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RBS Exchange Traded Notes

BUILDING TOMORROW[TM]

RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETN[TM] (ALTL)

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RBS ETN Details

Ticker

ALTL

Intraday Indicative Value Ticker

ALTL.IV

CUSIP

78009P168

ISIN

US78009P1681

Primary Exchange

NYSE Arca

Annual Investor Fee (accrued on a daily basis)

1.00% per annum

Inception Date

8/30/2012

Maturity

9/5/2042

Issuer

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS plc")

Guarantor

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBSG")

Underlying Indices

S & P 500([R]) Total Return Index (SPTR), S & P 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index (SPXEWTR), S & P 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index (SP5LVIT)

Repurchase at your option

You may offer your RBS ETNs to RBS plc for repurchase on any business day on or prior to 8/27/2042, 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 9/3/2042. Pursuant to our announced plan to exit the structured retail investor products business, the likelihood that we will redeem the RBS ETNs prior to maturity has increased. See "Recent Developments" on page 4 for more information.

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/altl.*

Ranking

The RBS ETNs are unsecured and senior debt obligations of the Issuer, guaranteed by the Guarantor. and any payment on the RBS ETNs is subject to the ability of RBS plc, as the issuer, and RBS Group, as the guarantor, to pay their respective obligations when they become due.

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

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

The RBS US Large Cap Alternator Exchange Traded Notes[] (the "RBS ETNs") track the RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[TM] (USD) (the "Index") which is designed to provide exposure to the US large cap equity market by alternating between three popular indices, the S & P 500([R]) Total Return Index (MC), the S & P 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index (LV) and the S & P 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index (EW) (each, an "Underlying Index"). Each month, the Index will track the return of the Underlying Index with the highest relative strength score, which is based on average historical returns.

RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[TM] Features

Strategy: Each month, the Index will track the return of the Underlying Index with the highest relative strength score at the end of the prior month.

Relative strength score: Simple average of the 1-month, 3-month, 6-month, 9-month and 12-month trailing returns of each of the Underlying Indices.

Rebalanced monthly: Relative strength score is calculated with respect to the last business day of each month. The Index is rebalanced at the close of the first business day of the next month.

Hypothetical Market Cycle

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The graph above illustrates a hypothetical market cycle and which Underlying Index the relative strength score-based Index methodology may select in a given stage of the hypothetical market cycle. The illustrations above do not reflect an actual market cycle and they are not an indication of how a market cycle may develop, how long a stage of the market cycle could last in the future, which Underlying Index will be tracked during any part of a market cycle or whether any Underlying Index will be tracked at all or in any particular order.

S & P 500([R]) Total Return Index

- [] Tracks the 500 largest U.S. stocks weighted by market capitalization.
- [] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices during the last stage of a bull market.
- [] May underperform low volatility indices in falling and choppy markets.

S & P 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index

- [] Consists of the 100 stocks from the S & P 500([R]) Index with the lowest historical volatility over the past 12 months. The least volatile stocks have the largest weighting in the index.
- [] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices in choppy markets and tracks the historically least volatile stocks of the S & P 500([R]) Index.
- [] May underperform the other Underlying Indices in a rising market.

S & P 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index

- [] All 500 stocks rebalance to the same weight in the index on a quarterly basis.
- [] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices at the beginning and middle of bull markets because the equal weighting creates a higher exposure to the smaller companies within the index.

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May underperform the other Underlying Indices in falling markets.

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 Illustration of a Hypothetical \$100,000 Investment 8/30/2012 - 9/30/2013

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 Historical Performance (%) -- as of 9/30/2013

| | 1-mOnth (%) | 3-mOnth (%) | Since rbs etn inceptiOn (8/30/12) (%) |
|--|-------------|-------------|--|
| RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETN[TM] | 2.64 | 7.13 | 19.81 |
| RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[TM] | 4.02 | 6.70 | 19.78 |
| S & P 500([R]) Total Return Index | 3.14 | 5.24 | 21.07 |
| S & P 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index | 1.98 | 1.16 | 15.23 |
| S & P 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index | 4.02 | 6.70 | 28.56 |

Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[TM] illustrated above does not reflect the deduction of Annual Investor Fee that would be assessed to the performance of the Index if you were to invest in the RBS ETNs. It is not possible to invest directly in any index, including the Index or the Underlying Indices."

 Index Statistics -- as of 9/30/2013

| | S & P 500([R]) TOTAL RETURN INDEX | S & P 500([R]) VOLATILITY TOTAL RETURN INDEX | LOW S & P 500([R]) EQUAL WEIGHT TOTAL RETURN INDEX |
|--|---|---|---|
| Top 10 Holdings (%) | 17.68 | 11.60 | 2.19 |
| Median Market Capitalization | 15.39 | 19.26 | 15.39 |
| Average Weighted Market Capitalization | 106,589 | 45,442 | 31,586 |
| Average Reinvested Dividend Yield(1) (%) | 1.94 | 2.78 | 1.94 |
| Average Price to Earnings(2) | 23.10 | 19.51 | 23.10 |
| Beta(3) | 1.00 | 0.766 | 1.054 |

(1) Each Underlying Index is a total return index, which reflects changes in both movements in stock prices of its underlying stocks and reinvestment of the dividend income from its underlying stocks. You will not receive any periodic interest payment on the RBS ETNs. Dividend yield means the sum of the gross dividends paid on the stocks comprising the relevant underlying Index over the prior 12 months ending 9/30/2013 divided by the closing level of the price return version of relevant underlying the Index as of 9/30/2013.

(2) A valuation of a company's current share price compared to its earnings per share. Earnings per share is measured on a twelve month trailing basis.

(3) A number describing the volatility of an index in relation to the volatility of the price return version of the S & P 500([R]) Index that is calculated using trailing 12 month weekly returns.

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Source: Bloomberg

Sector Weightings Comparison(4) -- as of 9/30/2013

| S & P 500([R])TOTAL RETURN INDEX (%) | | S & P 500([R]) LOW VOLATILITY TOTAL RETURN INDEX (%) | | S & P 500([R]) EQUAL WEIGHT TOTAL RETURN INDEX (%) | |
|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|
| Info Tech | 17.90 | Utilities | 25.60 | Cons. Disc. | 16.61 |
| Financials | 16.26 | Cons. Staples | 19.25 | Financials | 16.16 |
| Health Care | 13.01 | Financials | 18.19 | Info Tech | 13.41 |
| Cons. Disc. | 12.48 | Industrials | 13.78 | Industrials | 12.74 |
| Industrials | 10.73 | Health Care | 9.11 | Health Care | 10.95 |
| Energy | 10.47 | Materials | 4.08 | Energy | 8.54 |
| Cons. Staples | 10.05 | Energy | 3.06 | Cons. Staples | 7.91 |
| Materials | 3.52 | Info Tech | 3.03 | Utilities | 6.30 |
| Utilities | 3.16 | Cons. Disc. | 2.93 | Materials | 6.21 |
| Telecom | | Telecom | | Telecom | |
| Services | 2.42 | Services | 0.96 | Services | 1.18 |
| Total | 100.00 | Total | 100.00 | Total | 100.00 |

(4)Based on standard industry classifications.

Source: S & P Dow Jones Indices

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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 9/3/2042. In addition, the implementation of the RBS Retail Investor Products Exit Plan increases the likelihood of our calling the RBS ETNs prior to maturity.

Strategy Risk: The Index uses a systematic relative strength strategy to select which of the three Underlying Indices it will track for a given calendar month. Because the relative strength score takes into account the performance of each Underlying Index over certain past periods, it may not capture the short-term trends of any Underlying Index or successfully select the best-performing Underlying Index in the following month. There is no assurance that the strategy will be successful or that the Index will outperform any Underlying Index. The relative strength score is not predictive of superior relative performance in the following month.

Market Risk: The return on the ETNs will depend on the performance of the Index (which in turn will depend on the performance of the Underlying Indices) and other market conditions. In particular, the ETNs are subject to the risk that large-capitalization U.S. equities may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market in general.

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

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offer at least 20,000 RBS ETNs to us for any single repurchase and satisfy the 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. 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 ETN. Factors that may influence the market price of the RBS ETNs include: the level of the Index; the index components in the Underlying 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 very limited actual history and may perform in unexpected ways: The Index was created by RBS plc, as Index Sponsor, and established on August 28, 2012. As such, it has very limited actual history. 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 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: RBS plc and 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.

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