

Nordic Financial Pulse: Inflation Surges, Rate Hikes Loom, and Fintech Disruption

Nordic Finance · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In March 2026, Sweden's annual inflation rate rose to 0.6%, a five-month high. What was the primary driver of this increase?

- A) A surge in fuel prices.**
- B) Rising costs in the restaurant and accommodation sector.
- C) Increased prices for education services.
- D) Higher costs for furnishings and household equipment.

2. The Norges Bank (Norway's central bank) kept its policy rate at 4% in March 2026 but revised its forecast upward. What is the projected policy rate by the end of 2026?

- A) 4.00-4.25%
- B) 4.25-4.50%**
- C) 4.50-4.75%
- D) 4.75-5.00%

3. Barclays recently revised ratings for Nordic banks. Which Norwegian bank was upgraded to 'overweight' with a price target of NOK 339?

- A) Nordea
- B) SEB
- C) DNB**
- D) Handelsbanken

4. The Icelandic Stock Market (ICEX) saw a decline on April 24, 2026. What was the point value of the index on that day?

- A) 2081**
- B) 2043
- C) 1880
- D) 8238

5. A recent report highlights the growing influence of fintech on Nordic M&A activity in 2026. Which company, a digital bank and fintech disruptor, opened a new office in Stockholm in December and plans a full-service branch in Copenhagen in 2027?

- A) Klarna
- B) Lunar
- C) Revolut**
- D) Danske Bank

6. In March 2026, Sweden's annual inflation rate, as measured by the CPIF (Consumer Price Index with fixed interest rate), increased to what level, up from February?

A) 0.5%

B) 1.6%

C) 3.0%

D) 3.2%

7. As of April 24, 2026, what was the approximate exchange rate of the Swedish Krona to the US Dollar, according to Barchart.com?

A) 0.108396

B) 0.11444

C) 0.10146

D) 0.10432

8. According to the European Commission's November 2025 forecast for Denmark, what is the projected inflation rate for 2026?

A) 1.9%

B) 1.0%

C) 1.8%

D) 2.0%