

Cash Management Services in Sweden



Danske Bank's Stockholm Branch was set up in 1995 in replacement of the previous representative office. In March 1997, Danske Bank acquired Östgöta Enskilda Bank.

Danske Bank Sweden has four regions with n 49 branches and four finance centres throughout Sweden, through which we offer a full range of products to small, medium-sized and large businesses.

Danske Bank provides pan-Nordic cash management services based on a central IT platform in Copenhagen.

Currency:	SEK
Time zone:	GMT + 1
Central bank:	Riksbanken
SWIFT BIC	DABASESX

Danske Bank ratings:	Moody's	S&P
Short-term:	P-1	A-1
Long-term:	A2	A

Clearing and local market conditions

Foreign exchange regulations

None in force; distinction between residents and non-residents for central bank reporting purposes.

Clearings systems

Riksbanken (Central bank of Sweden) has the responsibility to supervise and assess the clearing systems against the various applicable international standards.

There are two main payment settlement systems in Sweden:

- RIX (RTGS-system): High value clearing for urgent, same day value domestic payments in SEK and same type cross-border EUR payments.
- “Bankgirocentralen” (BGC) operates the low value clearing called Bankgirot; which is based on bank-giro numbers (unique identifiers of bank accounts). The clearing handles credit transfers, giro payments, direct debits, cheques and card payments.

Clearing formats

Local BGC formats; for further information, visit www.bgc.se.

Payment instruments

- Credit transfers are the dominant means of payment, based on a transfer form or directly by using the bankgiro number
- Cheques; Have a diminishing role as means of payment in Sweden. Their volume usage is currently negligible.
- Direct debits: Usage continues to increase, there is two different methods for business to business (bankgiro number acquired) and business to consumer transactions. Registration of creditor and debtor data at BCG.

Cards

The use of cards in Sweden have increased during the past years, leading to a decrease in the use of cash as mean of payment for purchases. Credit cards are widely accepted, but Debit Cards have gained the most in importance.

Electronic banking

Electronic banking services are highly developed and increasingly popular. In recent years almost all sorts of banking services suited for electronic processing have been migrated to the internet.

Local foreign currency payments

No restrictions, settlement abroad.

Foreign payments

No restrictions. Transactions exceeding SEK 150,000 must be reported to “Riksskatteverket” (public tax-authorities) for residents and non-residents.

Taxation

The corporate tax rate is 26.3%. Swedish companies and Swedish branches of foreign companies (permanent establishments) are subject to the same tax rules. VAT is 25% on the price charged (exclusive of VAT) and is chargeable on the sale of most goods and services. Reduced rates apply to certain goods and services. For further details, please consult a local tax advisor or auditor.

Cash Management, Products and services of Danske Bank Sweden

Accounts

Resident and non-resident accounts in local and foreign currency. Account opening forms in Swedish and English.

Domestic payments

Danske Bank has direct access to the Swedish clearing systems.

Foreign payments

No restrictions.

Liquidity management

Danske Bank offers several flexible liquidity management solutions to help you streamline your daily cash flows. We offer both domestic and cross-border cash pool.

- Real-time zero balancing services domestically, in the Nordic countries, Germany and the United Kingdom. International cash sweeping is subject to restrictions concerning the status of the beneficial owner.
- Domestic zero balancing (per transaction) cash pools in all major currencies. Resident and non-resident accounts may be included, but this entails local central bank reporting.

- International multi-currency interest netting system (interest enhancement) in all major currencies across Danske Bank's Nordic branch network and in Germany and the United Kingdom.

Electronic banking

Our online banking system - Business Online, also known as Business eBanking in some of our markets - is Danske Bank's web-based system, which provides rapid access for setting up payments, viewing account information and authorising several payments at once.

All information is in real time, so you can always stay informed of your company's current liquidity situation.

Business Online consists of various modules you can choose from according to your needs. The cash management modules, which are available for Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Germany, United Kingdom incl. Northern Ireland and Ireland, enable you to make local payments in each country

Business Online also supports online collection, via SEPA Direct Debit and local Direct Debit schemes, as well as local electronic and paper based invoicing.

Data can also be integrated in the company's accounting system or communication can be set-up directly from your own system to Danske Bank's EDI Gateway. Danske Bank supports a various number of local file formats, EDIFact and ISO 20022 XML.

Links to other banks

Reporting via MT940 and MT942 if required. Danske Bank can also report via EDIFACT (DEBMUL, CREMUL or FINSTA).

Further information

If you require more information about Cash Management in Sweden, please visit our website www.danskebank.com/corporate.