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Return Report



HP Engros Short Term Danish Bonds Monthly reporting

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June 2026

June was marked by the following key developments:

- A peace agreement between Iran and the US sent oil prices sharply lower and fueled a rally across financial markets.
- The ECB raised rates amid a cooling economy and now looks like the one who arrived late to the party.
- Callable bonds clearly won out in June, following the peace agreement and lower rate volatility.
- The krone was historically weak, briefly trading at levels not seen since 2000.
- Denmark's National bank intervened for the first time in three years – an independent rate hike is unlikely to be on the horizon.

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The table below shows returns for HP Funds during the reported period. Click on the fund name for more information at hpfonds.dk.

LISTED FUNDS

Subfund	MTD	Excess return	YTD	Excess return
HP Invest Short Term Danish Mortgage Bonds	0.43%	0.06%	1.10%	0.41%
HP Invest Long Term Danish Bonds Accumulating	0.83%	-0.08%	1.72%	-0.00%
HP Invest Long Term Danish Bonds	0.86%	-0.05%	2.02%	0.30%
HP Invest Green Bonds	0.47%	0.03%	1.68%	0.26%

UNLISTED FUNDS

Subfund	MTD	Excess return	YTD	Excess return
HP Engros Short Term Danish Bonds	0.43%	0.06%	1.42%	0.73%
HP Invest Short Term Danish Bonds	0.54%	0.17%	1.78%	1.08%
HP Invest Long Term Danish Mortgage Bonds	0.88%	-0.03%	1.78%	0.06%
HP Hedge Danish Bonds	2.50%	-	7.48%	-
HP Hedge Fixed Income	1.66%	-	7.14%	-

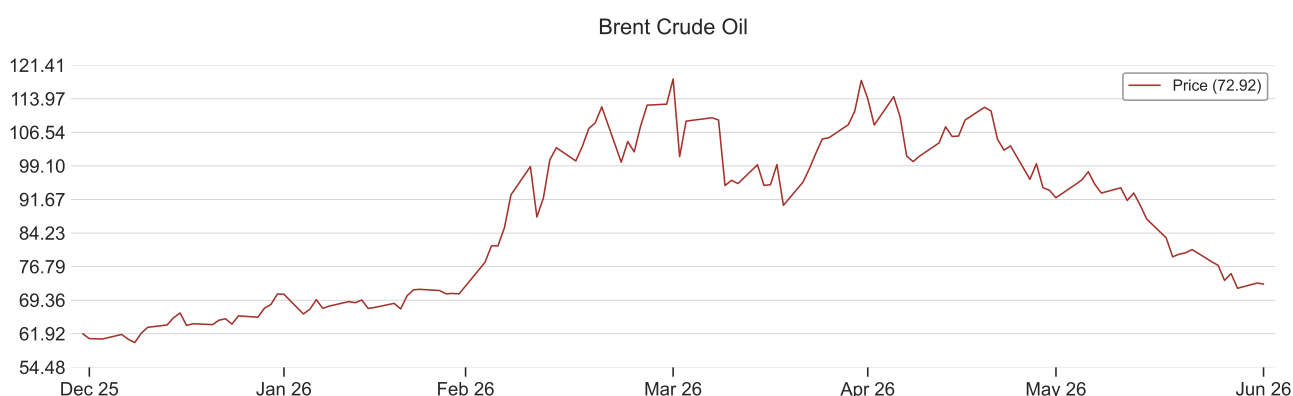
Returns are calculated after fees.

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Macro

From the moment the US and Iran signed a preliminary peace agreement in Geneva on 17 June, the world began to breathe again. After more than 100 days of war, closed straits, and an energy shock that left its mark on everything from inflation figures to central bank meetings, June marked the turning point. But as any seasoned market participant knows, peace on paper and peace in practice are two different things.



Kilde: Bloomberg

Brent crude fell to its lowest level since the days before the outbreak of the conflict – only around 7% above the pre-conflict level – a remarkable correction after trading more than 50% higher at the peak of the conflict. The agreement provides for the Strait of Hormuz to reopen duty-free for 60 days, while the US lifts its naval blockade of Iranian ports and negotiations begin on Iran's nuclear program. The market has embraced the news with open arms – perhaps a little too open. Analysts warn that the oil price decline is purely sentiment-driven, and that the market is pricing in the best-case scenario without sufficiently accounting for potential complications in implementation. Iran continues to insist on sovereignty over the strait and much remains unresolved once the 60-day window expires.

On June 11th, the ECB raised its three key interest rates by 25 basis points, taking the deposit rate to 2.25%. The rationale was largely psychological: the ECB was determined to avoid repeating the mistake of 2022, when it sat on its hands for too long while inflation accelerated. But the comparison appears to be a stretch. Back then, the underlying conditions were fundamentally different – pent-up consumer demand following the Covid lockdowns, extremely loose fiscal policy in the form of massive support packages, and a labor market in full expansion. Today the picture is more mixed: defense investment and infrastructure programs are adding demand from above, but the European consumer is suffering under energy-driven price pressure, and the labor market is showing the first signs of weakness. This is a supply shock – not an overheating economy.

That makes the ECB's move more questionable in hindsight. The sharp drop in oil prices following the peace agreement is now pulling inflation back down, and the rate hike that seemed all but inevitable just a few weeks ago looks today more like a panic move than a well-calculated policy decision. The market currently has one further rate hike priced in for the remainder of 2026, but whether it materializes at all is, in our view, doubtful at best.

On the same day the peace agreement was signed in Geneva, the Federal Reserve held rates unchanged at 3.50-3.75% under Kevin Warsh's first meeting as chair. The decision itself was expected. What surprised markets was the tone and

format. The FOMC statement ran to just 130 words, down from 341 at the April meeting – a deliberate signal from Warsh that the Fed has communicated too much and steered too little. The dot plot told a more hawkish story: the median year-end rate projection rose to 3.8%, and 9 of 18 members now see at least one further rate hike before year-end. Notably, Warsh chose not to submit his own projection and announced five task forces to review the Fed's communication, data inputs, and monetary policy operations. A new era at the Fed has begun, but whether it brings easing or tightening remains an open question.

Peace immediately left its mark on risk appetite. Equity indices rose sharply in the second half of the month, driven primarily by energy price optimism and relief over the conflict's resolution. The S&P 500 gained 1.75% and the Nasdaq 2.54% on the day Trump called off the planned strikes and signaled an imminent peace deal. Credit spreads tightened correspondingly, and June ended as one of the strongest months of the year for risk assets, despite the ongoing monetary policy uncertainty. Bond markets reacted more cautiously: falling oil prices give the ECB and the Fed more room to maneuver, but persistent core inflation is keeping long-end yields from falling too quickly.

June 2026 will be remembered as the month the acute crisis phase ended – but the structural aftereffects of four months of energy shock, inflationary pressure, and monetary tightening have yet to be fully digested.

Date	DKK SWAP 2Y	DKK SWAP 5Y	DKK SWAP 10Y	DKK SWAP 30Y	DKK SWAP 10Y-2Y
31-12-2025	2.39	2.76	3.12	3.43	0.73
30-01-2026	2.33	2.68	3.04	3.33	0.71
27-02-2026	2.29	2.55	2.89	3.18	0.60
31-03-2026	2.95	3.07	3.26	3.30	0.31
30-04-2026	2.96	3.07	3.27	3.34	0.30
29-05-2026	2.84	2.95	3.17	3.33	0.33
30-06-2026	2.81	2.91	3.09	3.25	0.29

Date	EUR SWAP 2Y	EUR SWAP 5Y	EUR SWAP 10Y	EUR SWAP 30Y	EUR SWAP 10Y-2Y
31-12-2025	2.17	2.57	2.93	3.25	0.76
30-01-2026	2.13	2.51	2.87	3.17	0.74
27-02-2026	2.07	2.36	2.69	2.99	0.62
31-03-2026	2.73	2.89	3.08	3.12	0.35
30-04-2026	2.75	2.89	3.08	3.16	0.33
29-05-2026	2.64	2.80	3.00	3.16	0.36
30-06-2026	2.60	2.73	2.91	3.07	0.31

Source: Nordea Analytics

Bond market

June has been shaped by the peace agreement, and the geopolitical turmoil that dominated markets through the spring has for now subsided. This is clearly reflected in the pricing of callable mortgage bonds, where the 4% 2056 on-the-run has performed by around 5 OAS points over the month. By comparison, adjustable-rate bonds have traded broadly unchanged on spread. The difference reflects that callable bonds are exposed to declines in implied rate volatility – which the receding turmoil has driven – while the pricing of adjustable-rate bonds is less influenced by that factor.

	1 year	2 year	3 year	5 year	7 year
DK Mortgage CM		0.70	0.86	1.43	
DK Mortgage Callable CM			1.28	1.82	2.17
DK Mortgage Non-Callable CM	0.82		0.90		
DK Government CM		0.38	0.49	0.89	1.24

Kilde: Nordea Analytics

Callable bonds have therefore performed well in June, both in absolute terms and relative to government and adjustable-rate bonds, driven by the combination of falling volatility and the tightening we have seen in 4% 2056, which is now trading at more or less unchanged spread relative to the start of the year.

The krone has traded markedly weak against the euro throughout June, with EURDKK at times moving through levels not seen during Denmark's National bank's "opening hours" since the turn of the millennium. For the first time in more than three years, Denmark's National bank has now intervened in the currency market, buying kroner totaling DKK 700 million in June. The amount is modest in this context, and if anything underscores that the pressure for a weaker krone has been relatively limited in practice. It is also notable that intervention did not occur earlier, given how weak the krone has traded.

One possible explanation is that Denmark's National bank has this time had a broader rationale to lean on than simply the current exchange rate. Denmark has a strong economy with a substantial current account surplus relative to the rest of the eurozone, which in isolation makes a weaker krone easier to accept as temporary. Seen in that light, the extended period without intervention may reflect an assessment that the pressure is transitory, rather than an actual shift in the approach to the fixed exchange rate policy. The fact that intervention has nonetheless occurred now can equally be viewed as a signal to the market as it can be a genuine defensive action.

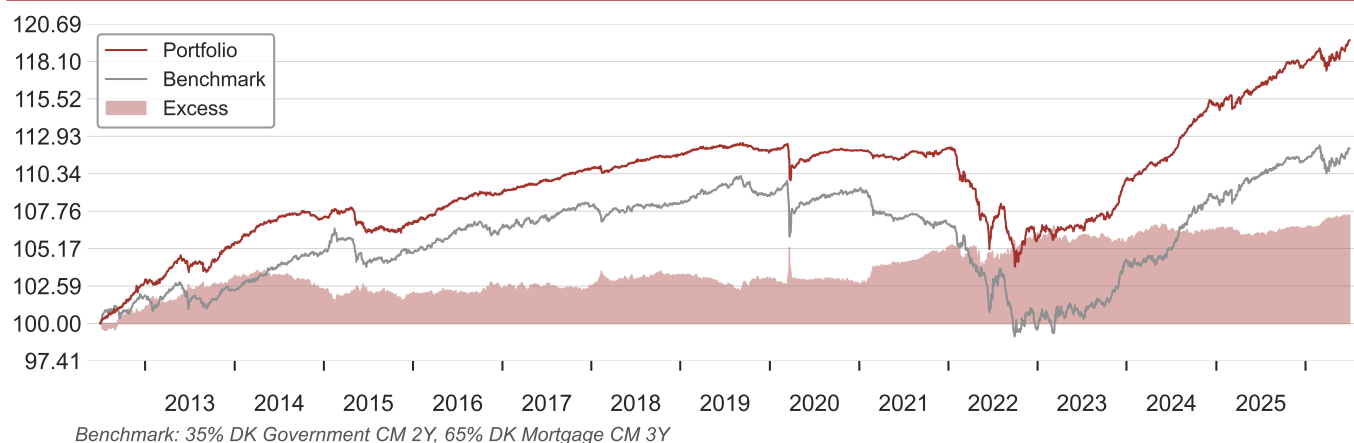
The intervention brings Denmark, in isolation, a step closer to an independent rate hike, but given the modest amount involved, this remains not our base case as necessary. Even if it were to happen, we do not believe it would have a significant effect on the bond market itself. The reason is that around 10 bp is already priced into the short end of the curve, and a hike of that magnitude would therefore largely confirm current market pricing rather than trigger a significant rate reaction.

We enter the second half of the year with a majority of positive factors for the Danish bond market. We believe the ECB has delivered its last rate hike of this cycle, which should support a normal rate structure and contribute to borrowers continuing to favor short-term financing. This would mean that net issuance in the mortgage market remains limited

for the rest of the year, which is supportive for spread development in isolation – particularly in the callable segments, where limited supply has historically provided good carry.

This must, however, be weighed against the risk of renewed turmoil in financial markets. Should a new wave of risk aversion emerge – whether geopolitically or macroeconomically driven – it could push credit spreads wider across markets, and Danish mortgage bonds would not be immune to that development. Our base case remains a relatively stable rate and spread environment heading into H2, but with a clear awareness that this positive narrative rests on an assumption of continued calm in financial markets.

Summary



Time-weighted return	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Portfolio	0.46%	0.47%	-0.95%	0.22%	0.78%	0.43%
Benchmark	0.43%	0.45%	-1.44%	0.27%	0.62%	0.37%
Excess return	0.03%	0.02%	0.49%	-0.04%	0.16%	0.06%

Return	Portfolio	Benchmark	Excess return
Year-to-date return	1.42%	0.69%	0.73%
Quarter-to-date return	1.44%	1.27%	0.18%
Accumulated return	19.59%	12.10%	7.49%
Annualised return	1.29%	0.82%	0.47%
Rolling 1-year annualised return	2.70%	1.68%	1.02%
Rolling 3-year annualised return	3.91%	3.69%	0.22%
Rolling 5-year annualised return	1.41%	0.88%	0.53%

Fund information

12-month holding period return	2.84%
NAV	1,195.89
ISIN	DK0061553245
Exchange Status	Unlisted
Distribution Policy	Accumulating
Inception date	26-06-2012

Investors are encouraged to seek individual advice regarding their own investment-related matters, and HP Fonds wishes to note that past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. The expected returns are based on the moderate return scenario for the indicated investment periods, as set out in the PRIIP documents.

Stress Test

Main Event	Period	Duration	P&L	Benchmark	Difference	Comments
Lehman Brothers 2008	15-09-2008 - 19-09-2008	5 d	-0.85%	-0.72%	-0.13%	Kredit- og fundingmarkeder stress
Global panic-selloff	06-10-2008 - 10-10-2008	5 d	-1.97%	-1.55%	-0.42%	S&P 500 -18 % VIX > 80 Bund-rente fald > 40 bp
Flash Crash	06-05-2010 - 06-05-2010	1 d	0.10%	0.06%	0.04%	Aktier -9 % intradag
US debt downgrade (S&P)	08-08-2011 - 11-08-2011	4 d	0.42%	0.21%	0.21%	Aktier ned ca. 15 % Bunds stærkt købte
"Black Monday"	24-08-2015 - 25-08-2015	2 d	-0.28%	-0.15%	-0.13%	Globalt risk-off EM spreads udvidet > 50 bp
US-election (Trump)	09-11-2016 - 11-11-2016	3 d	-0.41%	-0.23%	-0.18%	Lange renter op ca. 30 bp; reflations-trade
VIX-ETN collapse	05-02-2018 - 09-02-2018	5 d	-0.51%	-0.21%	-0.29%	Aktier -10 % VIX > 50 credit +20 bp
Global Covid margin call	09-03-2020 - 12-03-2020	4 d	-0.03%	-0.18%	0.15%	Likviditetsstress
Fed/ECB interventions	13-03-2020 - 18-03-2020	6 d	-1.83%	-0.85%	-0.98%	Bund +50 bp -> -50 bp swing markedsstabilisering
Ukraine invasion	24-02-2022 - 28-02-2022	5 d	0.18%	0.18%	0.01%	Risk-off olie/gas spike kredit +40 bp
Fed 75 bp hike	13-06-2022 - 15-06-2022	3 d	-0.89%	-0.33%	-0.56%	Lange renter +40-60 bp globalt
UK gilt/LDI-crisis	23-09-2022 - 28-09-2022	6 d	-0.71%	-0.45%	-0.25%	30Y GBP-rente +120 bp; bredt rentechok
SVB + Credit Suisse stress	10-03-2023 - 13-03-2023	4 d	0.52%	0.65%	-0.13%	Kreditspreads +70 bp Bund -35 bp
Yields & Spreads: +50bp	Fiktivt stress	1 d	-3.93%	-2.68%	-1.25%	Equities -20%, Impl. vol: +25bp
Spreads: +50bp	Fiktivt stress	1 d	-2.62%	-1.37%	-1.24%	Equities -20%, Impl. vol: +25bp
Spreads: +50bp	Fiktivt stress	1 d	-2.05%	-1.08%	-0.97%	Equities -20%

Sustainability Report

This report shows the sustainability impact of the portfolio. Unlike conventional ESG reports based on data from the issuing banks, this report is based on data from the specific mortgage cover pools backing the bonds – a more accurate picture of the underlying assets' real climate and social impact. Data is from 2025Q4.

