

Note 16 - Financial instruments and offsetting

The Bank has no financial instruments booked on a net basis in the financial statements.

SpareBank 1 SMN has two sets of agreements which regulate counterparty risk and netting of derivatives. For retail and corporate customers, use is made of framework agreements requiring provision of collateral. For customers engaged in trading activity, only cash deposits are accepted as collateral. The agreements are unilateral, i.e. it is only the customers that provide collateral. Regarding financial institutions, the Bank enters into standardised and mainly bilateral ISDA agreements. Additionally the Bank has entered into supplementary agreements on provision of collateral (CSA) with the most central counterparties. As of 31. March 2016 the Bank has 27 active CSA agreements. The Bank only enters into agreements with cash as collateral. The Bank has delegated responsibility for handling these agreements to SEB Prime Collateral Services which handles margin requirements on behalf of the Bank.

SpareBank 1 SMN was registered as a GCM member of NASDAQ OMX Clearing AB in October 2015. The bank has since December 2015 offered customers clearing representation related to their trade in electricity and salmon derivatives on NASDAQ OMX Oslo ASA and Fish Pool ASA. Clearing representation entails that the bank substitutes itself in the place of the client as counterparty to NASDAQ OMX Clearing AB and takes on the obligation to NASDAQ to furnish margin collateral and to execute settlement of contracts and pay charges. For the bank's exposure as a GCM, clients will furnish collateral in the form of a deposit of cash and/or encumbrance of assets.

In the case of securities and derivatives that are traded on the Oslo Stock Exchange, the subsidiary SpareBank 1 Markets DNB ASA is used as clearing agent vis-a-vis Oslo Clearing. Any margin collateral is paid to a DNB account. DNB operates as agent between SpareBank 1 Markets and Oslo Clearing. Hence Oslo Clearing is SpareBank 1 Markets' counterparty.

The table shows what the Parent Bank and the Group can offset in the event of bankruptcy or default.

Parent Bank

Period	Type of financial instrument	Amounts which can only be netted upon bankruptcy or default (NOKm)
31 Mar 2016	Derivatives	1.634
31 Mar 2015	Derivatives	1.407
31 Dec 2015	Derivatives	2.149

Group

Period	Type of financial instrument	Amounts which can only be netted upon bankruptcy or default (NOKm)
31 Mar 2016	Derivatives	1.612
31 Mar 2015	Derivatives	1.407
31 Dec 2015	Derivatives	2.120