
Portfolio Manager comment Coeli Nordic Investment Grade February 2025

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Nordic Investment Grade (formerly Likviditetsstrategi) advanced by 0.28% during February. Since year-end, the NAV per share has consequently increased by 0.75%. The positive sentiment persisted during the month with good development for both corporate bonds and stocks in both the Nordics and the rest of Europe. On the other hand, US stock indices retreated, which have developed very strongly over the past two years, was negative, which is largely explained by weak development for the largest tech companies.

US long-term interest rates fell back during the month and are now trading about half a percentage point lower than their peak in January. Explanations for the decline can be found in statistics that showed lower growth in the fourth quarter than expected and prospects that reduced federal spending may lead to lower public borrowing.

At the beginning of the month, the Riksbank chose to lower its policy rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 2.25%. The decision was motivated by the fact that inflation is considered to be close to the target of two percent and that the economy remains weak. The Executive Board was unanimous on the decision to lower the interest rate, the minutes published following the decision revealed increasing differences in opinions about the need for further interest rate cuts. Following the Riksbank's announcement, statistics were published showing higher-than-expected Swedish growth in the fourth quarter and inflation in January that was above forecast. The statistics gave a much-needed boost to the Swedish krona, which strengthened against most other currencies at the same time as Swedish long-term interest rates rose.

The US administration continued its path with a strident communication on both security and trade policy, which came to overshadow most of the news flow. The US's rapid movement in the security policy area was a rude awakening for European politicians who are now forced to realize that it is no longer possible to rely on the transatlantic axis and that major investments in their own defence capabilities are now required immediately.

The largest contributor to the month's result was the real estate company Balder, which released its annual report during the month, which contained information about stable margins and a continued low vacancy rate. Balder was active during the fourth quarter and carried out a couple of major acquisitions that were partly financed by a share issue. Other property companies in the portfolio also performed well, with Castellum among them being supported by being assigned a BBB credit rating with a stable outlook from S&P.

Bonds from insurance companies continued to perform well with solid contributions from Protector and SiriusPoint. Protector reported a result that was clearly above market expectations as a result of low losses and good cost control. SiriusPoint also reported strong underlying profitability and good growth in premium income.

Rising Swedish long-term market interest rates put some pressure on the prices of covered bonds.

During the month, the fund participated in new issues from Storebrand Livforsikring, Protector and Grønt. The holdings of bonds from Tryg and Catena were sold. In addition, the holdings of short dated covered bonds were exchanged for bonds with longer time to maturity. The changes contributed to maintaining the fund's yield and extending the average maturity slightly.

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