

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC

Form FWP

January 15, 2014

Filed pursuant to Rule 433. Registration Statement Nos. 333-184147 and 333-184147-01

RBS Exchange Traded Notes

RBS China Trendpilot[] ETN (TCHI)

RBS ETN Details

Issuer	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Guarantor	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc
Ticker	TCHI
Intraday Indicative Value Ticker	TCHI.IV
CUSIP	78009P150
ISIN	US78009P1509
Primary Exchange	NYSE Arca
Maturity	4/18/2042
Index	RBS China Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) (Bloomberg symbol: "TPCHINUT Index") (the "Trendpilot[] 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 Index	BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return Index(SM) (Bloomberg page: "BKTCNT Index")
Benchmark Index Reinvested Dividend Yield(1)	1.80%
Cash Rate	Yield on a hypothetical notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction
Annual Investor Fee (accrued on a daily basis)	When the Index is tracking the Benchmark Index: 1.10% 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 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.
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. Pursuant to our announced plan to exit the structured retail investor products business, the likelihood that we will redeem the ETNs prior to maturity has increased. See "Recent Developments" on page 4 for more information.

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

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*.

Ranking and Guarantee The RBS ETNs are unsecured and senior debt obligations of RBS plc, as the Issuer, and RBSG, as the Guarantor of the Issuer's obligations under the RBS ETNs. Any payment on the ETNs is subject to the ability of the Issuer and Guarantor to pay their respective obligations as they become due.

(1)Benchmark Index Reinvested 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 12/31/2013 divided by the closing level of the price return version of the Benchmark Index 12/31/2013. The RBS ETNs do not pay dividends or interest.

*Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered a part of, this document.

To find out more
Call toll free 855-RBS-ETPS or visit www.rbs.com/etnUS

Not FDIC Insured. May Lose Value.

ETN Overview:

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 reflects the reinvestment of any cash dividends paid on its component securities.

Cash Rate Exposure in negative trending markets by tracking a notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills with the yield determined 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 historical 100-Index business day* simple moving average for three consecutive Index 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

A positive trend is established

Hypothetical Benchmark Index

Hypothetical 100-Index business day simple moving average

Time

*An "Index business day" is a day on which the principal exchange on which the components of the Benchmark Index trade is open for regular trading sessions for at least three hours.

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

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

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.

2

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

Historical Performance (%) -- as of 12/31/2013

	3-mOnth (%)	year-tO- date (%)	ANNUALIZED 1-year (%)	ANNU 3-ye
RBS China Trendpilot[] ETN Daily Redemption Value(1)	4.75	15.61	15.61	
RBS China Trendpilot(TM) Index	5.04	16.70	16.70	
BNY Mellon China Select Total Return Index(SM) (Benchmark Index)	5.04	27.19	27.19	

Source: Bloomberg. The table above presents the actual performance of the Index, the RBS ETNs and the Benchmark Index 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-14 to PS-17 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. (1)Reflects the deduction of the annual investor fee, which accrues on a daily basis. The annual investor fee will be equal to (i) 1.10% per annum when the Index is tracking the Benchmark Index, and (ii) 0.50% per annum when the Index is tracking the Cash Rate. The per annum cash rate on 12/31/2013 was 0.07%

Top 10 Holdings(2) -- as of 12/31/2013

cOmpany	(%)
China Mobile Ltd. (ADR)	9.90
Baidu.com (ADR)	9.31
CNOOC Ltd. (ADR)	6.88
China Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (ADR)	6.06
PetroChina Co. Ltd. (ADR)	5.96
China Petroleum and Chemical Corp.	5.64
China Telecom Corporation Ltd. - H Shares	3.33
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Ltd. (ADR)	3.25
Ctrip.com International (ADR)	3.22
Qihoo 360 Technology Co. Ltd. (ADR)	3.13

Sector Weightings(3) -- as of 12/31/2013

SectOr	(%)
Information	
Technology	22.35
Energy	21.51
Consumer	
Discretionary	18.99
Telecommunication	
Services	16.49
Financials	7.02
Health Care	4.02
Materials	3.79
Consumer Staples	3.00
Utilities	1.94
Industrials	0.88

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

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

(3)Based on standard industry classifications

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.

3

Selected Risk Considerations

Investing in the RBS ETNs involves a number of risks. Some of the risks relating to the RBS ETNs are summarized here, but we urge you to read the more detailed explanation of risks described under "Risk Factors" in the applicable pricing supplement.

You may lose all or a significant portion of your investment: The RBS ETNs are not principal protected. If the level of the Index decreases, or does not increase by an amount sufficient to offset the investor fee, you will receive less, and possibly significantly less, at maturity or upon early repurchase or redemption than your original investment in the RBS ETNs.

The RBS ETNs involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities.

Credit risk of RBS plc and RBS Group: The RBS ETNs are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of RBS plc, as issuer, and are guaranteed by RBS Group. You are dependent on RBS plc's ability to pay all amounts due on the RBS ETNs, and therefore you are subject to the credit risk of RBS plc and to changes in the market's view of RBS plc's creditworthiness. In addition, because the RBS ETNs are guaranteed by RBS Group, you are also dependent on the credit risk of RBS Group in the event that RBS plc fails to make any payment or delivery required by the terms of the RBS ETNs.

Issuer redemption: RBS plc has the right to redeem or "call" the RBS ETNs, in whole but not in part, at its sole discretion at any time from the initial settlement date to and including 4/15/2042. In addition, the implementation of the RBS Retail Investor Products Exit Plan (as described below under "Recent Developments") increases the likelihood of our calling the RBS ETNs prior to maturity.

Strategy Risk: The RBS Trendpilot[] ETN uses a trend-following strategy that seeks to capitalize on trends in the Benchmark Index based on its closing level relative to its 100-Index business day moving average. This strategy differs from one that seeks continuous long-only exposure to a single asset. The RBS Trendpilot[] ETN Index is expected to perform poorly in non-trending volatile markets. Movements in the Benchmark Index or the Cash Rate may have a material and adverse impact on the RBS Trendpilot[] ETN Index's performance. There is no assurance that the strategy will be successful or that it will outperform the Benchmark Index or the Cash Rate.

Market Risk: The return on the RBS ETNs will depend on the performance of the Index (which in turn will depend on the performance of the Benchmark Index and the Cash Rate) and other market conditions. Because the Benchmark Index tracks only the stocks of companies based in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), it is subject to risks including emerging market risks, concentration risk, and the risk that the PRC government may pursue economic, tax, or other regulatory policies which will adversely affect the stock prices of companies based in the PRC. Furthermore, as the securities tracked by the Benchmark Index include depository receipts, there are risks relating to foreign exchange and potential price discrepancy between the depository receipts and their underlying stocks.

A trading market for the RBS ETNs may not develop: Although the RBS ETNs are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc., there is no guarantee that the listing will be maintained or that a secondary market will develop. RBS plc is not required to maintain any listing of the RBS ETNs.

No Interest Payments: You will not receive any interest payments on the RBS ETNs.

Restrictions on your ability to offer RBS ETNs for repurchase by us: You must offer at least 20,000 RBS ETNs to us for any single repurchase and satisfy the

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

other requirements described in the applicable pricing supplement for your repurchase offer to be considered.

Actual trading price or market price may vary significantly from indicative value and daily redemption value: The indicative value is meant to approximate the intrinsic economic value of the RBS ETNs from time to time. Any payment on the RBS ETNs at maturity or upon early repurchase or redemption is based on the daily redemption value, which is determined by the calculation agent. If you purchase or sell RBS ETNs in the secondary market, you will pay or receive the market price of an RBS ETN. Factors that may influence the market price of the RBS ETNs include: the level of the Index; the performance of, and volatility in, the Benchmark Index; supply and demand for the RBS ETNs; economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the level of the Index; and the actual or perceived creditworthiness of RBS plc and RBS Group.

The Index has limited actual history and may perform in unexpected ways: The Trendpilot[] Index was created by RBS plc, as Index Sponsor, and established on November 16, 2010. As such, it has limited actual history and may perform in unexpected ways. The historical performance of the Index should not be taken as indication of future performance.

Uncertain Tax Treatment: Significant aspects of the tax treatment of the RBS ETNs are uncertain. You should consult your own tax adviser about your own situation.

The RBS ETNs are complex and not suitable for all investors. You should carefully read the relevant pricing supplement and prospectus, including the more detailed explanation of the risks involved in any investment in the RBS ETNs as described in the "Risk Factors" section of the pricing supplement, before investing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 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 RBS ETNs to which this communication relates. Before you invest in any RBS 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 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-ETPS (toll-free).

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: On June 13, 2013, we announced that we would be exiting the structured retail investor products business that is responsible for issuing and maintaining the RBS ETNs, and that we expect to move such business into a runoff organization which will go through a process of restructuring and / or business sales (the "RBS Retail Investor Products Exit Plan"). The implementation of the RBS Retail Investor Products Exit Plan increases the likelihood that the RBS ETNs will be redeemed by us prior to maturity. We plan to continue to maintain and issue the RBS ETNs, but our plans could change. We cannot give you any assurances as to any minimum period of time that you may hold the RBS ETNs before we redeem them at our option.

BNY Mellon is a corporate brand of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation and may be used as a generic term to reference the corporation as a whole or its various subsidiaries. BNY Mellon and BNY Mellon ADR Indices and BNY Mellon DR Indices are service marks owned by The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. This information is provided for general purposes only and is not investment advice. We provide no advice nor recommendations or endorsement with respect to any company, security or products based on any index licensed by BNY Mellon, and we make no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the same. BNY Mellon's Depositary Receipt business is conducted through BNY Mellon.

BNY Mellon does not guarantee the accuracy, timeliness and/or completeness of BNY Mellon ADR Indices and BNY Mellon DR Indices, or any associated indices, or any data included therein, and BNY Mellon shall have no liability for any

Edgar Filing: ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC - Form FWP

errors, omissions, or interruptions therein. BNY Mellon makes no express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to BNY Mellon ADR Indices and BNY Mellon DR Indices or any associated indices, or any data included therein, or any materials derived from such data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall the company have any liability for any special, punitive, indirect, or consequential damages (including lost profits), even if notified of the possibility of such damages. For the full disclaimer please see the pricing supplement relating to the notes that RBS plc and RBS Group filed with the SEC.

RBS China Trendpilot[] Index (USD), is the property of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, which has contracted with SandP Opco, LLC (a subsidiary of SandP Dow Jones Indices LLC) ("SandP Dow Jones Indices") to maintain and calculate the Index. SandP Dow Jones Indices shall have no liability for any errors or omissions in calculating the Index. SandP([R]) is a registered trademark of Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC ("SPFS") and Dow Jones([R]) is a registered trademark of Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC ("Dow Jones"). These trademarks have been licensed to SandP Dow Jones Indices. "Calculated by SandP Dow Jones Indices" and its related stylized mark(s) have been licensed for use by RBSSI and its affiliates. The RBS China Trendpilot[] ETNs, are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by SandP Dow Jones Indices, SPFS, Dow Jones, their affiliates or their third party licensors, and neither SandP Dow Jones Indices, SPFS, Dow Jones, their affiliates or their third party licensors make any representation regarding the advisability of investing in such RBS ETNs. Copyright [C] RBS Securities Inc. All rights reserved.

RBS Securities Inc., is a U.S. registered broker-dealer, member of FINRA and SIPC, and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

www.rbs.com/etnUS | TOLL FREE: 855-RBS-ETPS | Not FDIC Insured. May Lose Value.

Dated January 15, 2014