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RBS Exchange Traded Notes  
RBS ETN Performance -- as of 01/31/12

RBS Trendpilot[] ETNs  
RBS Trendpilot[] ETNs track an RBS Trendpilot[] Index. RBS Trendpilot(TM) Indices alternate between tracking a Benchmark Index and a Cash Rate, depending on the performance of the Benchmark Index relative to its 100- or 200-Index business day simple moving average, as applicable.

RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot[] ETN (TRND) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

| ANNUALIZED  | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE |
|---|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| INCEPTION (%) (2)   | (%)     | (%)     | (%)    | DATE     | (%)   |
| RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1) | 4.39    | 4.31    | -4.52  | 4.39     |       |
| RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Index)         | 4.49    | 4.49    | -3.75  | 4.49     |       |
| S and P 500([R]) Total Return Index (Benchmark Index)       | 4.48    | 5.32    | 4.22   | 4.48     |       |
| S and P 500([R]) Index (Price Return)                       | 4.36    | 4.72    | 2.04   | 4.36     |       |
| Cash rate on 01/31/12 was 0.050%                            | --      | --      | --     | --       |       |

RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot[] ETN (TRNM) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

| ANNUALIZED   | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE R |
|--|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| (%) (2)  | (%)     | (%)     | (%)    | DATE     | (%)     |
| RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1)    | 1.34    | 1.26    | --     | 1.34     |         |
| RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Index)            | 1.40    | 1.41    | --     | 1.40     |         |
| S and P MidCap 400([R]) Total Return Index (Benchmark Index) | 6.61    | 5.89    | --     | 6.61     |         |
| S and P MidCap 400([R]) Index (Price Return)                 | 6.52    | 5.47    | --     | 6.52     |         |
| Cash rate on 01/31/12 was 0.050%                             | --      | --      | --     | --       |         |

RBS NASDAQ-100([R]) Trendpilot[] ETN (TNDQ) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

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| DEVIATION ANNUALIZED   | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE |
|--|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| INCEPTION (%) (2)  | (%)     | (%)     | (%)    | DATE (%) | (%)   |
| RBS NASDAQ-100 ([R]) Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1)<br>15.48 | 8.29    | --      | --     | 8.29     |       |
| RBS NASDAQ-100 ([R]) Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Index)<br>15.72         | 8.38    | --      | --     | 8.38     |       |
| NASDAQ-100 ([R]) Total Return Index(SM) (Benchmark Index)<br>15.72       | 8.38    | --      | --     | 8.38     |       |
| Cash rate on 01/31/12 was 0.050%   | --      | --      | --     | --       |       |

RBS Gold Trendpilot[] ETN (TBAR) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

| ANNUALIZED  | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE | RBS ETN  |
|---|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|----------|
| (%) (2)   | (%)     | (%)     | (%)    | DATE (%) | (%)   | (2/17/20 |
| RBS Gold Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1) | 11.48   | -1.04   | --     | 11.48    |       | 22.71    |
| RBS Gold Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (3) (Index)     | 11.56   | -0.81   | --     | 11.56    |       | 23.86    |
| Price of Gold Bullion (Benchmark Index)             | 13.91   | 1.28    | --     | 13.91    |       | 26.47    |
| Cash rate on 01/31/12 was 0.050%                    | --      | --      | --     | --       |       | --       |

RBS Oil Trendpilot[] ETN (TWTI) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

| ANNUALIZED  | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE | RBS E  |
|---|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|--------|
| (%) (2)   | (%)     | (%)     | (%)    | DATE (%) | (%)   | (9/13/ |
| RBS Oil Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1)    | 0.86    | 4.96    | --     | 0.86     |       | 4.     |
| RBS Oil Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Index)            | 0.95    | 5.22    | --     | 0.95     |       | 5.     |
| RBS 12-Month Oil Total Return Index (Benchmark Index) | 0.95    | 8.01    | --     | 0.95     |       | 9.     |
| Cash rate on 01/31/12 was 0.050%                      | --      | --      | --     | --       |       | --     |

RBS Sector ETNs  
RBS Sector ETNs track a sector-related Index.

RBS Global Big Pharma ETN (DRGS) Historical Performance and Standard Deviation (%)

| ANNUALIZED | 1-MONTH | 3-MONTH | 1-YEAR | YEAR-TO- | SINCE | RBS ET |
|------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|--------|
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| (%) (2)   | (%)  | (%)  | (%) | DATE (%) | (10/21/ |
|---|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| -----   |      |      |     |          |         |
| RBS Global Big Pharma ETN Daily Redemption Value(1)                     | 0.15 | 5.97 | --  | 0.15     | 6.1     |
| NYSE Arca Equal Weighted Pharmaceutical Total Return Index (SM) (Index) | 0.20 | 6.13 | --  | 0.20     | 6.3     |
| -----   |      |      |     |          |         |

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(1) Includes the deduction of the annual investor fee, which accrues on a daily basis. The annual investor fee will be equal to: (i) (a) 1.00% per annum when the RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD), RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD), RBS Gold Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) and the RBS NASDAQ-100([R]) Trendpilot[] Index (USD) are tracking their respective Benchmark Indices and (b) 1.10% per annum when the RBS Oil Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) is tracking its respective Benchmark Index; and (ii) 0.50% per annum when any of these Trendpilot(TM) Indices are tracking the Cash Rate. With respect to the RBS Global Big Pharma ETNs, the annual investor fee will be 0.60% per annum.

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