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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer** 

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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#### **Highlights**

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group reports 2009 net attributable loss of £3.6 billion, down from £24.3 billion in 2008

Core business 2009 operating profit rose 89% to £8.3 billion
Fourth quarter operating performance benefited from rising NIM and lower provisions
Year end Core Tier 1 ratio of 11.0%
Good progress against the key metrics in our 5 year strategy

### **Key points**

- 2009 net attributable loss fell to £3.6 billion from £24.3 billion in 2008.
- 2009 operating loss<sup>(1)</sup> narrowed to £6.2 billion from £6.9 billion in 2008, with loss before tax falling to £1.9 billion from £8.3 billion in 2008.
- Pre-impairment profit, adjusted for fair value of own debt, improved to £7.8 billion from a loss of £0.7 billion in 2008.
- Core bank operating profit improved to £8.3 billion, compared with £4.4 billion in 2008. Exceptional trading results in GBM led the way.
- Net interest margin was 1.76% for the full year, down 32 basis points from 2008 but stabilising in the second half. Fourth quarter NIM of 1.83% was up 8 basis points compared with 3Q09.
- Impairments rose sharply to £13.9 billion from £7.4 billion in 2008, but now appear likely to have peaked. Fourth quarter impairments were 5% lower than 3Q09 and risk elements in lending at year end were unchanged compared with end-September at £35.0 billion.
- Risk in the balance sheet has been reduced, with total assets cut by £696 billion in 2009. Targeted £500 billion reduction in funded balance sheet in constant currency terms 70% complete.
- Core Tier 1 capital ratio improved to 11.0%, following the issue of B shares to the UK Government and accession to the Asset Protection Scheme

Risk-weighted assets at year-end were £438 billion.

- Good progress has been made on Strategic Plan implementation. The Group is ahead of its targets on every published measure for this first year of the five-year plan.
- Customer franchises remained strong: UK Retail added 360,000 current account customers and 80,000 mortgage accounts in 2009. Churchill increased motor policy numbers by 234,000.
- £79.5 billion of gross new lending to UK households and businesses in 2009, half to SMEs.

#### Note:

(1) Loss before tax, purchased intangibles amortisation, integration and restructuring costs, gain on redemption of own debt, strategic disposals, write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets, gains on pensions curtailment, bonus tax and RFS Holdings minority interest. Statutory operating loss before tax of £2.6 billion.

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## Key financial data

	Year e 31 December 2009 £m	
Core Total income (1) Operating expenses (2) Insurance net claims Operating loss before impairment losses Impairment losses Core operating profit (3)	31,726 (14,954) (3,769) 13,003 (4,678) 8,325	(3,217) 6,909
Non-Core operating loss (3)	(14,557)	(11,351)
Total Group operating loss (3)	(6,232)	(6,938)
Group operating loss before tax (4)	(1,928)	(8,296)
Loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(3,607)	(24,306)

31 December 31 December Change 2009 2008

#### Capital and balance sheet

Total assets	£1,522.5bn	£2,218.7bn	(31%)
Funded balance sheet (5)	£1,084.3bn	£1,227.2bn	(12%)
Loan:deposit ratio (Group - net of provisions)	135%	151%	(1,600bp)
Core Tier 1 ratio	11.0%	5.9%	510bp
Net tangible equity per ordinary and B share	51.3p	73.8p	(30%)

#### Notes:

- (1) Excluding gain on redemption of own debt and strategic disposals.
- (2) Excluding purchased intangibles amortisation, write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets, integration and restructuring costs, gains on pensions curtailment and bonus tax.
- (3) Operating (loss)/profit before tax, purchased intangibles amortisation, integration and restructuring costs, gain on redemption of own debt, strategic disposals, write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets and gains on pensions curtailment and bonus tax.
- (4) Excluding write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets.
- (5) Funded balance sheet is defined as total assets less derivatives.

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#### Key financial data

#### Stephen Hester, Group Chief Executive, commented:

"We are one year into our five-year turnaround plan and have taken significant steps along the path to recovery. The strengths of our Core business are becoming clearer, while the legacy of losses and exposures from the crisis is running off. RBS is being restructured and run to serve customers well, to be safe and stable and to restore sustainable shareholder value for all. That is our legal duty and it is our intention and desire. It is also the only way taxpayers will recover the support they have given us.

"We have exceeded all the principal milestones we set for the first year of our plan. An £8.3 billion profit for 2009 in our Core businesses provides evidence that the new RBS can deliver sustainable earnings. RBS is also becoming safer and smaller more quickly than we expected. We have already completed 70% of our planned balance sheet reduction. Most importantly, our customer base remains loyal as we implement the changes to our business.

"In 2010, we will continue to focus on the recovery factors we can control, while effectively navigating the factors we cannot. The case for investment in our Group will become simpler and clearer as our strategy and actions show continuing results."

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### 2009 pro forma results summary

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS) reported a 2009 net attributable loss of £3,607 million, compared with a loss of £24,306 million in 2008. On a pro forma basis, the Group reported a 2009 operating loss of £6,232 million, compared with a loss of £6,938 million in 2008. Excluding movements in the fair value of own debt, Group operating profit before impairment losses improved to £7,809 million, compared with an operating loss of £738 million in 2008.

Core bank operating profit rose to £8,325 million from £4,413 million in 2008. The improvement largely reflected the turnaround in Global Banking & Markets (GBM) trading profits, with a very strong first quarter and more sustainable levels of revenue over the remainder of the year. Pre-impairment profits in the Core retail and commercial banking businesses remained robust with margins improving in the second half, but impairments increased markedly from 2008. US Retail & Commercial recorded an operating loss, but has successfully refocused on its core customer franchises, with an improvement in margins and stable impairments in the second half. RBS Insurance operating profit was severely affected by rising bodily injury claims.

Non-Core achieved a reduction of £57 billion in third party assets, excluding derivatives, ahead of its announced targets, by running down exposures and pursuing opportunities to dispose of loan portfolios. Losses on trading activities declined as underlying asset prices rallied, but impairment losses increased to £9,221 million.

Integration and restructuring costs of £1,286 million were offset by a £3,790 million gain on the redemption of the Group's own debt and by gains of £2,148 million arising from the curtailment of prospective pension benefits, leaving a pre-tax loss of £1,928 million, compared with an £8,296 million loss in 2008. After minority interests, preference share dividends and goodwill write-downs, the loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders was £3,607 million, compared with a loss of £24,306 million in 2008.

Net tangible equity amounted to 51.3p per ordinary and B share at 31 December 2009, compared with 59.4p per share at 30 September 2009 and 73.8p at 31 December 2008, primarily reflecting the issuance of B shares, the conversion of preference shares to ordinary shares and attributable losses over the course of the year.

#### Net interest income

Net interest income declined by 14% as Group net interest margin narrowed by 32 basis points to 1.76%. Deposit margins have remained under pressure, with strong competition particularly for longer term deposits and rates on many products already at floors in the current low interest rate environment. Asset margins have been gradually rebuilt over the course of the year, helping to stem the erosion of net interest margin experienced over recent years, and overall net interest margins in the Core retail and commercial banking divisions started to recover in the second half.

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#### Non-interest income

Non-interest income increased to £15,858 million from £4,835 million in 2008, largely reflecting the sharp improvement in income from trading activities, as improved asset valuations led to lowerER: always">

#### U.S. Federal Tax Information

The following table sets forth the amount of stated interest on the notes and the portion that will be treated as an interest payment and as payment for the Put Option for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Interest Rate Treated as an Treated as Payment per Annum Interest Payment for the Put Option 10.80% [.] [.]

Please see the discussion (including the opinion of our counsel Morrison & Foerster LLP) in the product supplement dated May 1, 2017 under "Supplemental Tax Considerations—Supplemental U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations," which applies to the notes, except that the following disclosure supplements, and to the extent inconsistent supersedes, the discussion in the product supplement.

Under current Internal Revenue Service guidance, withholding on "dividend equivalent" payments (as discussed in the product supplement), if any, will not apply to notes that are issued as of the date of this pricing supplement unless such notes are "delta-one" instruments. Based on our determination that the notes are not delta-one instruments, non-U.S. holders should not generally be subject to withholding on dividend equivalent payments, if any, under the notes.

Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)

BMOCM will purchase the notes from us at a purchase price reflecting the commission set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement. BMOCM has informed us that, as part of its distribution of the notes, it will reoffer the notes

to other dealers who will sell them. Each such dealer, or each additional dealer engaged by a dealer to whom BMOCM reoffers the notes, will receive a commission from BMOCM, which will not exceed the commission set forth on the cover page.

Certain dealers who purchase the notes for sale to certain fee-based advisory accounts may forego some or all of their selling concessions, fees or commissions. The public offering price for investors purchasing the notes in these accounts may be less than 100% of the principal amount, as set forth on the cover page of this document. Investors that hold their notes in these accounts may be charged fees by the investment advisor or manager of that account based on the amount of assets held in those accounts, including the notes.

We will deliver the notes on a date that is greater than two business days following the pricing date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes more than two business days prior to the issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

We own, directly or indirectly, all of the outstanding equity securities of BMOCM, the agent for this offering. In accordance with FINRA Rule 5121, BMOCM may not make sales in this offering to any of its discretionary accounts without the prior written approval of the customer.

We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify the offering of the notes and to reject orders in whole or in part. You may cancel any order for the notes prior to its acceptance.

You should not construe the offering of the notes as a recommendation of the merits of acquiring an investment linked to any Underlying Asset or as to the suitability of an investment in the notes.

BMOCM may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the notes. BMOCM will determine any secondary market prices that it is prepared to offer in its sole discretion.

We may use the final pricing supplement relating to the notes in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, BMOCM or another of our affiliates may use the final pricing supplement relating to the notes in market-making transactions in any notes after their initial sale. Unless BMOCM or we inform you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, the final pricing supplement is being used by BMOCM in a market-making transaction.

For a period of approximately three months following issuance of the notes, the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to buy the notes from investors, and the value that BMOCM may also publish for the notes through one or more financial information vendors and which could be indicated for the notes on any brokerage account statements, will reflect a temporary upward adjustment from our estimated value of the notes that would otherwise be determined and applicable at that time. This temporary upward adjustment represents a portion of (a) the hedging profit that we or our affiliates expect to realize over the term of the notes and (b) the underwriting discount and the selling concessions paid in connection with this offering. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will decline to zero on a straight-line basis over the three-month period.

No Prospectus (as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive")) will be prepared in connection with these notes. Accordingly, these notes may not be offered to the public in any member state of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"), and any purchaser of these notes who subsequently sells any of these notes in any EEA member state must do so only in accordance with the requirements of the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that member state.

The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to, and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to, any retail investor in the EEA. For these purposes, the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, and a "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of: (a) a retail client, as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); or (b) a customer, within the meaning of Insurance Distribution Directive 2016/97/EU, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (c) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014, as amended (the "PRIIPs Regulation"), for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared, and therefore, offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

Additional Information Relating to the Estimated Initial Value of the Notes

Our estimated initial value of the notes on the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, and that will be set forth on the cover page of the final pricing supplement relating to the notes, equals the sum of the values of the following hypothetical components:

- a fixed-income debt component with the same tenor as the notes, valued using our internal funding rate for structured notes; and
- · one or more derivative transactions relating to the economic terms of the notes.

The internal funding rate used in the determination of the initial estimated value generally represents a discount from the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. The value of these derivative transactions are derived from our internal pricing models. These models are based on factors such as the traded market prices of comparable derivative instruments and on other inputs, which include volatility, dividend rates, interest rates and other factors. As a result, the estimated initial value of the notes on the Pricing Date will be determined based on market conditions at that time.

#### The Underlying Assets

All disclosures contained in this pricing supplement regarding the Underlying Assets, including, without limitation, their make-up, method of calculation, and changes in their components and their historical closing values, have been derived from publicly available information prepared by the applicable sponsors. The information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, the sponsors. The sponsors own the copyrights and all rights to the Underlying Assets. The sponsors are under no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue publication of, the Underlying Assets. Neither we nor BMO Capital Markets Corp. accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of any Underlying Asset or any successor.

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The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is intended to provide an indication of the pattern of common stock price movement. The calculation of the level of this Underlying Asset is based on the relative value of the aggregate market value of the common stocks of 500 companies as of a particular time compared to the aggregate average market value of the common stocks of 500 similar companies during the base period of the years 1941 through 1943.

S&P calculates this Underlying Asset by reference to the prices of the constituent stocks of this Underlying Asset without taking account of the value of dividends paid on those stocks. As a result, the return on the notes will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the SPX constituent stocks and received the dividends paid on those stocks.

#### Computation of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index

While S&P currently employs the following methodology to calculate the S&P 500® Index, no assurance can be given that S&P will not modify or change this methodology in a manner that may affect the Payment at Maturity.

Historically, the market value of any component stock of the S&P  $500^{\$}$  Index was calculated as the product of the market price per share and the number of then outstanding shares of such component stock. In March 2005, S&P began shifting the S&P  $500^{\$}$  Index halfway from a market capitalization weighted formula to a float-adjusted formula, before moving the S&P  $500^{\$}$  Index to full float adjustment on September 16, 2005. S&P's criteria for selecting stocks for the S&P  $500^{\$}$  Index did not change with the shift to float adjustment. However, the adjustment affects each company's weight in the S&P  $500^{\$}$  Index.

Under float adjustment, the share counts used in calculating the S&P 500® Index reflect only those shares that are available to investors, not all of a company's outstanding shares. Float adjustment excludes shares that are closely held by control groups, other publicly traded companies or government agencies.

In September 2012, all shareholdings representing more than 5% of a stock's outstanding shares, other than holdings by "block owners," were removed from the float for purposes of calculating the S&P 500Index. Generally, these "control holders" will include officers and directors, private equity, venture capital and special equity firms, other publicly traded companies that hold shares for control, strategic partners, holders of restricted shares, ESOPs, employee and family trusts, foundations associated with the company, holders of unlisted share classes of stock, government entities at all levels (other than government retirement/pension funds) and any individual person who controls a 5% or greater stake in a company as reported in regulatory filings. However, holdings by block owners, such as depositary banks, pension funds, mutual funds and ETF providers, 401(k) plans of the company, government

retirement/pension funds, investment funds of insurance companies, asset managers and investment funds, independent foundations and savings and investment plans, will ordinarily be considered part of the float.

Treasury stock, stock options, equity participation units, warrants, preferred stock, convertible stock, and rights are not part of the float. Shares held in a trust to allow investors in countries outside the country of domicile, such as depositary shares and Canadian exchangeable shares are normally part of the float unless those shares form a control block.

For each stock, an investable weight factor ("IWF") is calculated by dividing the available float shares by the total shares outstanding. Available float shares are defined as the total shares outstanding less shares held by control holders. This calculation is subject to a 5% minimum threshold for control blocks. For example, if a company's officers and directors hold 3% of the company's shares, and no other control group holds 5% of the company's shares, S&P would assign that company an IWF of 1.00, as no control group meets the 5% threshold. However, if a company's officers and directors hold 3% of the company's shares and another control group holds 20% of the company's outstanding shares are considered to be held for control. As of July 31, 2017, companies with multiple share class lines are no longer eligible for inclusion in the S&P 500® Index. Constituents of the S&P 500® Index prior to July 31, 2017 with multiple share class lines will be grandfathered in and continue to be included in the S&P 500® Index. If a constituent company of the S&P 500® Index reorganizes into a multiple share class line structure, that company will remain in the S&P 500® Index at the discretion of the S&P Index Committee in order to minimize turnover.

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All securities eligible for inclusion in the RTY must trade on a major U.S. exchange. Bulletin board, pink sheets, and over-the-counter ("OTC") traded securities are not eligible for inclusion. Stocks must have a closing price at or above \$1.00 on their primary exchange on the last trading day in July to be eligible for inclusion during annual reconstitution. However, in order to reduce unnecessary turnover, if an existing member's closing price is less than \$1.00 on the last day of July, it will be considered eligible if the average of the daily closing prices (from its primary exchange) during the month of July is equal to or greater than \$1.00. Initial public offerings must have a closing price at or above \$1.00 on the last day of their eligibility period in order to qualify for index inclusion. If an existing stock does not trade on the "rank day" (typically the last trading day in July but a confirmed timetable is announced each spring), but does have a closing price at or above \$1.00 on another eligible U.S. exchange, that stock will be eligible for inclusion. Companies with a total market capitalization of less than \$30 million are not eligible for the RTY. Similarly, companies with only 5% or less of their shares available in the marketplace are not eligible for the RTY.

Royalty trusts, limited liability companies, closed-end investment companies (companies that are required to report Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, as defined by the SEC, including business development companies, are not eligible), blank check companies, special-purpose acquisition companies, exchange traded funds, mutual funds and limited partnerships are ineligible for inclusion. Preferred and convertible preferred stock, redeemable shares, participating preferred stock, warrants, rights, installment receipts and trust receipts are not eligible for inclusion in the

#### RTY.

Annual reconstitution is a process by which the RTY is completely rebuilt. On the rank day of July, all eligible securities are ranked by their total market capitalization. The largest 4,000 become the Russell 3000E Index, and the other FTSE Russell indexes are determined from that set of securities. Reconstitution of the RTY occurs on the last Friday in June or, when the last Friday in June is the 29th or 30th, reconstitution occurs on the prior Friday. In addition, FTSE Russell adds initial public offerings to the RTY on a quarterly basis based on total market capitalization ranking within the market-adjusted capitalization breaks established during the most recent reconstitution.

After membership is determined, a security's shares are adjusted to include only those shares available to the public. This is often referred to as "free float." The purpose of the adjustment is to exclude from market calculations the capitalization that is not available for purchase and is not part of the investable opportunity set.

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#### VanEck Vectors® Gold Miners ETF

In this section, the Underlying Asset refers to the shares of the VanEck Vectors® Gold Miners ETF (the "GDX"), and the Underlying Index refers to the NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index.

The Underlying Asset is an investment portfolio maintained, managed and advised by Van Eck. The Market Vectors® ETF Trust is a registered open-end investment company that consists of numerous separate investment portfolios, including the Underlying Asset.

The Underlying Asset is an exchange traded fund that trades on NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol "GDX."

The Underlying Asset seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Index was developed by the NYSE Amex and is calculated, maintained and published by NYSE Arca. The Underlying Index is a modified market capitalization-weighted index comprised of publicly traded companies involved primarily in mining for gold or silver.

The Underlying Asset utilizes a "passive" or "indexing" investment approach in attempting to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Asset will invest in all of the securities which comprise the Underlying Index. The Underlying Asset will normally invest at least 95% of its total assets in common stocks that comprise the Underlying Index.

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#### The Underlying Index

We have derived all information contained in this pricing supplement regarding the Underlying Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation and changes in its components, from publicly available information and information supplied by NYSE Arca. Such information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, NYSE Arca. The Underlying Index was developed by the NYSE Amex (formerly the American Stock Exchange) and is calculated, maintained and published by the NYSE Arca. The NYSE Arca has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue the publication of, the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index includes common stocks, ADRs and GDRs of selected companies that are involved primarily in mining for gold or silver and that are listed for trading and electronically quoted on a major stock market that is accessible by foreign investors. Generally, this will include exchanges in most developed markets and major emerging markets, and will include companies that are cross-listed, e.g., both U.S. and Canadian listings. NYSE Arca will use its discretion to avoid exchanges and markets that are considered "frontier" in nature or have major restrictions to foreign ownership. The Underlying Index includes companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from gold mining and related activities (40% for companies that were included in the Underlying Index prior to September 23, 2013). Also, the Underlying Index maintains exposure to companies with a significant revenue exposure to silver mining in addition to gold mining, which will not exceed 20% of the Underlying Index weight at each rebalance.

Only companies with market capitalizations greater than \$750 million that have an average daily volume of at least 50,000 shares over the past three months and an average daily value traded of at least \$1 million over the past three months are eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index. Starting in December 2013, for companies that were included in the Underlying Index prior to September 23, 2013, the market capitalization requirement at each rebalance became \$450 million, the average daily volume requirement will be at least 30,000 shares over the past three months and the average daily value traded requirement will be at least \$600,000 over the past three months. NYSE Arca has

the discretion to not include all companies that meet the minimum criteria for inclusion. The Underlying Index's benchmark value was 500.00 at the close of trading on December 20, 2002.

Calculation of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Index is calculated by NYSE Arca on a price return basis. The calculation is based on the current modified market capitalization divided by a divisor. The divisor was determined on the initial capitalization base of the Underlying Index and the base level and may be adjusted as a result of corporate actions and composition changes, as described below.

Index Maintenance. The Underlying Index is reviewed quarterly to ensure that at least 90% of the index weight is accounted for by index components that continue to meet the initial eligibility requirements. NYSE Arca may at any time and from time to time change the number of securities comprising the group by adding or deleting one or more securities, or replacing one or more securities contained in the group with one or more substitute securities of its choice, if in NYSE Arca's discretion such addition, deletion or substitution is necessary or appropriate to maintain the quality and/or character of the Underlying Index. Components will be removed from the Underlying Index during the quarterly review if (1) the market capitalization falls below \$450 million, or (2) the traded average daily shares for the previous three months is lower than 30,000 shares and the traded average daily value for the previous three months is less than \$600,000.

At the time of the quarterly rebalance, the component security quantities will be modified to conform to the following asset diversification requirements:

- (1) the weight of any single component security may not account for more than 20% of the total value of the Underlying Index;
- the component securities are split into two subgroups—large and small, which are ranked by market capitalization (2) weight in the Underlying Index. Large securities are defined as having a starting index weight greater than or equal to 5%. Small securities are defined as having a starting index weight below 5%; and
- (3) the final aggregate weight of those component securities which individually represent more than 4.5% of the total value of the Underlying Index may not account for more than 45% of the total index value.

The weights of the components securities (taking into account expected component changes and share adjustments) are modified in accordance with the Underlying Index's diversification rules.

Changes to the index composition and/or the component security weights in the Underlying Index are determined and announced prior to taking effect, which typically occurs after the close of trading on the third Friday of each calendar quarter month in connection with the quarterly index rebalance. The share quantities of each component security in the index portfolio remains fixed between quarterly reviews except in the event of certain types of corporate actions such as stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends, or similar events. The share quantities used in the index calculation are not typically adjusted for shares issued or repurchased between quarterly reviews. However, in the event of a merger between two components, the share quantity of the surviving entity may be adjusted to account for any stock issued in the acquisition. NYSE Arca may substitute securities or change the number of securities included in the Underlying Index, based on changing conditions in the industry or in the event of certain types of corporate actions, including mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs, and reorganizations. In the event of component or share quantity changes to the index portfolio, the payment of dividends other than ordinary cash dividends, spin-offs, rights offerings, re-capitalization, or other corporate actions affecting a component security of the Underlying Index, the index divisor may be adjusted to ensure that there are no changes to the index level as a result of nonmarket forces.

#### iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF

In this section, the Underlying Asset refers to the shares of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (the "EEM"), and the Underlying Index refers to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

iShares consists of numerous separate investment portfolios (the "iShares Funds"), including the Underlying Asset. The Underlying Asset seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Asset typically earns income from dividends from securities held by the Underlying Asset. These amounts, net of expenses and taxes (if applicable), are passed along to the Underlying Asset's shareholders as "ordinary income." In addition, the Underlying Asset realizes capital gains or losses whenever it sells securities. Net long-term capital gains are distributed to its shareholders as "capital gain distributions." However, because the notes are linked only to the share price of the Underlying Asset, you will not be entitled to receive income, dividend, or capital gain distributions from the Underlying Asset or any equivalent payments.

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The Underlying Asset is intended to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. This Underlying Asset trades on NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol "EEM."

#### The MSCI Emerging Markets Index

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is intended to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index with a base date of December 31, 1987 and an initial value of 100. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is calculated daily in U.S. dollars and published in real time every 60 seconds during market trading hours. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index currently consists of the following 24 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Qatar, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is part of the MSCI Regional Equity Indices series and is an MSCI Global Investable Market Index, which is a family within the MSCI International Equity Indices. MSCI is the Index Sponsor of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

#### General - MSCI Global Investable Market Indices

MSCI provides global equity indices intended to measure equity performance in international markets and the MSCI International Equity Indices are designed to serve as global equity performance benchmarks. In constructing these indices, MSCI applies its index construction and maintenance methodology across developed, emerging, and frontier markets.

MSCI enhanced the methodology used in its MSCI International Equity Indices. The MSCI Standard and MSCI Small Cap Indices, along with the other MSCI equity indices based on them, transitioned to the global investable market indices methodology described below. The transition was completed at the end of May 2008. The Enhanced MSCI Standard Indices are composed of the MSCI Large Cap and Mid Cap Indices. The MSCI Global Small Cap Index

transitioned to the MSCI Small Cap Index resulting from the Global Investable Market Indices methodology and contains no overlap with constituents of the transitioned MSCI Standard Indices. Together, the relevant MSCI Large Cap, Mid Cap, and Small Cap Indices will make up the MSCI investable market index for each country, composite, sector, and style index that MSCI offers.

Constructing the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices. MSCI undertakes an index construction process, which involves:

·defining the equity universe;

- ·determining the market investable equity universe for each market;
- ·determining market capitalization size segments for each market;
- ·applying index continuity rules for the MSCI Standard Index;
  - creating style segments within each size segment within each market; and
- ·classifying securities under the Global Industry Classification Standard (the "GICS").

Defining the Equity Universe. The equity universe is defined by:

Identifying Eligible Equity Securities: the equity universe initially looks at securities listed in any of the countries in the MSCI Global Index Series, which will be classified as either Developed Markets ("DM") or Emerging Markets ("EM"). All listed equity securities, or listed securities that exhibit characteristics of equity securities, except mutual funds, exchange traded funds, equity derivatives, limited partnerships, and most investment trusts, are eligible for inclusion in the equity universe. Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") in some countries and certain income trusts in Canada are also eligible for inclusion.

Classifying Eligible Securities into the Appropriate Country: each company and its securities (i.e., share classes) are classified in only one country.

Determining the Market Investable Equity Universes. A market investable equity universe for a market is derived by applying investability screens to individual companies and securities in the equity universe that are classified in that market. A market is equivalent to a single country, except in DM Europe, where all DM countries in Europe are aggregated into a single market for index construction purposes. Subsequently, individual DM Europe country indices within the MSCI Europe Index are derived from the constituents of the MSCI Europe Index under the global investable market indices methodology.

The investability screens used to determine the investable equity universe in each market are as follows:

Equity Universe Minimum Size Requirement: this investability screen is applied at the company level. In order to be included in a market investable equity universe, a company must have the required minimum full market capitalization.

Equity Universe Minimum Free Float-Adjusted Market Capitalization Requirement: this investability screen is applied at the individual security level. To be eligible for inclusion in a market investable equity universe, a security must have a free float-adjusted market capitalization equal to or higher than 50% of the equity universe minimum size requirement.

DM and EM Minimum Liquidity Requirement: this investability screen is applied at the individual security level. To be eligible for inclusion in a market investable equity universe, a security must have adequate liquidity. The twelve-month and three-month Annual Traded Value Ratio ("ATVR"), a measure that screens out extreme daily trading volumes and takes into account the free float-adjusted market capitalization size of securities, together with the three-month frequency of trading are used to measure liquidity. In the calculation of the ATVR, the trading volumes in depository receipts associated with that security, such as ADRs or GDRs, are also considered. A minimum liquidity level of 20% of three- and twelve-month ATVR and 90% of three-month frequency of trading over the last four consecutive quarters are required for inclusion of a security in a market investable equity universe of a DM, and a minimum liquidity level of 15% of three- and twelve-month ATVR and 80% of three-month frequency of trading

over the last four consecutive quarters are required for inclusion of a security in a market investable equity universe of an EM.

Global Minimum Foreign Inclusion Factor Requirement: this investability screen is applied at the individual security level. To be eligible for inclusion in a market investable equity universe, a security's Foreign Inclusion Factor ("FIF") must reach a certain threshold. The FIF of a security is defined as the proportion of shares outstanding that is available for purchase in the public equity markets by international investors. This proportion accounts for the available free float of and/or the foreign ownership limits applicable to a specific security (or company). In general, a security must have an FIF equal to or larger than 0.15 to be eligible for inclusion in a market investable equity universe.

Minimum Length of Trading Requirement: this investability screen is applied at the individual security level. For an initial public offering ("IPO") to be eligible for inclusion in a market investable equity universe, the new issue must have started trading at least four months before the implementation of the initial construction of the index or at least three months before the implementation of a semi–annual index review (as described below). This requirement is applicable to small new issues in all markets. Large IPOs are not subject to the minimum length of trading requirement and may be included in a market investable equity universe and the Standard Index outside of a Quarterly or Semi–Annual Index Review.

Defining Market Capitalization Size Segments for Each Market. Once a market investable equity universe is defined, it is segmented into the following size—based indices:

- ·Investable Market Index (Large + Mid + Small);
- ·Standard Index (Large + Mid);
- ·Large Cap Index;
- ·Mid Cap Index; or
- ·Small Cap Index.

Creating the size segment indices in each market involves the following steps:

- ·defining the market coverage target range for each size segment;
- ·determining the global minimum size range for each size segment;
- ·determining the market size–segment cutoffs and associated segment number of companies;
- ·assigning companies to the size segments; and
- ·applying final size–segment investability requirements.

Index Continuity Rules for the Standard Indices. In order to achieve index continuity, as well as to provide some basic level of diversification within a market index, and notwithstanding the effect of other index construction rules described in this section, a minimum number of five constituents will be maintained for a DM Standard Index and a minimum number of three constituents will be maintained for an EM Standard Index.

Creating Style Indices within Each Size Segment. All securities in the investable equity universe are classified into value or growth segments using the MSCI Global Value and Growth methodology.

Classifying Securities under the Global Industry Classification Standard. All securities in the global investable equity universe are assigned to the industry that best describes their business activities. To this end, MSCI has designed, in conjunction with Standard & Poor's, the GICS. Under the GICS, each company is assigned to one sub–industry according to its principal business activity. Therefore, a company can belong to only one industry grouping at each of the four levels of the GICS.

Index Maintenance

The MSCI Global Investable Market Indices are maintained with the objective of reflecting the evolution of the underlying equity markets and segments on a timely basis, while seeking to achieve index continuity, continuous investability of constituents and replicability of the indices, and index stability and low index turnover. In particular, index maintenance involves:

- (i) Semi-Annual Index Reviews ("SAIRs") in May and November of the Size Segment and Global Value and Growth Indices which include:
- ·updating the indices on the basis of a fully refreshed equity universe;
- ·taking buffer rules into consideration for migration of securities across size and style segments; and

- ·updating FIFs and Number of Shares ("NOS").
- (ii) Quarterly Index Reviews in February and August of the Size Segment Indices aimed at:
- ·including significant new eligible securities (such as IPOs that were not eligible for earlier inclusion) in the index;
- allowing for significant moves of companies within the Size Segment Indices, using wider buffers than in the SAIR; and
- ·reflecting the impact of significant market events on FIFs and updating NOS.
- Ongoing Event–Related Changes: changes of this type are generally implemented in the indices as they occur. Significantly large IPOs are included in the indices after the close of the company's tenth day of trading.

Through this maintenance process, MSCI may make structural changes to the indices by adding or deleting component country indices. Consequently, the composition of the Underlying Index may change over the term of the notes.

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## Historical Performances of the Underlying Assets

The following tables set forth the quarter-end high and low closing levels for each Underlying Asset from the first quarter of 2008 through January 18, 2018.

The historical levels of the Underlying Assets are provided for informational purposes only. You should not take the historical levels of the applicable Underlying Asset as an indication of its future performance, which may be better or worse than the levels set forth below.

## Closing Levels of the S&P 500® Index

2008 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	1,426.33	1,273.37 1,278.38 1,106.39
2009 First Quarter	934.70	
Second Quarter	946.21	
Third Quarter	1,071.66	
Fourth Quarter	1,127.78	1,025.21
2010First Quarter	1,174.17	1,056.74
Second Quarter		1,030.71
Third Quarter		1,022.58
Fourth Quarter	1,259.78	1,137.03
2011 First Quarter	1,343.01	1,256.88
Second Quarter		1,265.42
Third Quarter		1,119.46
Fourth Quarter		1,099.23
2012 First Quarter	1 416 51	1,277.06
Second Quarter		1,278.04
Third Quarter		1,334.76
Fourth Quarter		1,353.33
2012 First Overton	1 560 10	1,457.15
2013 First Quarter		1,437.13
Second Quarter		1,541.01
Third Quarter		
Fourth Quarter	1,848.30	1,655.45
2014First Quarter		1,741.89
Second Quarter	1,962.87	1,815.69
Third Quarter	2,011.36	1,909.57
Fourth Quarter	2,090.57	1,862.49
2015 First Quarter	2 117 39	1,992.67
Second Quarter		2,057.64
Third Quarter		1,867.61
Imia Quarter	2,120.20	1,007.01

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Fourth Quarter	2,109.79 1,923.82
2016First Quarter	2,063.95 1,829.08
Second Quarter	2,119.12 2,000.54
Third Quarter	2,190.15 2,088.55
Fourth Quarter	2,271.72 2,085.18
2017First Quarter	2,395.96 2,257.83
Second Quarter	2,453.46 2,328.95
Third Quarter	2,519.36 2,409.75
Fourth Quarter	2,690.16 2,529.12
2018 First Quarter (through January 18, 2018)	2,802.56 2,695.81
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# Closing Levels of the Russell 2000® Index

2008 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	High 753.548 763.266 754.377 671.590	Low 643.966 686.073 657.718 385.308
2009 First Quarter	514.710	343.260
Second Quarter	531.680	429.158
Third Quarter	620.695	479.267
Fourth Quarter	634.072	562.395
2010First Quarter	690.303	586.491
Second Quarter	741.922	609.486
Third Quarter	677.642	590.034
Fourth Quarter	792.347	669.450
2011First Quarter	843.549	773.184
Second Quarter	865.291	777.197
Third Quarter	858.113	643.421
Fourth Quarter	765.432	609.490
2012First Quarter	846.129	747.275
Second Quarter	840.626	737.241
Third Quarter	864.697	767.751
Fourth Quarter	852.495	769.483
2013 First Quarter	953.068	872.605
Second Quarter	999.985	901.513
Third Quarter	1,078.409	989.535
Fourth Quarter	1,163.637	1,043.459
2014First Quarter	1,208.651	1,093.594
Second Quarter		1,095.986
Third Quarter	1,208.150	1,101.676
Fourth Quarter	1,219.109	1,049.303
2015First Quarter	1,266.373	1,154.709
Second Quarter		1,215.417
Third Quarter	1,273.328	1,083.907
Fourth Quarter	1,204.159	1,097.552
2016First Quarter	1,114.028	953.715
Second Quarter		1,089.646
Third Quarter	,	1,139.453
Fourth Quarter		1,156.885
2017 First Quarter	1,413.635	1,345.598
Second Quarter		1,345.244
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Third Quarter 1,490.861 1,356.905 Fourth Quarter 1,548.926 1,464.095

2018 First Quarter (through January 18, 2018) 1,591.972 1,550.011

# Closing Prices of the VanEck Vectors® Gold Miners ETF

2008 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	High (in \$) 56.29 51.40 50.84 33.96	46.50 42.38 27.95 16.38
2009 First Quarter	38.57	28.20
Second Quarter	44.55	30.95
Third Quarter	48.00	35.14
Fourth Quarter	54.78	41.87
2010First Quarter	50.17	40.22
Second Quarter	54.07	46.36
Third Quarter	56.66	47.09
Fourth Quarter	63.80	54.28
2011 First Quarter	60.79	53.12
Second Quarter	63.95	51.80
Third Quarter	66.69	53.75
Fourth Quarter	63.32	50.07
2012 First Quarter	57.47	48.75
Second Quarter	50.37	39.34
Third Quarter	54.81	40.70
Fourth Quarter	54.25	44.85
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2013 First Quarter	47.09	35.91
Second Quarter	37.45	22.22
Third Quarter	30.43	22.90
Fourth Quarter	26.52	20.39
2014First Quarter	27.73	21.27
Second Quarter	26.45	22.04
Third Quarter	27.46	21.35
Fourth Quarter	21.94	16.59
2015 First Quarter	22.94	17.67
Second Quarter	20.82	17.76
Third Quarter	17.85	13.04
Fourth Quarter	16.90	13.08
2016First Quarter	20.86	12.47
Second Quarter	27.70	19.53
Third Quarter	31.32	25.45
Fourth Quarter	25.96	18.99
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2017First Quarter	25.57	21.14
Second Quarter	24.57	21.10

Third Quarter	25.49	21.21
Fourth Quarter	23.84	21.42
2018 First Quarter (through January 18, 2018)	24.37	23.11

# Closing Levels of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF

2008 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	High (\$) 50.37 51.70 44.43 33.90	Low (\$) 42.17 44.43 31.33 18.22
2009 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	27.09 34.64 39.29 42.07	19.94 25.65 30.75 37.56
2010 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	43.22 43.98 44.77 48.58	36.83 36.16 37.59 44.77
2011 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	48.69 50.21 48.46 42.80	44.63 45.50 34.95 34.36
2012 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	44.76 43.54 42.37 44.35	38.23 36.68 37.42 40.14
2013 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	45.20 44.23 43.29 43.66	41.80 36.63 37.34 40.44
2014First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	40.99 43.95 45.85 42.44	37.09 40.82 41.56 37.73
2015 First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	41.07 44.09 39.78 36.29	37.92 39.04 31.32 31.55
2016First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	34.28 35.26 38.20 38.10	28.25 31.87 33.77 34.08
2017 First Quarter Second Quarter	39.99 41.93	35.43 38.81

Third Quarter	45.85	41.05
Fourth Quarter	47.81	44.82

2018First Quarter (through January 18, 2018) 50.03 48.01