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RBS PLC LAUNCHES THE RBS CHINA TRENDPILOT™ EXCHANGE TRADED NOTES

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RBS Securities Inc. (RBSSI) today announced the launch of the seventh exchange traded product in its growing suite of Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs). The RBS China 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 “TCHI.”

The ETNs are designed for investors who seek exposure to the RBS China Trendpilot™ Index (USD) (the “Index”), which tracks either the BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return IndexSM (the “BNY Mellon China Select ADR TR IndexSM”) 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 BNY Mellon China Select ADR TR IndexSM 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 1.10% if the Index is tracking the BNY Mellon China Select ADR TR IndexSM 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 China 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 BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return IndexSM,” said Michael Nelskyla, Head of Investor Products Distribution, Americas.

The constituents of the BNY Mellon China Select ADR Total Return IndexSM comprise Depositary Receipts of Chinese companies that are listed and traded on U.S. stock exchanges.

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

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS)

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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 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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