

Danske Bank A/S is a Danish multinational banking and financial services corporation. Headquartered in Copenhagen, it is the largest bank in Denmark and a major retail bank in the northern European region with over 7 million retail customers. Danske Bank was number 454 on the Fortune Global 500 list for 2011. The largest shareholder with 29% of the share capital is A.P. Møller Holding, the investment holding company of the Maersk family.

It was founded 5 October 1771 as Den Danske Landmandsbank, Hypothek- ("The Danish Farmers' Bank, Mortgage and Exchange Bank of Copenhagen"), and was commonly known as Landmandsbanken ("the Farmers' Bank"). In 1976, the bank changed name to Den Danske Bank ("The Danish Bank"), and the current name was adopted in 2000.