

RBS PLC LAUNCHES THE RBS NASDAQ-100[®] TRENDPILOT[™] EXCHANGE TRADED NOTES

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RBS Securities Inc. (RBSSI) today announced the launch of the sixth exchange traded product in its growing suite of Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs). The RBS NASDAQ-100[®] Trendpilot[™] Exchange Traded Notes will be issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS plc) and will be listed on NYSE Arca, Inc. under the ticker "TNDQ."

The ETNs are designed for investors who seek exposure to the RBS NASDAQ-100[®] Trendpilot[™] Index (USD) (the "Index"), which tracks either the NASDAQ-100[®] Total Return IndexSM (the "NASDAQ-100[®] TR Index") or the yield on a hypothetical notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction (the "T-Bill Rate"), depending on the relative performance of the NASDAQ-100[®] TR Index on a simple historical moving average basis.

Payment on the ETNs is linked to the performance of the Index, less an investor fee that is deducted at an annualized rate of 1.00% if the Index is tracking the NASDAQ-100[®] TR Index or an annualized rate of 0.50% if the Index is tracking the T-Bill Rate. Investors have the right to require RBS plc to repurchase the ETNs on a daily basis, subject to a minimum repurchase requirement. RBS plc, at its sole discretion, may also redeem the ETNs at any time prior to maturity.

"The RBS NASDAQ-100[®] Trendpilot[™] Exchange Traded Notes, like the other ETNs in our Trendpilot[™] suite, are designed for investors who seek an objective and transparent trend-following strategy that aims to mitigate, to some extent, the volatility of investing in the NASDAQ-100[®] Total Return IndexSM," said Michael Nelskyla, Head of Structured Retail Distribution, Americas.

The NASDAQ-100[®] TR Index is composed of 100 of the largest non-financial securities listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market[®] by market capitalization.

"The NASDAQ-100[®] Total Return IndexSM is an objective, transparent, rules-based index. A majority of the companies in the index are large-cap companies and many of the companies have been growth companies with a legacy of leadership and innovation," said John Jacobs, Executive Vice President, NASDAQ.

The final pricing supplement can be found on the SEC website at:

http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/729153/000095010311005179/dp27637_424b5.htm

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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS plc) and The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (RBS Group) have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offering of ETNs to which this communication relates. Before you invest in any ETNs, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents that have been filed by RBS plc and RBS Group with the SEC for more complete information about RBS plc and RBS Group, and the offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, RBS plc, RBS Group, RBS Securities Inc. (RBSSI) or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus and the pricing supplement at no charge if you request it by calling 1-855-RBS-3877.

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