



## Launch of a new polar coin on 26 March

The first polar coin in a new series with the Polar regions as common theme will be issued on 26 March 2007. The series will comprise three coins and is launched to mark the International Polar Year 2007-2009. All polar coins will have motifs inspired by the Polar areas of Greenland. The final coin will be issued in 2009.

The International Polar Year, IPY, is an international initiative comprising research in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions with a view to gaining new knowledge of polar processes and their interaction with the global environment. IPY in Denmark, which has HRH Crown Prince Frederik as patron, focuses on research projects in Greenland and its surroundings. In 2000 HRH Crown Prince Frederik participated in the arctic dog-sledge expedition "Expedition Sirius 2000" in Greenland.

### Polar bear as motif

The motif of the first polar coin is a polar bear. The polar bear is chosen because of its great importance to the Greenland culture. On the coin you will see the polar bear standing on a split ice floe. The motif is designed by the Greenland artist Niels Motzfeldt, who also designed the motif on the tower coin "Three Brothers".

"I have depicted an approaching Polar bear to illustrate how it will eventually seek new hunting grounds and possibly clash with man. The ice floes that transcend the centre circle represent oceans overflowing their shores", tells Niels Motzfeldt.

The obverse of the coin carries a portrait of the Queen in profile.

### First coin in gold originating from Greenland

The Polar coin is minted in three versions: gold, fine silver and aluminium bronze. The gold coin is made in gold obtained from the Nalunaq Gold Mine by Nanortalik in the South of Greenland. This goldmine also delivered the gold to the wedding rings of the Danish Crown Prince and Crown Princess. It is the first time that a coin is minted in gold originating from Greenland and the Royal Mint has have gold blanks made exclusively for the striking of the

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Polar coins. A small polar bear in the legend on the gold coin indicates that the coin consists of gold originating from Greenland. The small polar bear is used as a symbol of gold originating from Greenland.

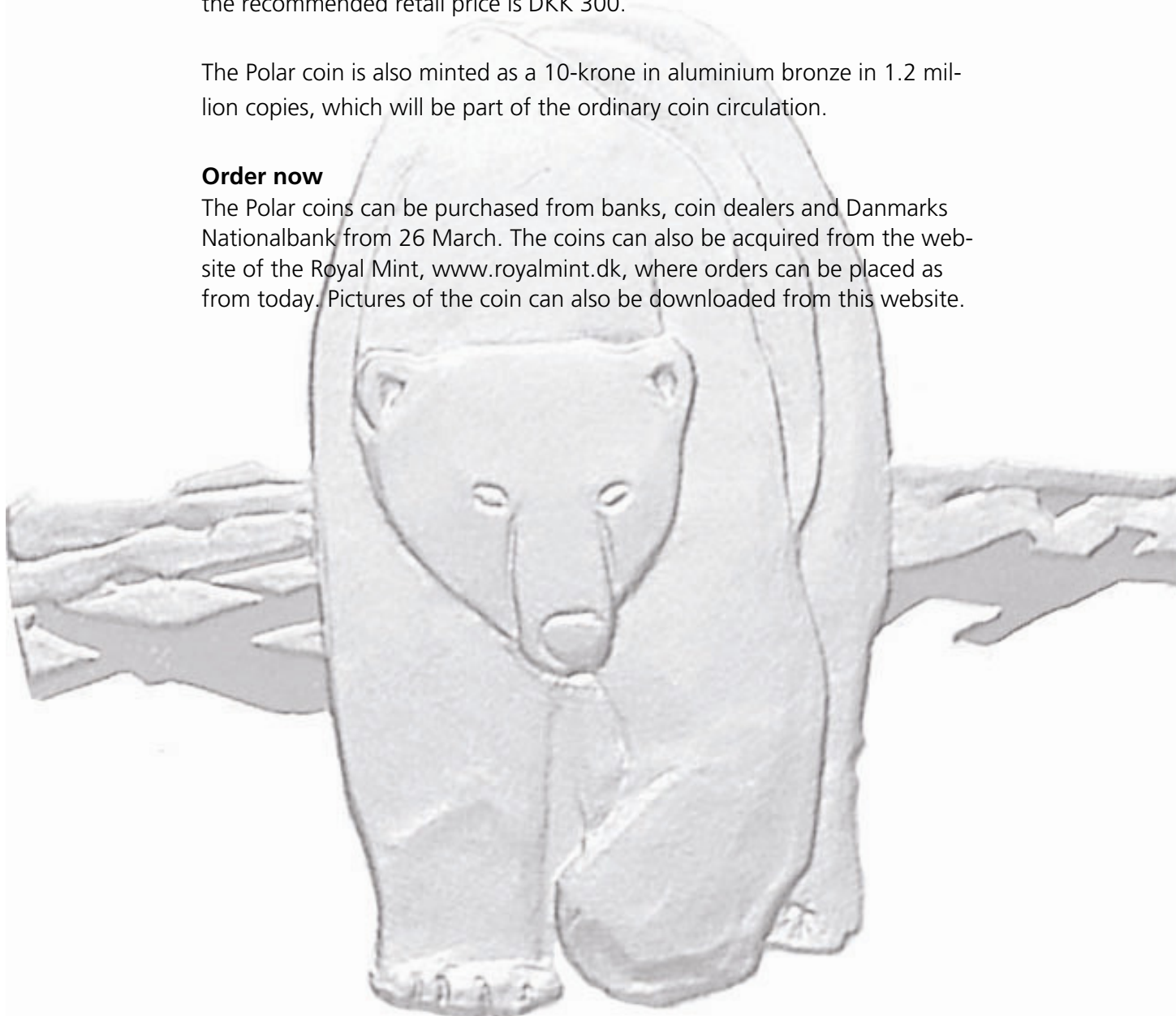
The gold coin is minted in 900 ‰ gold (Au) and has a face value of 1,000 kroner. The gold coin will be minted in a number of maximum 6,000 and is sold with a numbered certificate to a recommended retail price of DKK 2,500.

The silver coin is minted in 999 ‰ fine silver (Ag) and has a face value of 100 kroner. The silver coin will be minted in a number of maximum 50,000 and the recommended retail price is DKK 300.

The Polar coin is also minted as a 10-krone in aluminium bronze in 1.2 million copies, which will be part of the ordinary coin circulation.

#### **Order now**

The Polar coins can be purchased from banks, coin dealers and Danmarks Nationalbank from 26 March. The coins can also be acquired from the website of the Royal Mint, [www.royalmint.dk](http://www.royalmint.dk), where orders can be placed as from today. Pictures of the coin can also be downloaded from this website.



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