



Custody & Settlement Services

Efficient and valuable access to the Danish securities market

Sydbank is an active participant in the Danish securities market.

Being a significant market participant, we are part of the infrastructure which creates an efficient link between the Copenhagen Stock Exchange, the Danish central bank and VP Securities Services, the Danish CSD.

In close cooperation with our clients we are committed to creating solutions which provide the most efficient and valuable access to the Danish securities market.

Sydbank has experience and expertise within the following areas:

- Safekeeping & settlement
- Corporate action and income collection
- Corporate information
- Tax reclaim
- Proxy voting
- SWIFT reporting
- Market news.

Forming part of Operations, Securities Services consists of a team of employees who provide day-to-day and individual services to our clients.

Sydbank's profile

Publicly listed, full-service bank

Fourth largest bank in Denmark

*Nationwide branch network
(+ 3 branches in Germany)*

*Extensive private
banking services*

2,500 employees

375,000 clients

140,000 shareholders

4-7% market share

Moody's ratings: Aa3, P-1, C+

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Account Opening

In accordance with legislation separate custody accounts must be opened in relation to your holdings and your clients' holdings.

However at least one nostro account must be linked to the custody accounts.

Safekeeping & Settlement

The majority of Danish securities are dematerialised and deposited with VP Securities Services (VP), the Danish CSD.

The securities holdings of clients are registered on book-entry accounts with VP, completely separate from the holdings of Sydbank and other clients.

Sydbank offers to settle transactions via SWIFT instructions and to apply STP.

Remote Members of the Copenhagen Stock Exchange

Sydbank offers cash and clearing services to remote members of the Copenhagen Stock Exchange.

Remote members are required to operate as clearing participants in the Danish settlement and clearing system, VP Securities Services.

Remote members will also need a local agent to issue a settlement guarantee in favour of VP and to undertake settlement of transactions.

Remote members may send their trading instructions to Sydbank via SWIFT or conclude an agreement to download the transactions directly from the Copenhagen Stock Exchange to VP.

Corporate Action

Sydbank can handle a variety of corporate actions either by way of SWIFT, facsimile, telephone or e-mail.

Common corporate actions include:

- dividend distributions
- redemptions
- right issues
- stock splits
- bonus share/share offers
- mergers
- conversions
- take-overs
- name changes.

Reclaim of Danish Dividend Tax

Investors from countries which have concluded double taxation agreements with Denmark are entitled to reclaim part of the dividend tax.

The relevant forms are available at Sydbank or the Danish tax authorities and must be signed by the local tax authority of the investor. Reclaim procedures may take 1 to 3 months and Sydbank will make sure that the amount is transferred to the investor's account.

Proxy Voting

If a custody client wishes to exercise his right to vote in companies listed on the stock exchange, Sydbank offers proxy voting services for all securities listed on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange.

If a shareholder wishes to attend and vote at a company's general meeting, the shareholder's portfolio of shares must be isolated in a segregated custody account in the name of the shareholder.

A general power of attorney valid for all listed companies in Denmark can be issued to Sydbank. The general power of attorney is valid for a period of one year.