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RBS Exchange Traded Notes

RBS Gold Trendpilot[TM] ETN (TBAR)

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The RBS Gold Trendpilot[TM] Exchange Traded Notes ("RBS ETNs") are unsecured and senior obligations of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS plc"), and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS Group"). Any payments on the RBS ETNs when they become due at maturity or upon early repurchase or redemption are dependent on the ability of RBS plc and RBS Group to pay, and are also subject to market risk.

RBS Gold Trendpilot[TM] ETNs track the RBS Gold Trendpilot[TM] Index (USD) which provides:

Trend-following exposure using an objective and transparent methodology to either the Price of Gold Bullion or the Cash Rate; Gold Exposure in positive trending markets by tracking the Price of Gold Bullion; and Cash Rate Exposure in negative trending markets by tracking a hypothetical investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction.

Illustration of the Trendpilot[TM] Index Methodology

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The above graph illustrates the operation of the Trendpilot[TM] Index Methodology. It does not reflect any actual performance of the Price of Gold Bullion or the Index, and is not an indication of how the Price of Gold Bullion or the Index may perform in the future. The hypothetical illustration above also does not include any fees, transaction costs or expenses.

If neither of the above conditions is satisfied, the trend of the Price of Gold Bullion will be the same as the trend of the Price of Gold Bullion on the immediately preceding Index business day. The Index will implement any trend reversal at the open of trading on the second Index business day immediately following the Index business day on which the Price of Gold Bullion trend switches from positive to negative or from negative to positive, as the case may be.

RBS ETN Details

Issuer The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Guarantor The Royal Bank of Scotland
 Group plc

Ticker TBAR

Intraday TBAR.IV
Indicative
Value Ticker

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| CUSIP | 78009L407 |
| ISIN | US78009L4077 |
| Primary Exchange | NYSE Arca |
| Maturity | 2/15/2041 |
| Index | RBS Gold Trendpilot[™] Index (USD) (Bloomberg symbol: "TPGLDUT [Index]"), which tracks the Price of Gold Bullion or the Cash Rate depending on the relative performance of the Price of Gold Bullion on a simple historical moving average basis. |
| Price of Gold Bullion | London Gold PM Fixing Price in USD published by the London Bullion Market Association (Bloomberg page: "GOLDLNPM Index") |
| Cash Rate | Yield on a hypothetical notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction (Bloomberg page: "USB3MTA Index") |
| Annual Investor Fee (accrued on a daily basis) | When the Index is tracking the Price of Gold Bullion: 1.00% per annum. When the Index is tracking the Cash Rate: 0.50% per annum. |
| Repurchase at your option | You may offer your RBS ETNs to RBS plc for repurchase on any business day on or prior to 2/7/2041, provided that you offer a minimum of 20,000 RBS ETNs for any single repurchase and follow the procedures described in the pricing supplement. |
| Early redemption at our option | We may redeem all of the RBS ETNs at our discretion at any time on or prior to 2/13/2041. |
| Daily Redemption Value | Upon early repurchase or redemption or at maturity, you will receive a cash payment equal to the daily redemption value per RBS ETN. The daily redemption value on the relevant valuation date will be published on www.rbs.com/etnUS/TBAR* . |

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Historical Performance (%) -- as of 09/30/2012

| | QUARTER-TO- DATE (%) | YEAR-TO- DATE (%) | ANNUALIZED 1-YEAR (%) | ANNUALIZED 3-YEAR (%) | ANNUALIZED 5-YEAR (%) | SINCE RE- (%) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Gold Trendpilot[TM] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1) | 7.58 | 13.13 | 6.65 | -- | -- | |
| Gold Trendpilot[TM] Index | 7.75 | 13.71 | 7.46 | -- | -- | |
| Price of Gold Bullion | 11.10 | 16.00 | 9.63 | 21.27 | 19.04 | |
| Cash rate on 09/30/12 was 0.11% | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

The table above presents the actual performance of the Index, the RBS ETNs and the Price of Gold Bullion over the specified periods. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

For more information regarding the performance of the Index, see pages PS-36 to PS-39 of the pricing supplement to the RBS ETNs filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The Index includes the deduction of the annual investor fee, which accrues on a daily basis. The annual investor fee will be equal to (i) 1.00% per annum when the Index is tracking the Price of Gold Bullion, and (ii) 0.50% per annum when the Index is tracking the Cash Rate.

Gold Bullion Performance -- as of 09/30/2012

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| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Price of Gold Bullion | 22.64 | 37.01 | 126.55 | 15.19 | -32.60 | 14.94 | -16.31 | -19.38 | 6.00 | 18.96 | 24.53 | -15.26 |
| Cash Rate (Year-End) | 6.15% | 9.34% | 12.07% | 14.99% | 11.04% | 7.98% | 8.94% | 7.75% | 7.02% | 5.49% | 5.96% | 8.22% |
| | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Price of Gold Bullion | -2.84 | -3.11 | -8.56 | -5.73 | 17.68 | -2.17 | 0.98 | -4.59 | -21.41 | -0.83 | 0.85 | -5.44 |
| Cash Rate (Year-End) | 7.77% | 6.53% | 3.91% | 3.24% | 3.06% | 5.57% | 4.91% | 5.08% | 5.43% | 4.52% | 5.30% | 5.70% |
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012-Q3 |
| Price of Gold Bullion | 0.75 | 25.57 | 19.89 | 4.65 | 17.77 | 23.20 | 31.92 | 4.32 | 25.04 | 29.24 | 8.93 | 16.00 |
| Cash Rate (Year-End) | 1.71% | 1.19% | 0.89% | 2.23% | 3.91% | 4.88% | 3.31% | 0.05% | 0.11% | 0.18% | 0.03% | 0.11% |

The table above does not reflect any Trendpilot[TM] Index performance. The Trendpilot[TM] Index performance is not the same as the performance of the Price of Gold Bullion. The Trendpilot[TM] Index may underperform the Price of Gold Bullion over various time periods, and may track the Cash Rate for extended periods of time in a low interest rate environment.

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