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RBS Exchange Traded Notes

RBS ETN Performance
as of 09/30/12

RBS Trendpilot[™] ETNs

| Historical Performance (%) Daily Redemption Values(1) | TICKER | INCEPTION DATE | 1-MONTH (%) | 3-MONTH (%) | YEAR-TO- DATE (%) | 1-YEAR (%) | SINCE INCEPTION | RBS E |
|--|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot[™] ETN | TRND | 12/6/10 | 2.51 | 6.09 | 15.57 | 15.44 | 11.23 | |
| RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot[™] ETN | TRNM | 1/25/11 | 1.86 | 5.18 | 7.44 | 7.31 | -4.06 | |
| RBS NASDAQ-100([R]) Trendpilot[™] ETN | TNDQ | 12/8/11 | 0.95 | 2.76 | 14.90 | -- | 14.63 | |
| RBS China Trendpilot[™] ETN | TCHI | 4/13/12 | 0.61 | 0.54 | -- | -- | -4.62 | |
| RBS Gold Trendpilot[™] ETN | TBAR | 2/17/11 | 8.44 | 7.58 | 13.13 | 6.65 | 24.52 | |
| RBS Oil Trendpilot[™] ETN | TWTI | 9/13/11 | -4.26 | -4.62 | -6.07 | -2.29 | -2.31 | |

Cash Rate on 09/30/12 was 0.11%

RBS Alternator ETNs[™]

| Historical Performance (%) Daily Redemption Values(1) | TICKER | INCEPTION DATE | 1-MONTH (%) | 3-MONTH (%) | YEAR-TO- DATE (%) | 1-YEAR (%) | SINCE INCEPTION | RBS E |
|--|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETN[™] | ALTL | 8/30/12 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.20 | |

RBS Sector ETNs

| Historical Performance (%) Daily Redemption Values(1) | TICKER | INCEPTION DATE | 1-MONTH (%) | 3-MONTH (%) | YEAR-TO- DATE (%) | 1-YEAR (%) | SINCE INCEPTION | RBS E |
|--|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| RBS Global Big Pharma ETN | DRGS | 10/21/11 | 3.54 | 6.59 | 12.16 | -- | 18.89 | |

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The tables above present the actual performance of the RBS ETNs over the specified periods. For information regarding the performance of each Index, please refer to the relevant pricing supplement [™]led with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Past performance does not guarantee future results.

(1)Includes the deduction of the annual investor fee, which accrues on a daily basis. The annual investor fee will be equal to: (i) (a) 1.00% per annum when the applicable Trendpilot[™] Indices that are tracked by the RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot[™] ETNs, RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot[™] ETNs, RBS Gold Trendpilot[™] ETNs and the RBS NASDAQ-100([R]) Trendpilot[™] ETNs are tracking, respectively, the SandP 500([R]) Total Return Index, the SandP MidCap 400([R]) Total Return Index, the Price of Gold Bullion and the NASDAQ-100([R]) Total Return Index(SM) and (b) 1.10% per annum when the applicable Trendpilot[™] Indices that are tracked by the RBS Oil Trendpilot[™] ETNs and RBS China Trendpilot[™] ETNs are tracking, respectively, the RBS 12-Month Oil Total Return Index and the BNY

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Mellon China Select ADR Total Return Index(SM); and (ii) 0.50% per annum when any of the Trendpilot[™] Indices that are tracked by the RBS ETNs are tracking the yield on a hypothetical notional investment in 3-month U.S. Treasury bills as of the most recent weekly auction (the "Cash Rate"). With respect to the RBS Global Big Pharma ETNs, the annual investor fee will be 0.60% per annum. With respect to the RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETNs[™], the annual investor fee will be 1.00% per annum.

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