

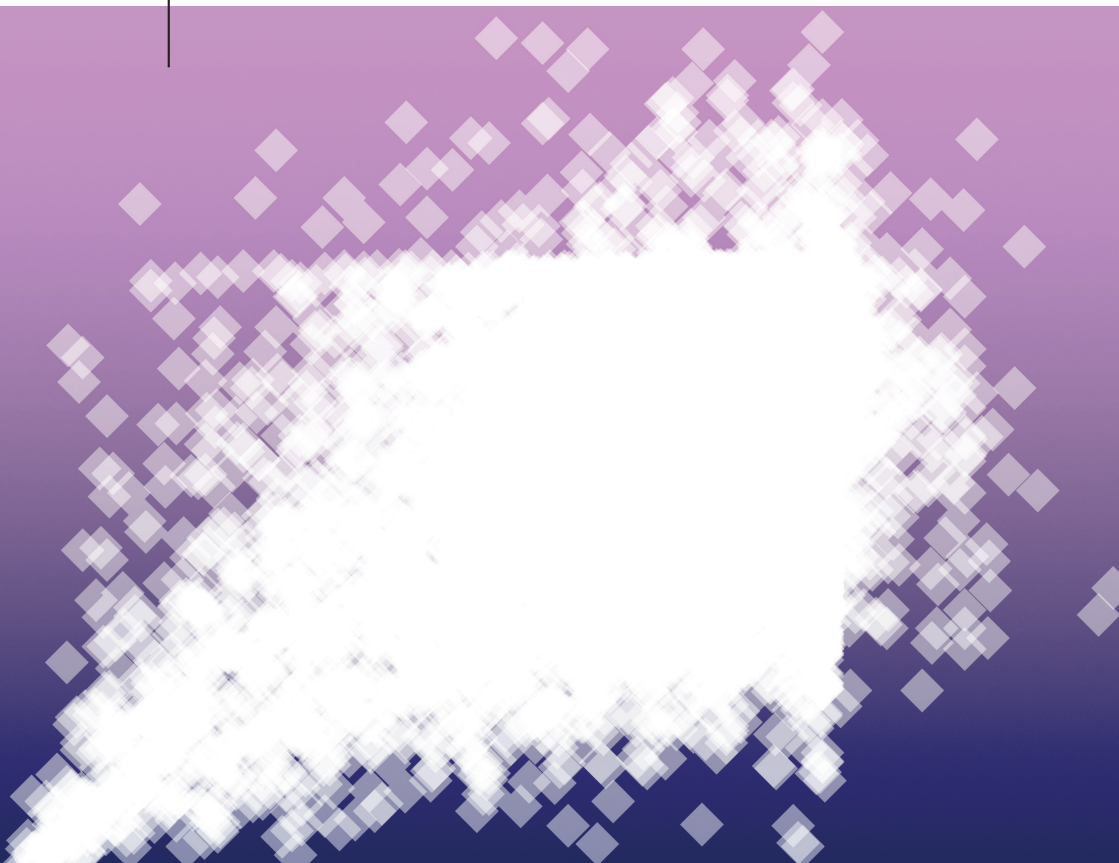


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## Summary and key developments

### Introduction

The Government submits an annual financial markets report to the Storting. This summary corresponds to chapter 1 of the report, which provides an overview of key financial market policy developments, and a summary of the other chapters. Chapter 2 of the report addresses the financial stability outlook. Chapter 3 discusses the financial markets from an industry perspective, and addresses both the financial sector as an industry in its own right and the financial sector as a capital source for other industries. Chapter 4 provides an overview of how consumer protection is attended to in financial market regulations, and discusses the need for changes. An overview of the activities of Norges Bank, Finanstilsynet, Folketrygdfondet and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 2019 can be found in chapters 5 to 8 of the report. Chapter 9 outlines amendments to regulatory frameworks and licences in 2019.

At the moment, the financial market situation and outlook are heavily influenced by the ongoing coronavirus outbreak and the strong measures triggered thereby. A number of measures and events have a direct impact on financial markets. These are briefly outlined where relevant, but the Government does not provide any detailed analysis or evaluation of the effects in this report. Reference is also