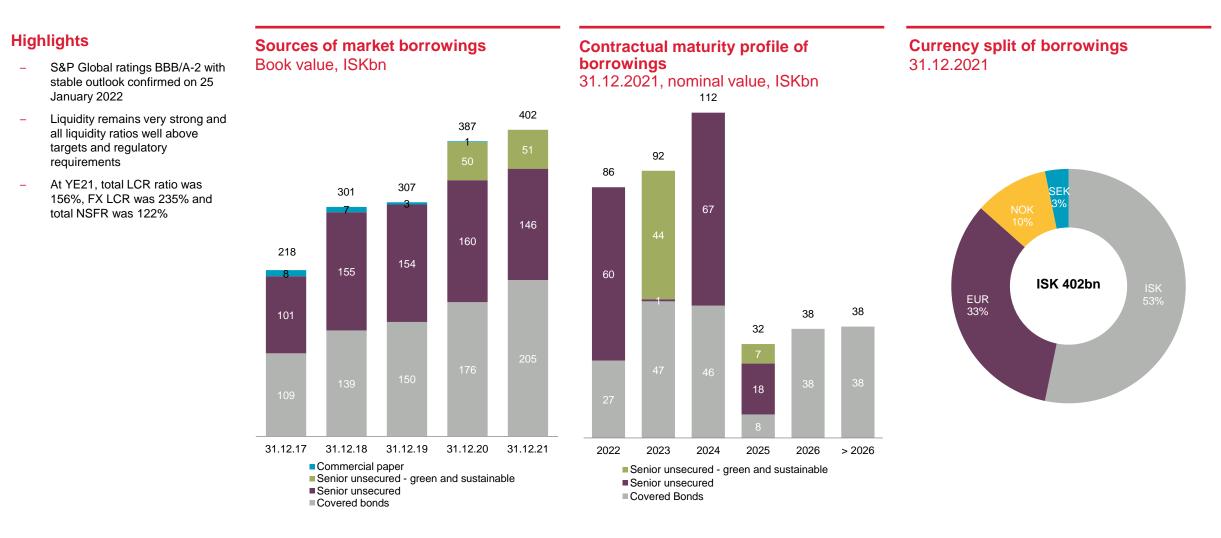
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Retail

Seasoned and diversified long-term funding programme

Majority of 2022 maturities already funded through recent €300m sustainable bond issuance



Capital ratios and leverage ratio

% of REA (% of total exposure for leverage ratio)

Strong capital position and dividend capacity

Opportunity to optimise capital composition and continue consistent delivery of ordinary dividend

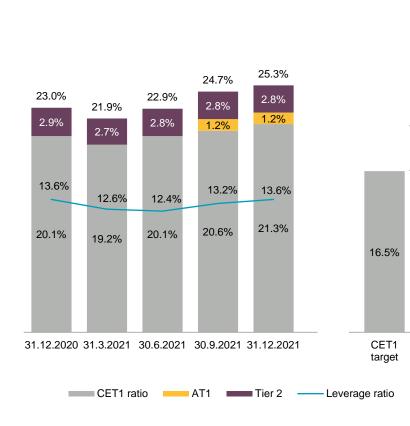
Capital in

excess of

~16.5% CET1 target¹

Highlights

- Current and long term expected total capital requirements of 17.8% and 19.0% respectively
- Additional AT1 issuance potential of ISK 6bn to optimise capital structure



Dividend and buyback of own shares

- ISK 11.9bn ordinary dividend to be proposed to AGM
 - In line with the dividend policy
- ~ISK 40bn of excess CET1 capital, post ordinary dividend
 - Optimised in the next 12-24 months
- **ISK 15bn buyback of own shares** in the coming months
 - Subject to AGM's and Central Bank's approval
 - Three buyback options to be considered:
 - Share buyback program
 - Tender offer

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- Block sale participation

1. Excess CET1 capital is based on CET1 ratios at YE 2021, where ordinary dividend in line with the Bank's dividend policy has been excluded in the ratio.

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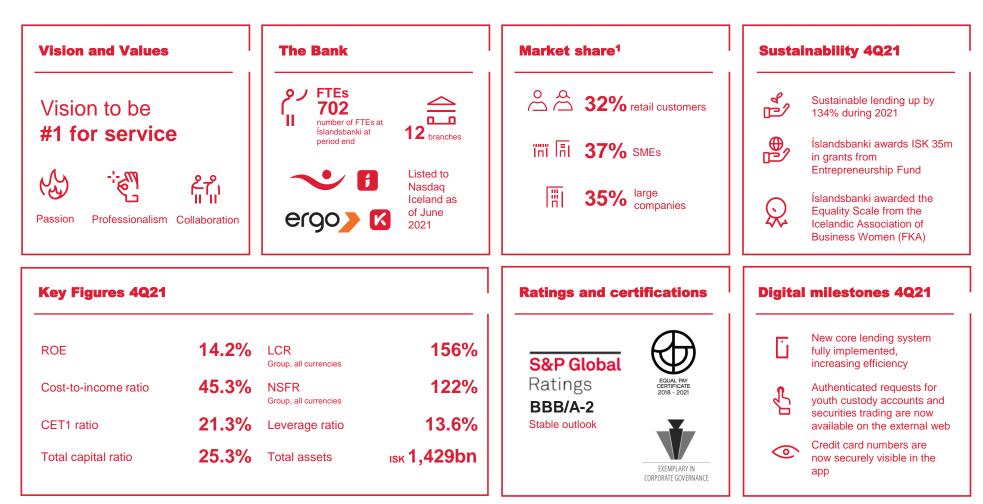
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5. Appendix I – About Íslandsbanki and additional financial information

This is Íslandsbanki

Moving Iceland forward by empowering our customers to succeed



1. Based on Gallup surveys regarding primary bank. 6 months rolling average for retail customers, December 2021 survey for SMEs and 2021 average for large companies.



Key figures & ratios

| | | 4Q21 | 4Q20 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PROFITABILITY | Profit for the period, ISKm | 7,092 | 3,525 | 23,725 | 6,755 | 8,454 |
| | Return on equity | 14.2% | 7.6% | 12.3% | 3.7% | 4.8% |
| | Net interest margin (of total assets) | 2.4% | 2.5% | 2.4% | 2.6% | 2.7% |
| | Cost-to-income ratio ¹ | 45.3% | 51.7% | 46.2% | 54.3% | 58.8% |
| | Cost of risk | (0.23%) | 0.73% | (0.28%) | 0.91% | 0.39% |
| | | 31.12.21 | 30.9.21 | 30.6.21 | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19 |
| BALANCE SHEET | Loans to customers, ISKm | 1,086,327 | 1,081,418 | 1,089,723 | 1,006,717 | 899,632 |
| | Total assets, ISKm | 1,428,821 | 1,456,372 | 1,446,860 | 1,344,191 | 1,199,490 |
| | Risk exposure amount, ISKm | 901,646 | 917,764 | 924,375 | 933,521 | 884,550 |
| | Deposits from customers, ISKm | 744,036 | 754,442 | 765,614 | 679,455 | 618,313 |
| | Customer loans to customer deposits ratio | 146% | 143% | 142% | 148% | 145% |
| | Non-performing loans (NPL) ratio ² | 2.0% | 2.0% | 2.1% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| LIQUIDITY | Net stable funding ratio (NSFR), for all currencies | 122% | 121% | 122% | 123% | 119% |
| | Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), for all currencies | 156% | 225% | 187% | 196% | 155% |
| CAPITAL | Total equity, ISKm | 203,710 | 197,381 | 190,355 | 186,204 | 180,062 |
| | CET 1 ratio | 21.3% | 20.6% | 20.1% | 20.1% | 22.4% |
| | Tier 1 ratio | 22.5% | 21.8% | 20.1% | 20.1% | 19.9% |
| | Total capital ratio | 25.3% | 24.7% | 22.9% | 23.0% | 22.4% |
| | Leverage ratio | 13.6% | 13.2% | 12.4% | 13.6% | 14.2% |

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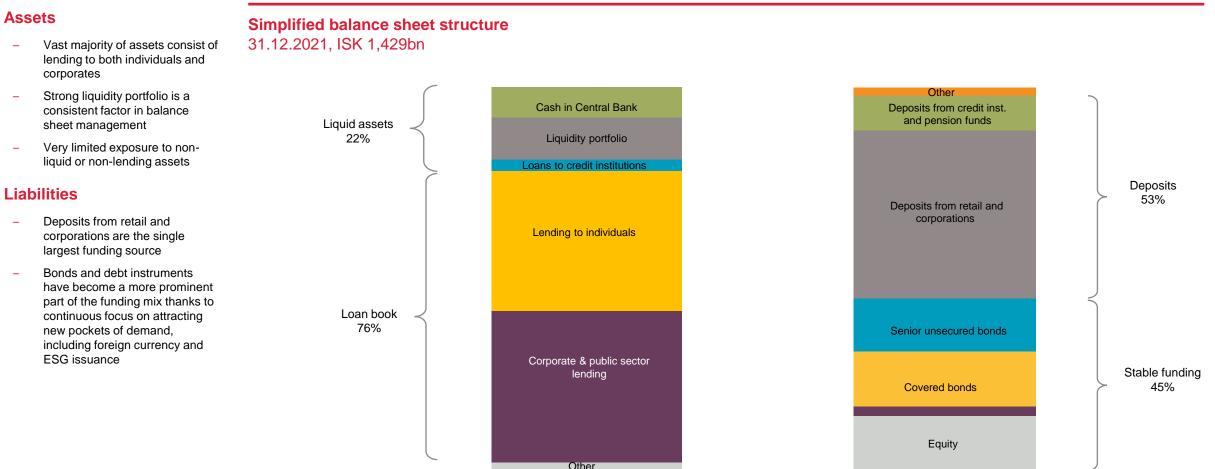
Income growth of 8.8% YoY as fee income still increases

Positive net impairment on back of improving economic environment

| Income statement, ISKm | 4Q21 | 4Q20 | Δ% | 3Q21 | Δ% | 2021 | 2020 | Δ% |
|---|---------|---------|-------|---------|--------|----------|----------|------|
| Net interest income | 8,644 | 8,258 | 5% | 8,792 | (2%) | 34,043 | 33,371 | 2% |
| Net fee and commission income | 3,653 | 2,865 | 28% | 3,427 | 7% | 12,849 | 10,525 | 22% |
| Net financial income (expense) | 646 | 783 | (17%) | 941 | (31%) | 2,499 | (1,391) | - |
| Net foreign exchange gain | 159 | 87 | 83% | 95 | 67% | 479 | 451 | 6% |
| Other operating income | 15 | 63 | (76%) | 82 | (82%) | 302 | 197 | 53% |
| Total operating income | 13,117 | 12,056 | 9% | 13,337 | (2%) | 50,172 | 43,153 | 16% |
| Salaries and related expenses | (3,276) | (3,381) | (3%) | (2,953) | 11% | (13,397) | (12,917) | 4% |
| Other operating expenses | (2,492) | (2,692) | (7%) | (2,135) | 17% | (9,799) | (9,829) | (0%) |
| Administrative expenses | (5,768) | (6,073) | (5%) | (5,088) | 13% | (23,196) | (22,746) | 2% |
| Contribution to the Depositor's and Investors' Guarantee Fund | (170) | (154) | 10% | (173) | (2%) | (688) | (679) | 1% |
| Bank tax | (389) | (414) | (6%) | (433) | (10%) | (1,683) | (1,588) | 6% |
| Total operating expenses | (6,327) | (6,641) | (5%) | (5,694) | 11% | (25,567) | (25,013) | 2% |
| Net impairment on financial assets | 639 | (1,829) | - | 1,757 | (64%) | 3,018 | (8,816) | - |
| Profit before tax | 7,429 | 3,586 | 107% | 9,400 | (21%) | 27,623 | 9,324 | 196% |
| Income tax expense | (1,416) | (234) | 505% | (1,898) | (25%) | (5,119) | (2,472) | 107% |
| Profit for the period from continuing operations | 6,013 | 3,352 | 79% | 7,502 | (20%) | 22,504 | 6,852 | 228% |
| Discontinued operations held for sale, net of income tax | 1,079 | 173 | 524% | 85 | 1,169% | 1,221 | (97) | - |
| Profit for the period | 7,092 | 3,525 | 101% | 7,587 | (7%) | 23,725 | 6,755 | 251% |
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| Key ratios | | | | | | | | |
| Net Interest Margin (NIM) | 2.4% | 2.5% | | 2.4% | | 2.4% | 2.6% | |
| Cost-to-income ratio (C/I) | 45.3% | 51.7% | | 39.4% | | 46.2% | 54.3% | |
| Return on Equity (ROE) | 14.2% | 7.6% | | 15.7% | | 12.3% | 3.7% | |
| Cost of risk (COR) | (0.23%) | 0.73% | | (0.64%) | | (0.28%) | 0.91% | |
| | | | | | | | | |

Balance sheet reflects balanced loan and funding profile

Broad product offering, strong liquidity portfolio and stable funding



Assets

Robust growth in total assets in 2021

Steady mortgage growth supported by an even stronger capital base

| Assets, ISKm | 31.12.21 | 30.9.21 | Δ | Δ% | 31.12.20 | Δ | Δ% |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Cash and balances with Central Bank | 113,667 | 110,233 | 3,434 | 3% | 78,948 | 34,719 | 44% |
| Loans to credit institutions | 43,988 | 81,117 | (37,129) | (46%) | 89,920 | (45,932) | (51%) |
| Bonds and debt instruments | 132,289 | 123,599 | 8,690 | 7% | 128,216 | 4,073 | 3% |
| Derivatives | 2,445 | 2,374 | 71 | 3% | 6,647 | (4,202) | (63%) |
| Loans to customers | 1,086,327 | 1,081,418 | 4,909 | 0% | 1,006,717 | 79,610 | 8% |
| Shares and equity instruments | 31,677 | 31,456 | 221 | 1% | 14,851 | 16,826 | 113% |
| Investment in associates | 939 | 952 | (13) | (1%) | 775 | 164 | 21% |
| Property and equipment | 7,010 | 7,082 | (72) | (1%) | 7,341 | (331) | (5%) |
| Intangible assets | 3,351 | 3,249 | 102 | 3% | 3,478 | (127) | (4%) |
| Other assets | 5,784 | 13,954 | (8,170) | (59%) | 4,125 | 1,659 | 40% |
| Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale | 1,344 | 938 | 406 | 43% | 3,173 | (1,829) | (58%) |
| Total Assets | 1,428,821 | 1,456,372 | -27,551 | (2%) | 1,344,191 | 84,630 | 6% |
| Key ratios | | | | | | | |
| Risk Exposure Amount (REA) | 901,646 | 917,764 | (16,118) | (2%) | 933,521 | (31,875) | (3%) |
| Non-performing loans (NPL) ratio ¹ | 2.0% | 2.0% | | | 2.9% | | |
| Asset encumbrance ratio | 19.6% | 18.9% | | | 18.7% | | |

Diversified funding base

Deposits are largest source of funding

| Liabilities & Equity, ISKm | 31.12.21 | 30.9.21 | Δ | Δ% | 31.12.20 | Δ | Δ% |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Deposits from Central Bank and credit institutions | 13,384 | 20,409 | (7,025) | (34%) | 39,758 | (26,374) | (66%) |
| Deposits from customers | 744,036 | 754,442 | (10,406) | (1%) | 679,455 | 64,581 | 10% |
| Derivative instruments and short positions | 9,467 | 10,869 | (1,402) | (13%) | 6,936 | 2,531 | 36% |
| Debt issued and other borrowed funds | 402,226 | 397,672 | 4,554 | 1% | 387,274 | 14,952 | 4% |
| Subordinated loans | 35,762 | 36,923 | (1,161) | (3%) | 27,194 | 8,568 | 32% |
| Tax liabilities | 6,432 | 6,256 | 176 | 3% | 5,450 | 982 | 18% |
| Other liabilities | 12,848 | 32,390 | (19,542) | (60%) | 11,893 | 955 | 8% |
| Non-current liabilities and disposal groups held for sale | 956 | 30 | 926 | 3,087% | 27 | 929 | 3,441% |
| Total Liabilities | 1,225,111 | 1,258,991 | (33,880) | (3%) | 1,157,987 | 67,124 | 6% |
| Total Equity | 203,710 | 197,381 | 6,329 | 3% | 186,204 | 17,506 | 9% |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | 1,428,821 | 1,456,372 | (27,551) | (2%) | 1,344,191 | 84,630 | 6% |
| Key ratios | | | | | | | |
| Customer loans to customer deposits ratio | 146% | 143% | | | 148% | | |
| REA/total assets | 63.1% | 63.0% | | | 69.4% | | |
| Net stable funding ratio (NSFR) | 122% | 121% | | | 123% | | |
| Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) | 156% | 225% | | | 196% | | |
| Total capital ratio | 25.3% | 24.7% | | | 23.0% | | |
| Tier 1 capital ratio | 22.5% | 21.8% | | | 20.1% | | |
| Leverage ratio | 13.6% | 13.2% | | | 13.6% | | |

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6. Appendix II – Icelandic economy update

-GDP

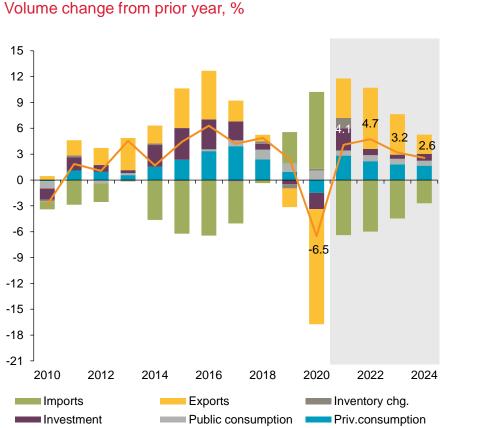
GDP and contribution of its subcomponents

Economic recovery likely to accelerate as pandemic recedes

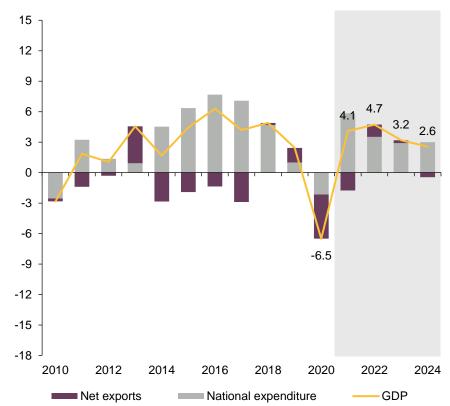
Exports replace domestic demand as the key catalyst of growth

Highlights

- After a deep contraction in 2020, the economic recovery took hold in Iceland in 2021. Year-2021 GDP growth is estimated at 4.1%
- Domestic demand gained considerable traction and, despite a modest current account deficit, exports also rebounded strongly.
- ISB Research forecasts GDP growth at 4.7% in 2022, the fastest growth rate since 2018.
- The surge is due mostly to robust growth in exports, mainly tourism and fishing. Private consumption also fuels GDP growth in 2022, while the share of investment will ease markedly relative to 2021.
- For 2023, 3.2% growth is projected, driven by exports and domestic demand in roughly equal measure.
- For 2024, the final year of the forecast horizon, GDP growth at 2.6% is forecast. By then, export growth will have started to ease significantly, and tighter economic policy and capacity constraints will slow the pace of domestic demand growth.



GDP, domestic demand, and external trade Volume change from prior year, %



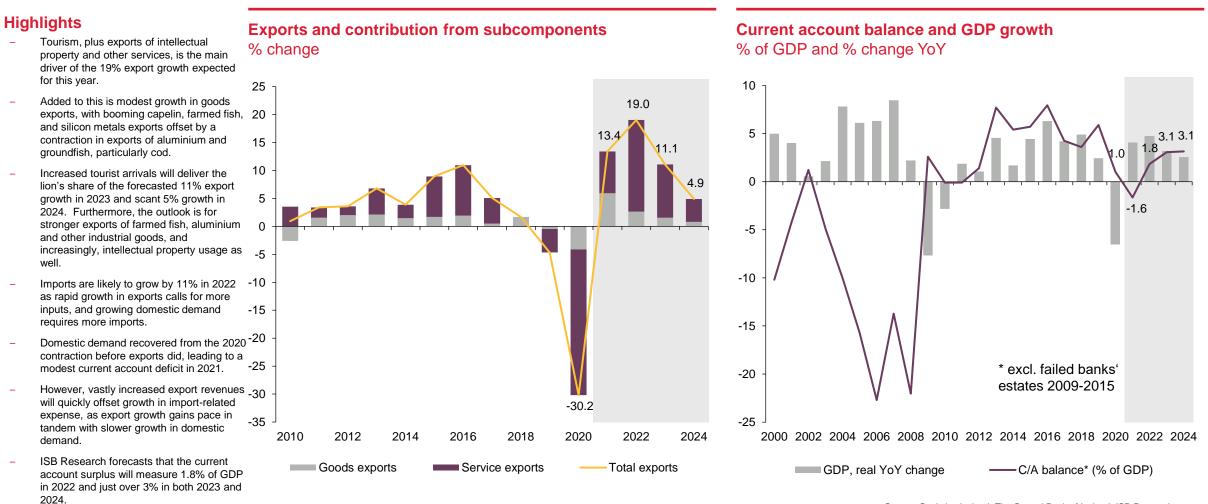
Tourism reloaded

1-1.2 million tourists are projected to visit Iceland in 2022, rising to 1.5 million in 2023

Highlights Number of foreign tourists, by year Nearly 700,000 tourists visited Iceland in Thousands 2021, an increase of nearly 45% relative to 2020 but still only a third of the 2019 2500 total. The short-term outlook for tourism has undeniably worsened with the rise of the Omicron variant in Iceland and elsewhere. Even so, appetite for travel is keen and many seem to view Iceland as 2000 a desirable destination. Recent survey data as well as booking trends reported by Icelandic travel companies give grounds for cautious optimism from the summer onwards. 1500 1.1-1.2 million tourist arrivals are expected this year. This would be close to 2015 numbers, albeit more than 40% less than in 2019. Tourist numbers are expected to rise to 1000 1.5 million in 2023 and 1.7 million in 2024. Even though the pandemic has upended tourism in the past two years, those who visited Iceland in 2021 generally stayed 500 longer and spent more than prepandemic travellers did. A continuation of this trend would provide a further boost for the sector. 0 2018 2020 2024 2010 2012 2014 2016 2022

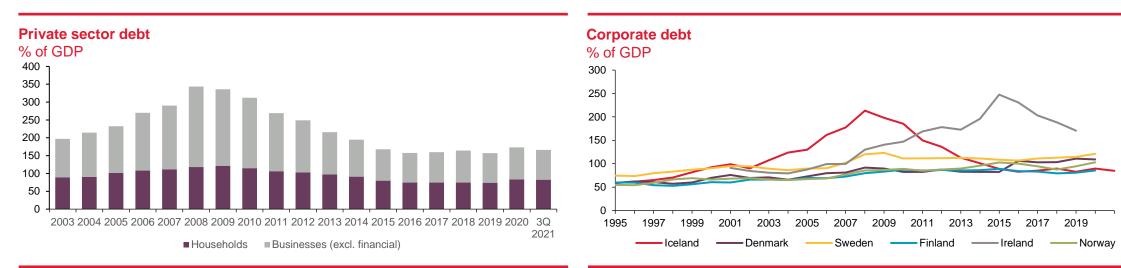
Current account surplus in the offing after a temporary deficit

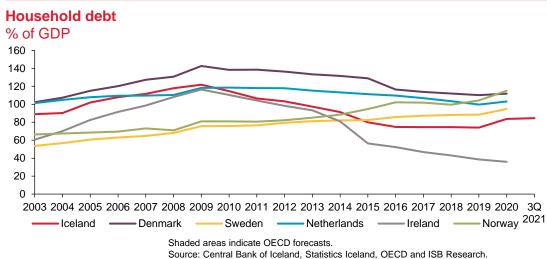
The recovery of tourism and growth in other exports explain the improvement in external trade



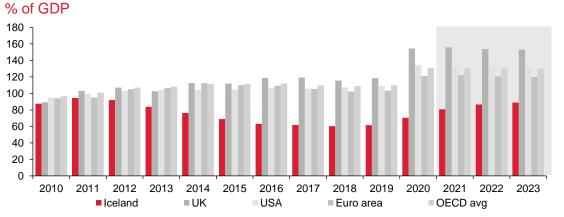
Domestic balance sheets still healthy despite COVID-19

Economy-wide leverage remains moderate in comparison with peers and historical levels





General government gross financial liabilities

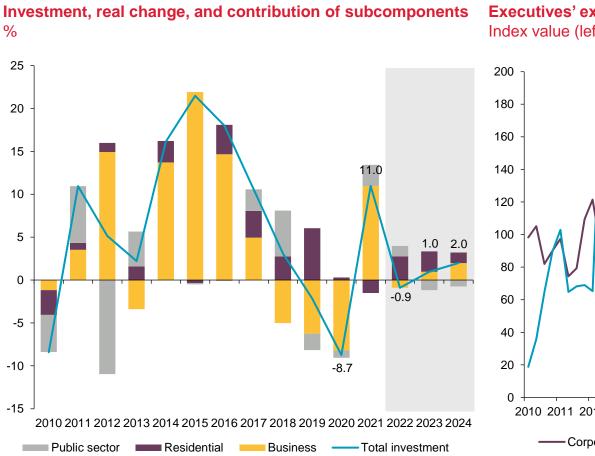


Moderate investment growth following a spike in 2021

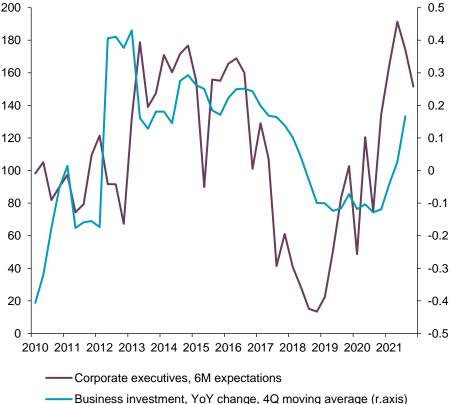
Residential investment to gain steam, while public investment will contract further ahead

Highlights

- After a two-year contraction, investment spiked in 2021, increasing by an estimated 12% which is the fastest growth rate in five years.
- The growth was fuelled in particular by nearly 20% growth in business investment just over 14% in public investment, whereas residential investment contracted.
- For 2022, the outlook is for residential investment to finally rebound after last year's contraction as flats in early stages of construction have increased markedly in number and demand for new homes is strong.
- Furthermore, public investment will gain momentum this year, although business investment looks set to contract slightly.
- In 2023, however, household and business investment will be the main driver of growth, and public investment will contract year-on-year.
- ISB Research forecasts that total investment will grow by 3.1% in 2022, 2% in 2023, and 3.5% in 2024. The investment level in the economy will therefore be relatively stable, and rather high in historical context.



Executives' expectations and business investment Index value (left) and % change year-on-year (right)



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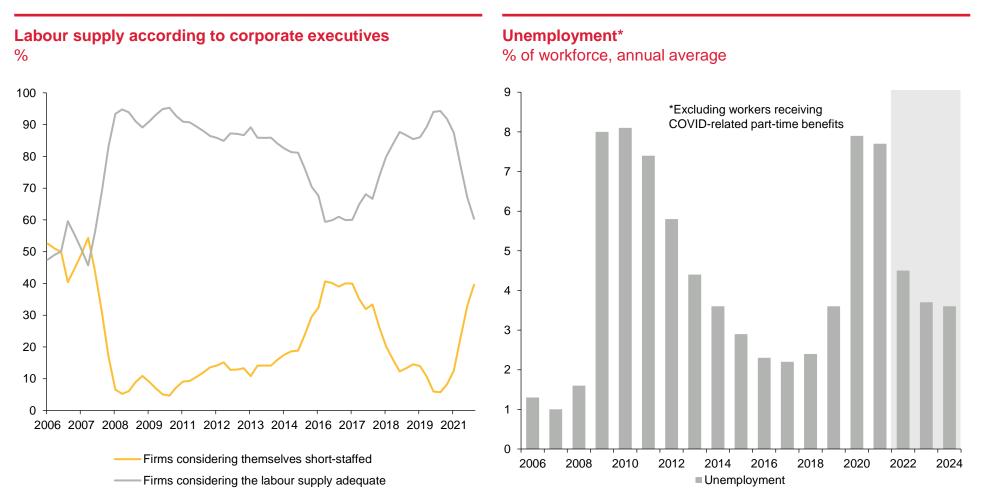
Source: Statistics Iceland, Gallup

Unemployment converging to a new equilibrium

The relatively swift economic recovery has caused a rapid decline in unemployment

Highlights

- Unemployment fell rapidly in 2021, from 11.6% of the labour force at the start of the year to 4.9% by yearend.
- The relatively swift economic recovery in 2021 has fostered job growth and the decline in unemployment is expected to continue in 2022, albeit more slowly than last year.
- ISB Research forecasts average year-2022 unemployment at 4.5%.
- According to a recent Gallup survey, nearly 40% of company executives consider themselves short-staffed.
- Construction and tourism companies in particular envision adding on staff in 1H 2022. As foreign workers have been prominent in these sectors, labour importation is likely to increase markedly this year.
- Unemployment seems likely to fall to a new equilibrium in the coming term, averaging 3.7% in 2023 and 3.6% in 2024. This is roughly the level seen in 2019.

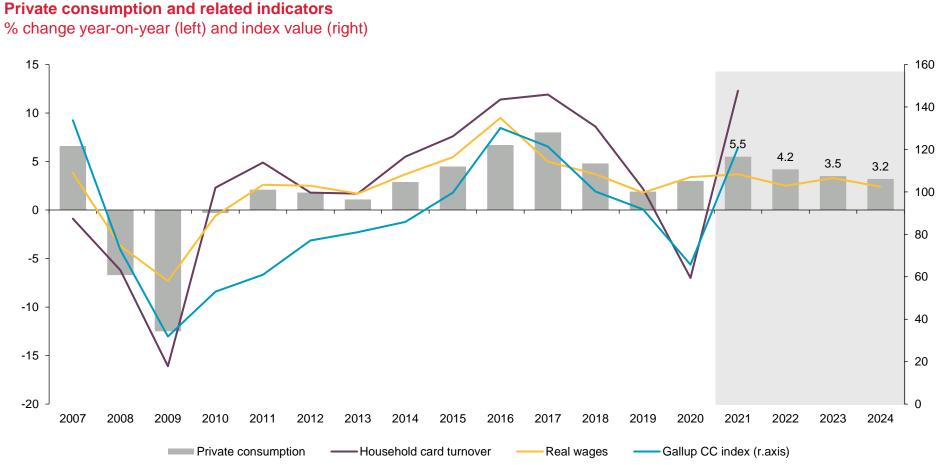


Further private consumption growth ahead after robust 2021

Household consumption supported by continued real wage growth and sound asset position

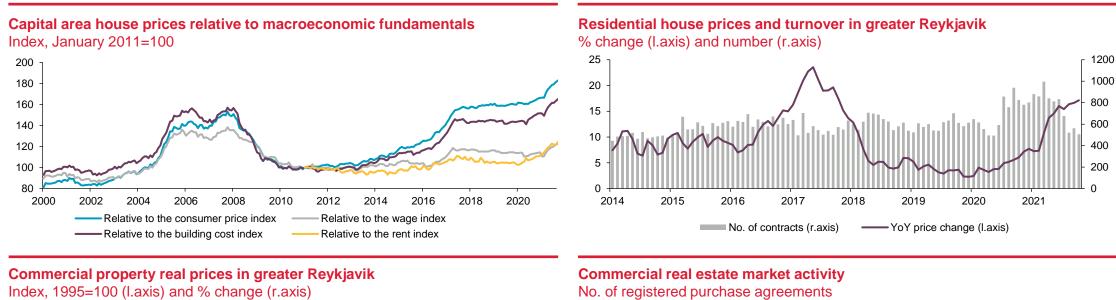
Highlights

- Following 3.0% contraction in 2020, domestic demand gained strongly in 2021. In the first nine months of the year, private consumption grew 5.4%, and many indicators imply a similar growth rate for 2021 as a whole.
- Relevant indicators, such as card turnover, real wage growth and the Gallup consumer confidence index, all suggest that robust growth is in the offing.
- Real wages grew by an average of 3.7% in 2021, despite high inflation
- Real wages are expected to keep rising in the near term, by 2.5% in 2022, 3.3% in 2023, and 2.4% in 2024.
- Private consumption is an important factor in Iceland's GDP growth, accounting for over 50% of GDP.
- ISB Research expects appetite for consumption to remain strong, and growth will continue over the forecast horizon, although the peace will ease gradually.
- Private consumption growth is forecast at 4.2% in 2022, 3.5% in 2023, and 3.2% in 2024.



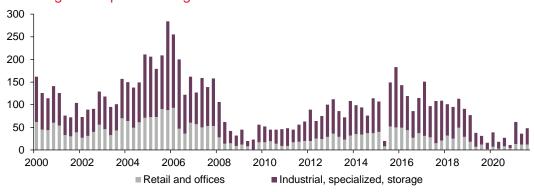
Real estate markets lively despite pandemic

Commercial property prices rising again while residential house price rises have gained steam





Source: The Central Bank of Iceland

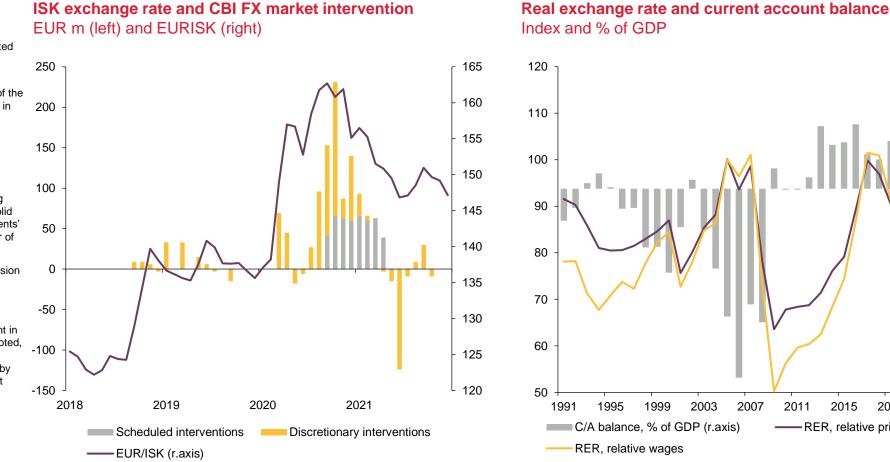


ISK set to appreciate further with growth in export revenues

The ISK has been stable recently, and the CBI has suspended intervention



- The ISK appreciated by nearly 3% in 2021, with all of the strengthening occurring in H1, while in H2 it fluctuated within a relatively narrow range.
- The CBI steadily scaled down its FX market intervention over the course of the year, and in Q4/2021 it hardly traded in the market at all.
- ISB Research expects the ISK to strengthen again, although the appreciation may well be delayed somewhat in the months to come.
- Improving C/A balance outlook, rising interest rates. Iceland's strong IIP. solid growth outlook and limited non-residents' securities holdings all weigh in favour of stronger ISK
- Increasing foreign investment by pension funds and possible CBI FX reserve purchases may weigh against ISK strengthening
- Although the high uncertainty inherent in exchange rate forecasts should be noted, the forecast assumes that the ISK exchange rate will be 8-9% stronger by the end of the forecast horizon than it was at the beginning of 2022.
- The real exchange rate in terms of relative consumer prices will then be similar to that in 2018.



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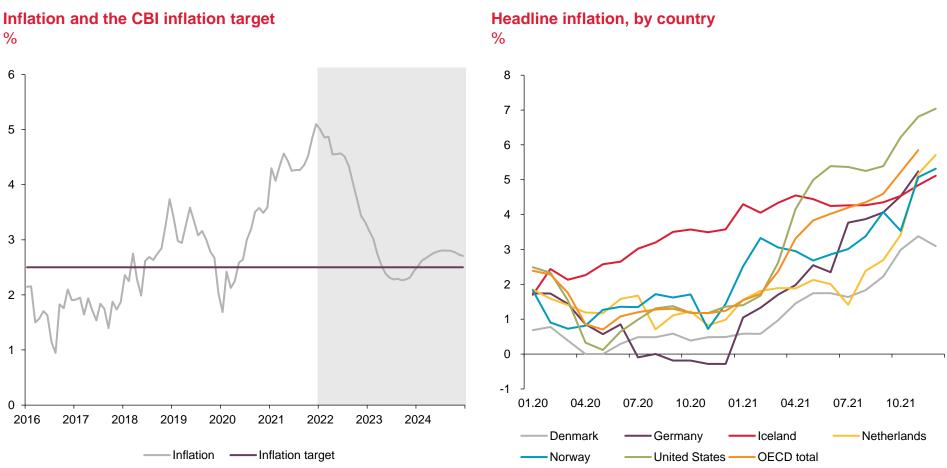
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Inflation to decrease gradually over 2022

Inflation likely to reach the target in H1/2023

Highlights

- 2021 was Iceland's biggest inflation year since 2012, with prices rising by an average of 4.4%. Inflation peaked at 5.1% in December.
- Strong domestic demand, which (among other things) pushed house prices upwards, played a major role.
 Furthermore, foreign prices have risen markedly and shipping costs have soared because of pandemic-induced supply-chain bottlenecks abroad.
- The rise in inflation is broadly in line with trends in most Western countries during the pandemic. In the OECD, for instance, inflation averaged 5.8% in November 2021.
- The outlook is for inflation to ease steadily in 2022, averaging 4.3% in the year as a whole. It will align with the CBI's 2.5% target in H1/2023, according to ISB Research's forecast. Inflation is expected to average 2.5% in 2023 and 2.7% in 2024.
- The forecast rests on assumptions of ISK appreciation, moderating house price inflation, and a relatively favourable outcome from upcoming wage negotiations in Q4, along with supplychain problems abating as 2022 progresses.

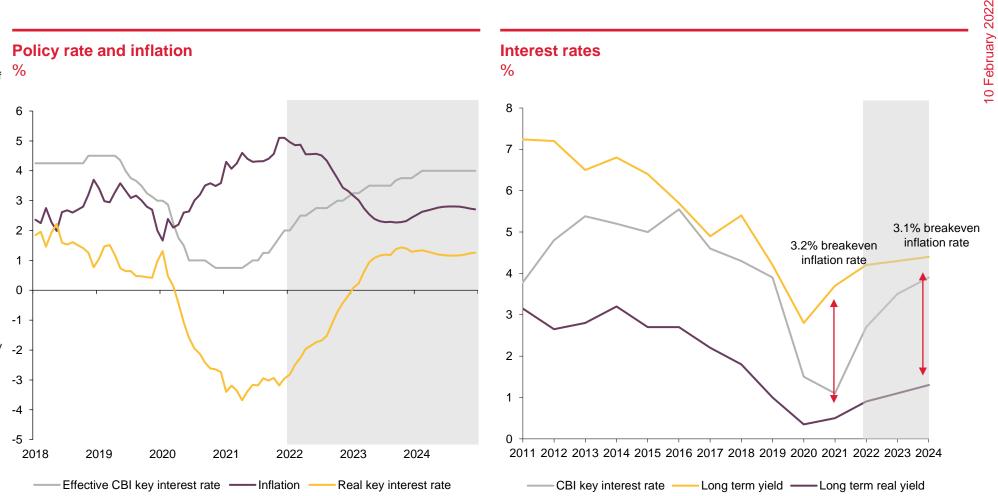


Policy rate to keep rising in the next two years

Long-term interest rates approaching equilibrium within the forecast horizon

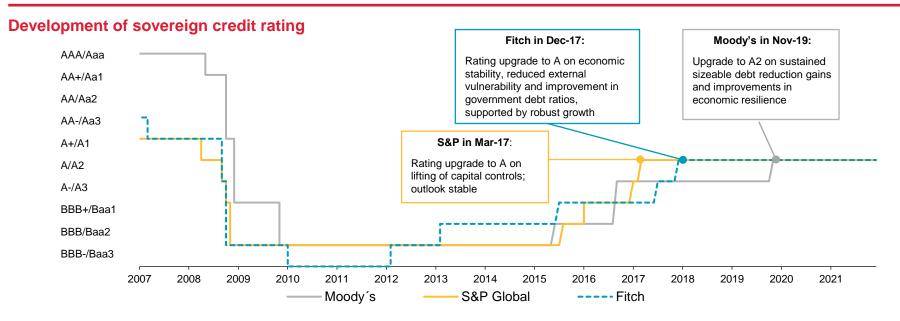
Highlights

- Reacting to deteriorating inflation outlook and recovering economy, Central Bank of Iceland started a rate hike process in May 2021, hiking rates a total of 1.25% by year-end.
- The policy rate is now 2.75%.
- ISB Research forecasts that the policy rate will keep rising, reaching 3.25% this year. A somewhat slower increase is expected thereafter.
- By the beginning of 2024, the policy rate is expected to be up to 4.0%, which is close to its estimated equilibrium level.
- Yield curves in the market suggest that a sizeable policy rate hike has already been priced into long-term rates.
- Long-term base rates are now 4.3%, and real rates are around 0.7%. Long-term -1 nominal interest rates have risen steeply in the past year, yet real rates are broadly unchanged despite some fluctuation.
- Assuming that the policy rate does not rise much above 4% during the forecast horizon, the rise in long-term rates is expected to be modest.
- By 2024, long-term benchmark yields are expected to be close to 4.5% for nominal rates and somewhere near 1.3% for the real rate.



Iceland's credit rating has remained at A

Setbacks in the tourist sector have not affected the sovereign ratings



MOODY'S IN AUGUST 2021

- "Iceland's credit strengths include the economy's flexibility, wealth, competitiveness and favourable demographics, all of which support its long-term growth prospects and help it to absorb shocks."
- "In our baseline scenario we expect the recovery to gather pace into next year, helped by the authorities' strong and swift policy action, high wealth buffers and stronger-thanexpected resilience of Iceland's other key industries.

FITCH IN SEPTEMBER 2021

- Rating affirmed at A with a negative outlook
- "Iceland's 'A' rating is driven by its very high income per capita, very strong governance, human development and doing business indicators that are more consistent with those of 'AAA' and 'AA' rated countries"
- "The Negative Outlook reflects the uncertainty around the path of the public finances following the Covid-19 shock, which has left the public debt ratio substantially higher than prepandemic, and at risk of rising further over the medium term."

S&P IN NOVEMBER 2021

- "The economic recovery has been stronger than S&P Global Ratings expected"
- "Despite risks to the tourism recovery, we believe the medium-term growth trajectory will be strong, and supported by a public investment program."
- "Iceland's stable institutional framework and effective policymaking also support the ratings."

Source: Moody's, S&P, Fitch Ratings and Central Bank of Iceland.



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