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RBS Exchange Traded Notes

RBS China Trendpilot[] ETN (TCHI)

The RBS China Trendpilot[] 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 China Trendpilot[] ETNs track the RBS China Trendpilot[] Index (USD) which provides:

Trend-following exposure using an objective and transparent methodology to either the BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return Index(SM) or the Cash Rate; China Exposure in positive trending markets by tracking the BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return Index(SM), the level of which incorporates the reinvestment of any cash dividends paid on its component securities. The RBS ETNs do not pay interest or dividends; and Cash Rate Exposure in negative trending markets by tracking a notional investment in 3 month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction.

Illustration of the Trendpilot([]) Index Methodology

A positive trend is established:
The Index will track the Benchmark Index

If the closing level of the Benchmark Index is at or above its 100-Index business day simple moving average for three consecutive business days

A negative trend is established:
The Index will track the Cash Rate
If the closing level of the Benchmark Index is below its historical 100-Index business day simple moving average for three consecutive Index business days
A negative trend is established

Hypothetical Benchmark Index Level

Hypothetical Benchmark Index

Hypothetical 100-Index business day simple moving average

Time

The above graph illustrates the operation of the Trendpilot[] Index Methodology. It does not reflect any actual performance of the Benchmark Index or the Index, and is not an indication of how either index may perform in the

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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 Benchmark Index will be the same as the trend of the Benchmark Index 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 Benchmark Index trend switches from positive to negative or from negative to positive, as the case may be.

(1) Benchmark Index Dividend Yield means the sum of the gross dividends paid on the securities comprising the Benchmark Index (which is a total return index) over the prior 12 months ending 4/10/2012 divided by the closing level of the price return version of the Benchmark Index as of 4/10/2012.

Not FDIC Insured. May Lose Value.

RBS ETN Details

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| Issuer | The Royal Bank of Scotland plc |
| Guarantor | The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc |
| Ticker | TCHI |
| Intraday | TCHI.IV |
| Indicative Value | |
| Ticker | |
| CUSIP | 78009P150 |
| ISIN | US78009P1509 |
| Primary | NYSE Arca |
| Exchange | |
| Maturity | 4/18/2042 |
| Benchmark | 2.89% |
| Index Dividend | |
| Yield(1) | |
| Index | RBS China Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Bloomberg symbol: "TPCHINUT Index"), which tracks the Benchmark Index or the Cash Rate depending on the relative performance of the Benchmark Index on a simple historical moving average basis. |
| Benchmark | BNY Mellon China Select ADR |
| Index | Total Return Index(SM) (Bloomberg page: "BKTCNT Index") |
| Cash Rate | Yield on a hypothetical notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction |
| Annual Investor | When the Index is tracking the |
| Fee | Benchmark Index: 1.10% per |
| (accrued on a | annum. When the Index is |
| daily basis) | tracking the Cash Rate: 0.50% per annum. |
| Repurchase at | You may offer your RBS ETNs |
| your option | to RBS plc for repurchase on any business day on or prior to 4/10/2042, provided that you offer a minimum of 20,000 RBS ETNs for any single repurchase and follow the procedures described in the pricing supplement. |

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| Early redemption at our option | We may redeem all of the RBS ETNs at our discretion at any time on or prior to 4/16/2042. |
| 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/TCHI *. |

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Top 10 Holdings(2) -- as of 04/10/12

| COMPANY | (%) |
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| China Mobile Limited (ADS) | 11.14% |
| PetroChina Company Limited (ADS) | 7.68% |
| CNOOC Limited (ADS) | 7.59% |
| Baidu, Inc. (ADS) | 6.63% |
| China Life Insurance Company Limited (ADS) | 6.11% |
| China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (ADS) | 5.89% |
| China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (ADS) | 3.90% |
| China Telecom Corporation Limited (ADS) | 3.75% |
| NetEase, Inc. (ADS) | 3.09% |
| Yanzhou Coal Mining Company Limited (ADS) | 2.91% |

(2)Source: BNY Mellon([R])

(3)Based on standard industry classi[cations

Sector Weightings(3) -- as of 04/10/12

The Benchmark Index includes depositary receipts, which are quoted and traded in U.S. dollars on The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), The NYSE Amex and The NASDAQ Stock Market (NASDAQ). Each depositary receipt generally represents an ownership interest in shares (or fractions of a share) of an underlying stock that may be quoted and traded in its local jurisdiction in a foreign currency. Depositary receipts are included in the Benchmark Index based, among other things, on their market capitalization and liquidity.

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