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STRUCTURED INVESTMENTS

Opportunities in U.S. and International Equities

\$8,019,960 PLUS Based on a Basket of Two Equity Indices and Six Exchange-Traded Funds due July 3, 2019

Performance Leveraged Upside Securities<sup>SM</sup>

Principal at Risk Securities

The PLUS are senior unsecured obligations of Royal Bank of Canada, do not pay interest, do not guarantee any return of principal at maturity and have the terms described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, as supplemented or modified by this document. At maturity, if the value of the basket has increased, investors will receive the stated principal amount of their investment plus a return reflecting the leveraged upside performance of the basket, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. However, if the value of the basket has decreased, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline. The PLUS are for investors who seek a return linked to the six basket components and who are willing to risk their principal and forgo current income and upside above the maximum payment at maturity in exchange for the leverage feature, which applies to a limited range of positive performance of the basket. Investors may lose their entire initial investment in the PLUS. The PLUS are senior notes issued as part of Royal Bank of Canada's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series H program. All payments on the PLUS are subject to the credit risk of Royal Bank of Canada.

#### **SUMMARY TERMS**

Issuer: Royal Bank of Canada

The basket is composed of two equity indices and six exchange-traded funds (each, a "basket component") weighted as set forth in the table below.

Basket components	Bloomberg	Component	Initial component
	symbols	weightings	values*
Russell 3000® Value Index ("RAV")	RAV	25%	1,428.631
VanEck Vectors® Gold Miners ETF ("GDX")	GDX	15%	\$20.60
Basket: EURO STOXX® Banks Index ("SX7E")	SX7E	10%	86.76
iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF ("EEM")	EEM	10%	\$39.24
iShares® MSCI Japan ETF ("EWJ")	EWJ	10%	\$50.78
SPDR® S&P® Oil & Gas Exploration and	XOP	10%	\$26.37
Production ETF ("XOP")	AUF	1070	\$20.57
iShares® Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF ("IBB")	IBB	10%	\$94.84
iShares® U.S. Telecommunications ETF ("IYZ")	IYZ	10%	\$26.05

<sup>\*</sup> The initial component value for each basket component was its official closing value on the pricing date.

Aggregate principal amount: \$8

\$8,019,960

Stated principal

\$10 per PLUS

amount:

Issue price: \$10 per PLUS

Pricing date: December 28, 2018

Original issue

date:

January 4, 2019 (three business days after the pricing date)

Maturity date: July 3, 2019, subject to adjustment as described in "Additional Terms of the PLUS" below.

Payment at

If the final basket value is greater than the initial basket value, maturity:

 $$10 + $10 \times \text{leverage factor} \times \text{basket return}$ 

In no event will the payment at maturity exceed the maximum payment at maturity.

If the final basket value is less than or equal to the initial basket value,

 $$10 + $10 \times \text{basket return}$ 

This amount will be less than or equal to the stated principal amount of \$10. You will lose some or

all of the principal amount if the final basket value is less than the initial basket value.

Maximum

payment at \$10.90 per PLUS (109% of the stated principal amount)

maturity:

Leverage factor: 200%

Basket return: (final basket value – initial basket value) / initial basket value

Initial basket

Set equal to 100 on the pricing date value:

Final basket  $100 \times [1 + (\text{sum of the basket component return multiplied by the respective component weighting}]$ 

for each basket component)] value:

Basket componentWith respect to each basket component, (final component value – initial component value) / initial

component value return:

Final component

The official closing value of the relevant basket component on the valuation date value:

Valuation date: June 28, 2019, subject to adjustment for non-trading days and certain market disruption events

With respect to the RAV and the SX7E (each, an "Index" and together, the "Indices"), the closing level

of the relevant Index; with respect to the GDX, the EEM, the EWJ, the XOP, the IBB and the IYZ Official closing

value: (each, an "ETF" and together, the "ETFs"), the closing price of one share of the ETF multiplied by the

adjustment factor

Adjustment With respect to each ETF, 1.0, subject to adjustment in the event of certain events affecting that

ETF. See "Additional Terms of the PLUS—Adjustment factor" below. factor:

CUSIP/ISIN: 78014H128 / US78014H1288

The PLUS will not be listed on any securities exchange. Listing:

Agent: RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBCCM").

Commissions and issue price: Price to public Agent's commissions Proceeds to issuer

Per PLUS \$10.000  $\$0.125^{(1)}$ 

> \$0.050(2) \$9.825

Total \$100,249.50

\$8,019,960 \$7,879,610.70 \$40,099.80

RBCCM, acting as agent for Royal Bank of Canada, will receive a fee of \$0.175 per \$10 stated principal amount (1) and will pay to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management ("MSWM") a fixed sales commission of \$0.125 for each PLUS that MSWM sells. See "Supplemental Information Regarding Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest."

Of the amount per \$10 stated principal amount received by RBCCM, acting as agent for Royal Bank of Canada, RBCCM will pay MSWM a structuring fee of \$0.05 for each PLUS.

The initial estimated value of the PLUS as of the pricing date is \$9.7304 per \$10.00 PLUS, which is less than the price to public. The market value of the PLUS at any time will reflect many factors, cannot be predicted with accuracy, and may be less than this amount.

An investment in the PLUS involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 of this document, and "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-1 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and page 1 of the accompanying prospectus.

You should read this document together with the related prospectus supplement and prospectus,

each of which can be accessed via the hyperlinks below, before you decide to invest.

Please also see "Additional Terms of the PLUS" in this document.

Prospectus Supplement dated September 7, 2018

## Prospectus dated September 7, 2018

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of the PLUS or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The PLUS will not constitute deposits insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other Canadian or U.S. government agency or instrumentality. The PLUS are not subject to conversion into our common shares under subsection 39.2(2.3) of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act.

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**Investment Summary** 

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The PLUS Based on a Basket of Two Equity Indices and Six Exchange-Traded Funds, due July 3, 2019 (the "PLUS") can be used:

As an alternative to direct exposure to the basket that enhances returns for a certain range of positive performance of the basket subject to the maximum at the maximum at the maximum at the maximum at the subject to the basket, subject to the maximum payment at maturity.

§To enhance returns and potentially outperform the basket in a moderately bullish scenario.

To achieve similar levels of upside exposure to the basket as a direct investment, subject to the maximum payment at maturity, while using fewer dollars by taking advantage of the leverage factor.

The PLUS are exposed on a 1:1 basis to the negative performance of the basket.

Approximately six months Maturity:

200% Leverage factor:

Maximum payment at maturity: \$10.90 per PLUS (109% of the stated principal amount)

Minimum payment at maturity: None. Investors may lose their entire initial investment in the PLUS.

Coupon: None

Component weighting: Unequal, as set forth on the cover page.

**Key Investment Rationale** 

These PLUS offer leveraged exposure to the performance of the basket. In exchange for enhanced performance of 200% of the appreciation of the basket, investors forgo performance above the maximum payment at maturity of \$10.90 per PLUS. At maturity, if the value of the basket has increased, investors will receive the stated principal amount of their investment plus a return reflecting the leveraged upside performance of the basket, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. However, if the value of the basket has decreased, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline. Investors may lose their entire initial investment in the PLUS.

Leveraged Upside The PLUS offer investors an opportunity to capture enhanced returns relative to a direct Performance

investment in the basket within a certain range of positive performance.

The value of the basket increases and, at maturity, we will pay the stated principal amount of

\$10 plus 200% of the basket return, subject to the maximum payment at maturity of \$10.90 per Upside Scenario

PLUS (109% of the stated principal amount).

The value of the basket declines and, at maturity, we will pay less than the stated principal

Downside Scenario amount by an amount that is proportionate to the percentage decrease in the value of the basket

from the initial basket value. There is no minimum payment at maturity.

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#### **Additional Information**

You should read this document together with the prospectus dated September 7, 2018, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated September 7, 2018, relating to our Senior Global Medium-Term Notes, Series H, of which the PLUS are a part. This document, together with these documents, contains the terms of the PLUS and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials, including preliminary or indicative pricing terms, correspondence, trade ideas, structures for implementation, sample structures, brochures or other educational materials of ours.

You should rely only on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this document, the prospectus and the prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. We and MSWM are offering to sell the PLUS and seeking offers to buy the PLUS only in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this document and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus is current only as of their respective dates.

If the information in this document differs from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement or prospectus, you should rely on the information in this document.

You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in "Risk Factors" in this document and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, as the PLUS involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the PLUS.

You may access these documents on the SEC website at www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website):

·Prospectus dated September 7, 2018:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000275/000121465918005973/l96181424b3.htm

·Prospectus Supplement dated September 7, 2018:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000275/000121465918005975/f97180424b3.htm

Our Central Index Key on the SEC website is 1000275.

Please see the section "Documents Incorporated by Reference" on page i of the above prospectus for a description of our filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference therein.

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#### How the PLUS Work

## Payoff Diagram

The payoff diagram below illustrates the payment at maturity on the PLUS for a range of hypothetical percentage changes in the closing value of the basket. The graph is based on the following terms:

Stated principal amount: \$10 per PLUS

Leverage factor: 200%

Maximum payment at maturity: \$10.90 per PLUS (109% of the stated principal amount)

Minimum payment at maturity: None

## PLUS Payoff Diagram

#### How it works

Upside Scenario. If the final basket value is greater than the initial basket value, then investors would receive the \$10 stated principal amount plus a return reflecting 200% of the appreciation of the basket over the term of the PLUS, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. Under the terms of the PLUS, an investor would realize the maximum payment at maturity at a final basket value of 104.50% of the initial basket value.

§ If the basket appreciates 2%, the investor would receive a 4% return, or \$10.40 per PLUS, or 104% of the stated principal amount.

§ If the basket appreciates 6%, the investor would receive only the maximum payment at maturity of \$10.90 per PLUS, or 109% of the stated principal amount.

Downside Scenario. If the final basket value is less than or equal to the initial basket value, the investor would § receive an amount that is less than or equal to the \$10 stated principal amount, based on a 1% loss of principal for each 1% decline in the basket.

 $\S$  If the basket depreciates 30%, the investor would lose 30% of the investor's principal and receive only \$7.00 per PLUS at maturity, or 70% of the stated principal amount.

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#### Risk Factors

An investment in the PLUS is subject to the risks described below, as well as the risks described under "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. Investors in the PLUS are also exposed to further risks related to the issuer of the PLUS, Royal Bank of Canada, which are described in Royal Bank of Canada's annual report on Form 40-F for its most recently completed fiscal year, filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein. See the categories of risks, identified and disclosed in the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in the annual report on Form 40-F for its most recently completed fiscal year. This section (and the management's discussion and analysis section of the annual report on Form 40-F) describes the most significant risks relating to the PLUS. You should carefully consider whether the PLUS are suited to your particular circumstances.

The PLUS do not pay interest or guarantee return of principal. The terms of the PLUS differ from those of ordinary debt securities in that the PLUS do not pay interest or guarantee payment of the principal amount at maturity. If the \$final basket value is less than the initial basket value, the payout at maturity will be an amount in cash that is less than the \$10 stated principal amount of each PLUS by an amount proportionate to the decrease in the value of the basket over the term of the PLUS, and may be zero.

The appreciation potential of the PLUS is limited by the maximum payment at maturity. The appreciation potential of the PLUS is limited by the maximum payment at maturity of \$10.90 per PLUS, or 109% of the stated principal amount. Although the leverage factor provides 200% exposure to any increase in the value of the basket as of the valuation date above the initial basket value, because the payment at maturity will be limited to 109% of the stated principal amount, any increase in the final basket value over the initial basket value by more than 4.50% will not further increase the return on the PLUS.

The market price of the PLUS will be influenced by many unpredictable factors. Many factors will influence the § value of the PLUS in the secondary market and the price at which RBCCM may be willing to purchase or sell the PLUS in the secondary market, including:

§ the value, volatility and dividend yield, as applicable, of the basket components and the securities represented or held by the basket components;

§interest and yield rates;

exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which the non-U.S. securities represented or held by the SX7E, GDX, EEM and the EWJ are traded;

§ our creditworthiness, as represented by our credit ratings or as otherwise perceived in the market;

§time remaining to maturity;

§ geopolitical conditions and economic, financial, political and regulatory or judicial events that affect the basket; and § any actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings or credit spreads.

The values of the basket components may be, and have recently been, volatile, and we can give you no assurance that the volatility will lessen. You may receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the stated principal amount per PLUS if you sell your PLUS prior to maturity.

The PLUS are subject to the credit risk of Royal Bank of Canada, and any actual or anticipated changes to its credit ratings or credit spreads may adversely affect the market value of the PLUS. You are dependent on Royal Bank of Canada's ability to pay all amounts due on the PLUS at maturity and therefore you are subject to the credit risk of Royal Bank of Canada. If Royal Bank of Canada defaults on its obligations under the PLUS, your investment would be at risk and you could lose some or all of your investment. As a result, the market value of the PLUS prior to maturity will be affected by changes in the market's view of Royal Bank of Canada's creditworthiness. Any actual or anticipated decline in Royal Bank of Canada's credit ratings or increase in the credit spreads charged by the market for taking Royal Bank of Canada credit risk is likely to adversely affect the market value of the PLUS.

The amount payable on the PLUS is not linked to the value of the basket at any time other than the valuation date. The final basket value will be based on the closing values of the basket components on the valuation date, subject December 2018 Page 5

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to adjustment for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. Even if the value of the basket appreciates prior to the valuation date but then decreases on the valuation date to a value that is less than the initial basket value, the payment at maturity will be less, and may be significantly less, than it would have been had the payment at maturity been linked to the value of the basket prior to that decrease. Although the actual value of the basket on the maturity date or at other times during the term of the PLUS may be higher than the final basket value, the payment at maturity will be based solely on the closing value of the basket on the valuation date.

Changes in the values of the basket components may offset each other. Movements in the values of the basket components may not correlate with each other. At a time when the value of one or more of the basket components increases, the values of one or more of the other basket components may not increase as much or may even decline. Therefore, in calculating the final basket value and the payment at maturity, increases in the value of one or more of the basket components may be moderated, or more than offset, by lesser increases or declines in the values of the other basket components. Furthermore, the basket components are not equally weighted. As a result, a percentage change in the final component value of the RAV and the GDX will have a greater impact on the final basket value than will a similar percentage change in the final component values of the other basket components. The initial estimated value of the PLUS is less than the price to the public. The initial estimated value that is set forth on the cover page of this document does not represent a minimum price at which we, RBCCM or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase the PLUS in any secondary market (if any exists) at any time. If you attempt to sell the PLUS prior to maturity, their market value may be lower than the price you paid for them and the initial estimated value. This is due to, among other things, changes in the value of the basket, the borrowing rate we pay to issue securities of this kind, and the inclusion in the price to the public of the agent's commissions and the estimated costs relating to our hedging of the PLUS. These factors, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the PLUS, are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the PLUS in any secondary market and will affect the value of the PLUS in complex and unpredictable ways. Assuming no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which you may be able to sell your PLUS prior to maturity may be less than your original purchase price, as any such sale price would not be expected to include the agent's commissions and the hedging costs relating to the PLUS. In addition to bid-ask spreads, the value of the PLUS determined for any secondary market price is expected to be based on the secondary rate rather than the internal funding rate used to price the PLUS and determine the initial estimated value. As a result, the secondary price will be less than if the internal funding rate was used. The PLUS are not designed to be short-term trading instruments. Accordingly, you should be able and willing to hold your PLUS to maturity. Our initial estimated value of the PLUS is an estimate only, calculated as of the pricing date. The initial estimated value of the PLUS is based on the value of our obligation to make the payments on the PLUS, together with the mid-market value of the derivative embedded in the terms of the PLUS. See "Structuring the PLUS" below. Our

value of the PLUS is based on the value of our obligation to make the payments on the PLUS, together with the mid-market value of the derivative embedded in the terms of the PLUS. See "Structuring the PLUS" below. Our §estimate is based on a variety of assumptions, including our credit spreads, expectations as to dividends, interest rates and volatility, and the expected term of the PLUS. These assumptions are based on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. Other entities may value the PLUS or similar securities at a price that is significantly different than we do.

The value of the PLUS at any time after the pricing date will vary based on many factors, including changes in market conditions, and cannot be predicted with accuracy. As a result, the actual value you would receive if you sold the PLUS in any secondary market, if any, should be expected to differ materially from the initial estimated value of your PLUS

Adjustments to the basket components could adversely affect the value of the PLUS. The sponsors of the relevant Indices (the "index sponsors") and the investment advisors of the ETFs (the "investment advisors") may add, delete or substitute the stocks represented or held by the basket components, or make other methodological changes. Further, the index sponsors and the investment advisors may discontinue or suspend calculation or publication of the applicable Indices or discontinue or suspend maintenance of the applicable ETFs at any time. Any of these actions could affect the value of and the return on the PLUS.

We have no affiliation with the index sponsors and the investment advisors and will not be responsible for any actions taken by them. We have no affiliation with the index sponsors and the investment advisors, and they will not be involved in the offering of the PLUS. Consequently, we have no control over their actions, including any actions of the type that could affect the basket components, and therefore, the value of the basket components. The index sponsors and the investment advisors have no obligation of any sort with respect to the PLUS. Thus, they have no obligation to

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take your interests into consideration for any reason, including in taking any actions that might affect the value of the PLUS.

Investing in the PLUS is not equivalent to investing in the securities represented or held by the basket components. Investing in the PLUS is not equivalent to investing in the securities represented or held by any basket component. Investors in the PLUS will not have voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions or any other rights with respect to the securities represented or held by any basket component.

Each ETF and its underlying index are different. The performance of each ETF may not exactly replicate the performance of its underlying index, because each ETF will reflect transaction costs and fees that are not included in the calculation of its underlying index. It is also possible that the performance of an ETF may not fully replicate or may in certain circumstances diverge significantly from the performance of its underlying index due to the temporary unavailability of certain securities in the secondary market, the performance of any derivative instruments contained in that ETF or due to other circumstances.

An investment in the PLUS is subject to management risk. Each ETF is not managed according to traditional methods of "active" investment management, which involve the buying and selling of securities based on economic, financial and market analysis and investment judgment. Instead, each ETF, utilizing a "passive" or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of its underlying index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates its underlying index. Therefore, unless a specific security is removed from its underlying index, the applicable ETF generally would not sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble. In addition, each ETF is subject to the risk that the investment strategy of its investment advisor may not produce the intended results.

The investment strategy represented by the RAV may not be successful. The RAV measures the performance of the stocks included in the Russell 3000® Index that its sponsor determines to be "value" stocks, as discussed in more detail below. However, stocks that are considered to be value stocks may not appreciate in value. In addition, stocks that are considered to be value stocks may have lower growth potential than other securities, which may cause the level of the RAV to decrease over the term of the PLUS. Moreover, even if a value strategy on the stocks included in the \$Russell 3000® Index would generally be successful, the manner in which the RAV implements its strategy may prove to be unsuccessful. As described in more detail below, the methodology of the RAV has specified parameters that are used to determine whether a stock should be considered a "value" stock. These parameters may not effectively implement its value strategy, and there can be no assurance that it will select stocks that are value oriented, or that this methodology will not underperform any alternative value strategy. Moreover, an investment linked to the RAV may underperform an alternative investment linked to the Russell 3000® Index.

There are risks associated with investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities. The SX7E, the GDX, the EEM and the EWJ include equity securities issued by non-U.S. companies. An investment in securities linked to the value of non-U.S. equity securities involves particular risks. Non-U.S. securities markets may be more volatile than U.S. securities markets, and market developments may affect non-U.S. securities markets differently from the U.S. securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize these non-U.S. securities markets, as well as cross shareholdings among non-U.S. companies, may affect trading prices and volumes in those markets. Also, there is generally less publicly available information in the U.S. about non-U.S. companies than about those companies that are subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC, and non-U.S. companies are subject to accounting, disclosure, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements that differ from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies.

Securities prices in non-U.S. countries are subject to political, economic, financial and social factors that may be unique to the particular country. These factors, which could negatively affect the non-U.S. securities markets, include the possibility of recent or future changes in the economic and fiscal policies of non-U.S. governments, the possible imposition of, or changes in, currency exchange laws or other non-U.S. laws or restrictions applicable to non-U.S. companies or investments in non-U.S. equity securities, the possibility of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies, the possibility of outbreaks of hostility and political instability, and the possibility of natural disaster or

adverse public health developments in the region. Moreover, the economies of certain foreign countries may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in important respects, such as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, trade surpluses or deficits, capital reinvestment, resources and self-sufficiency.

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The PLUS are subject to exchange rate risk. Because securities held by the SX7E, the GDX, the EEM and the EWJ are traded in currencies other than U.S. dollars, and the PLUS are denominated in U.S. dollars, the amount payable on the PLUS at maturity may be exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and each of the § currencies in which those securities are denominated. These changes in exchange rates may reflect changes in various non-U.S. economies that in turn may affect the payment on the PLUS at maturity. An investor's net exposure will depend on the extent to which the currencies in which the relevant securities are denominated either strengthen or weaken against the U.S. dollar and the relative weight of each security.

An investment in the PLUS is subject to risks associated with the European financial services industry. All of the equity securities comprising the SX7E are issued by companies in the European financial services sector. As a result, the equity securities that will determine the return on this index are concentrated in one sector. The profitability of these companies is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital, and can fluctuate significantly,

§ particularly when market interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of these companies' customers can negatively impact the sector. In addition, adverse economic, business, or political developments affecting the European and international markets, could have a major effect on the level of this index. As a result of these factors, the value of the PLUS may be subject to greater volatility and be more adversely affected by economic, political or regulatory events relating to the financial services sector.

An investment in the PLUS is subject to risks associated with the gold and silver mining industries. All or substantially all of the stocks held by the GDX are issued by gold or silver mining companies. As a result, the stocks § that will determine the performance of the GDX are concentrated in one sector. Although an investment in the PLUS will not give holders any ownership or other direct interests in the stocks held by the GDX, the return on the PLUS will be subject to certain risks associated with a direct equity investment in gold or silver mining companies. In addition, these companies are highly dependent on the price of gold or silver, as applicable. These prices fluctuate widely and may be affected by numerous factors. Factors affecting gold prices include economic factors, including, among other things, the structure of and confidence in the global monetary system, expectations of the future rate of inflation, the relative strength of, and confidence in, the U.S. dollar (the currency in which the price of gold is generally quoted), interest rates and gold borrowing and lending rates, and global or regional economic, financial, political, regulatory, judicial or other events. Gold prices may also be affected by industry factors such as industrial and jewelry demand, lending, sales and purchases of gold by the official sector, including central banks and other governmental agencies and multilateral institutions which hold gold, levels of gold production and production costs, and short-term changes in supply and demand because of trading activities in the gold market. Factors affecting silver prices include general economic trends, technical developments, substitution issues and regulation, as well as specific factors including industrial and jewelry demand, expectations with respect to the rate of inflation, the relative strength of the U.S. dollar (the currency in which the price of silver is generally quoted) and other currencies, interest rates, central bank sales, forward sales by producers, global or regional political or economic events, and production costs and disruptions in major silver producing countries such as Mexico and Peru. The supply of silver consists of a combination of new mine production and existing stocks of bullion and fabricated silver held by governments, public and private financial institutions, industrial organizations and private individuals. In addition, the price of silver has on occasion been subject to very rapid short-term changes due to speculative activities. From time to time, above-ground inventories of silver may also influence the market.

On the other hand, the GDX reflects the performance of shares of gold and silver mining companies and not gold bullion or silver bullion. The GDX may under- or over-perform gold bullion and/or silver bullion over the term of the PLUS.

§ The XOP is subject to risks relating to the energy sector. The issuers of the stocks held by the XOP develop and produce, among other things, crude oil and natural gas, and provide, among other things, drilling services and other services related to oil and gas production and distribution. Stock prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for oil and gas products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions will

likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, the stocks of companies in this sector are subject to swift price fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for the companies' products or services or for oil and gas products and services in general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, would adversely impact the value of the stocks held by the XOP, the market price of the XOP, and the value of the PLUS.

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Risks associated with the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. — The IBB invests in biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. Market or economic factors impacting biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies and companies that rely heavily on the healthcare industry could have a major effect on the value of the IBB's investments. The healthcare sector may be affected by government regulations and government healthcare programs, increases or decreases in the cost of medical products and services and product liability claims, among other factors. § Many healthcare companies are heavily dependent on patent protection, and the expiration of a patent may adversely affect their profitability. Healthcare companies are subject to competitive forces that may result in price discounting, and may be thinly capitalized and susceptible to product obsolescence. Companies in the pharmaceuticals industry may be affected by industry competition, dependencies on a limited number of products, obsolescence of products, government approvals and regulations, loss or impairment of intellectual property rights and litigation regarding product liability.

An investment in the PLUS is subject to risks associated with the telecommunications industry. Because the IYZ is a basket component, the PLUS are subject to a variety of risks relating to the telecommunications sector in the U.S. For example, the U.S. telecommunications market is characterized by significant competition, and regulation by § various state and federal regulatory authorities. Companies in the telecommunications sector may encounter distressed cash flows due to the need to commit substantial capital to meet increasing competition, particularly in developing new products and services using new technology. Technological innovations may make the products and services of certain telecommunications companies obsolete.

Telecommunications providers are generally required to obtain franchises or licenses in order to provide services in a given location. Licensing and franchise rights in the telecommunications sector are limited, which may provide a disadvantage to some market participants. Limited availability of these rights, high barriers to market entry and regulatory oversight, among other factors, have led to consolidation of companies within the sector, which could lead to further regulation or other negative effects in the future. Any of these factors could have an adverse effect on the value of the PLUS.

The PLUS will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited. The PLUS will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the PLUS. RBCCM may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the PLUS, and, if it chooses to do so at any time, it may cease doing so. When it does make a market, it will generally do so for transactions of routine secondary market size at prices based on its estimate of the current value of the PLUS, taking into account its bid/offer spread, our credit spreads, market volatility, the notional size of the proposed sale, the cost of unwinding any related hedging positions, the time remaining to maturity and the likelihood that it will be able to resell the PLUS. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the PLUS easily. Because we do not expect that other broker-dealers will participate significantly in the secondary market for the PLUS, the price at which you may be able to trade your PLUS is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which RBCCM is willing to transact. If, at any time, RBCCM were to cease making a market in the PLUS, it is likely that there would be no secondary market for the PLUS. Accordingly, you should be willing to hold your PLUS to maturity. Historical values of the basket components should not be taken as an indication of their respective future values during the term of the PLUS. The trading prices of the equity securities comprising the basket components will § determine the value of the relevant basket component at any given time. As a result, it is impossible to predict whether the value of any basket component will rise or fall. Trading prices of the equity securities comprising the basket components will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors. §Hedging and trading activity by us and our subsidiaries could potentially adversely affect the value of the PLUS. One or more of our subsidiaries and/or third-party dealers expect to carry out hedging activities related to the PLUS (and possibly to other instruments linked to the basket, the basket components, or the securities which they represent or hold), including trading in those securities as well as in other related instruments. Some of our subsidiaries also may trade those securities and other financial instruments related to the basket components on a regular basis as part

of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these hedging or trading activities on or prior to the

pricing date could potentially have affected the initial component values and, therefore, could have increased the value at which the basket components must close on the valuation date so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the PLUS. Additionally, such hedging or trading activities during the term of the PLUS, including on the valuation date, could adversely affect the value of the basket on the valuation date and, accordingly, the amount of cash an investor will receive at maturity, if any.

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Our business activities may create conflicts of interest. We and our affiliates may engage in trading activities related to the basket components, the securities represented or held by the basket components that are not for the account of holders of the PLUS or on their behalf. These trading activities may present a conflict between the holders' interest in the PLUS and the interests we and our affiliates will have in proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions, including options and other derivatives transactions, for our customers and in accounts under our management. These trading activities could be adverse to the interests of the holders of the PLUS.

We and our affiliates may presently or from time to time engage in business with one or more of the issuers of the securities represented or held by the basket components. This business may include extending loans to, or making equity investments in, such companies or providing advisory services to such companies, including merger and acquisition advisory services. In the course of business, we and our affiliates may acquire non-public information relating to these companies, which we have no obligation to disclose to you and, in addition, one or more of our affiliates may publish research reports about these companies. Neither we nor the agent have made any independent investigation regarding any matters whatsoever relating to the issuers of the securities represented or held by the basket components.

Moreover, we and our affiliates may have published, and in the future expect to publish, research reports with respect to the basket components or the securities represented or held by the basket components. This research is modified from time to time without notice and may express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the PLUS. Any of these activities by us or one or more of our affiliates may affect the value of the basket components and, therefore, the market value of the PLUS.

The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of the issuer, will make determinations with respect to the PLUS, which may create a conflict of interest. Our wholly owned subsidiary, RBCCM, will serve as the calculation agent. As the calculation agent, RBCCM determined the initial component value of each basket component and will determine the final component value and basket component return of each basket component, the final basket value, the basket return, and the amount of cash, if any, you will receive at maturity. Moreover, certain determinations made by

§RBCCM, in its capacity as the calculation agent, may require it to exercise discretion and make subjective judgments, such as with respect to the occurrence or non-occurrence of market disruption events and the selection of a successor index or successor to any ETF or the calculation of the final component value in the event of a market disruption event or discontinuance of a basket component. These potentially subjective determinations may adversely affect the payout to you at maturity, if any. For further information regarding these types of determinations see "Additional Terms of the PLUS" below.

The antidilution adjustments that the calculation agent is required to make do not cover every event that could affect an ETF. RBCCM, as the calculation agent, will adjust the amount payable at maturity for certain events affecting an §ETF. However, the calculation agent will not make an adjustment for every event that could affect an ETF. If an event occurs that does not require the calculation agent to adjust the amount payable at maturity, the market price of the PLUS may be materially and adversely affected.

Significant aspects of the tax treatment of the PLUS are uncertain. The tax treatment of an investment in the PLUS is uncertain. We do not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or from the Canada Revenue Agency regarding the tax treatment of an investment in the PLUS, and the IRS, the Canada Revenue Agency or a court may not agree with the tax treatment described in this document.

The IRS has issued a notice indicating that it and the U.S. Treasury Department are actively considering whether, among other issues, a holder should be required to accrue interest over the term of an instrument such as the PLUS even though that holder will not receive any payments with respect to the PLUS until maturity and whether all or part of the gain a holder may recognize upon sale, exchange or maturity of an instrument such as the PLUS should be treated as ordinary income. The outcome of this process is uncertain and could apply on a retroactive basis. Please read carefully the sections entitled "Canadian Federal Income Tax Consequences" and "Supplemental Discussion of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in this document, the section entitled "Tax Consequences" in the accompanying prospectus and the section entitled "Certain Income Tax Consequences" in the accompanying prospectus

supplement. You should consult your tax advisor about your own tax situation. December 2018 Page 10

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Additional Terms of the PLUS

Please read this information in conjunction with the summary terms on the front cover of this document.

#### **Additional Provisions**

With respect to any Index and any relevant successor index, a "market disruption event" means:

- a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading of equity securities then constituting 20% or more of the level of the Index (or the relevant successor index) on the relevant exchanges (as defined below) for such securities for more than two hours of trading during, or during the one hour period preceding the close of, the principal trading session on such relevant exchange; or
- a breakdown or failure in the price and trade reporting systems of any relevant exchange as a result of which the reported trading prices for equity securities then constituting 20% or more of the level of the Index (or the relevant successor index) during the one hour preceding the close of the principal trading session on such relevant exchange are materially inaccurate; or
- a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading on the primary exchange or market for trading in futures or options contracts related to the Index (or the relevant successor index) for more than two hours of trading during, or during the one hour period preceding the close of, the principal trading session on such exchange or market; or
- a decision to permanently discontinue trading in the relevant futures or options contracts; in each case as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion; and
- a determination by the calculation agent in its sole discretion that the event described above materially interfered with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates to adjust or unwind all or a material portion of any hedge with respect to the PLUS.

For purposes of determining whether a market disruption event with respect to an Index (or the relevant successor index) exists at any time, if trading in a security included in the Index (or the relevant successor index) is materially suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index (or the relevant successor index) will be based on a comparison of (a) the portion of the level of the Index (or the relevant successor index) attributable to that security relative to (b) the overall level of the Index (or the relevant successor index), in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation.

For purposes of determining whether a market disruption event with respect to an Index (or the relevant successor index) has occurred:

- a limitation on the hours or number of days of trading will not constitute a market disruption event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, or the primary exchange or market for trading in futures or options contracts related to the Index (or the relevant successor index);
- · limitations pursuant to the rules of any relevant exchange similar to NYSE Rule 80B (or any applicable rule or regulation enacted or promulgated by any other self-regulatory organization or any government agency of scope similar to NYSE Rule 80B as determined by the calculation agent) on trading during

Market disruption events with respect to an Index:

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significant market fluctuations will constitute a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading;

- a suspension of trading in futures or options contracts on the Index (or the relevant successor index) by the primary exchange or market trading in such contracts by reason of:
- a price change exceeding limits set by such exchange or market,
- an imbalance of orders relating to such contracts, or
- a disparity in bid and ask quotes relating to such contracts

will, in each such case, constitute a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in futures or options contracts related to the Index (or the relevant successor index); and

a "suspension, absence or material limitation of trading" on any relevant exchange or on the primary exchange or market on which futures or options contracts related to the Index (or the relevant successor index) are traded will not include any time when such exchange or market is itself closed for trading under ordinary circumstances.

"Relevant exchange" means, with respect to an Index or any relevant successor index, the primary exchange or market of trading for any security (or any combination thereof) then included in the Index or such successor index, as applicable.

Adjustment factor:

With respect to each ETF, 1.0, subject to adjustment. If an ETF is subject to a stock split or reverse stock split, then once such split has become effective, the adjustment factor will be adjusted to equal the product of the prior adjustment factor and the number of shares issued in such stock split or reverse stock split with respect to one share of that ETF. No such adjustment to the adjustment factor will be required unless such adjustment would require a change of at least 0.1% in the amount being adjusted as then in effect. Any number so adjusted will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth with five one millionths being rounded upward.

The closing price for one share of an ETF (or one unit of any other security for which a closing price must be determined with respect to this basket component) on any trading day means:

- if the shares of that ETF (or any such other security) are listed or admitted to trading on a national securities exchange, the last reported sale price, regular way, of the principal trading session on such day on the principal U.S. securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which the shares of that ETF (or any such other security) are listed or admitted to trading, or
- if the shares of that ETF (or any such other security) are not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange but are included in the OTC Bulletin Board Service (the OTC Bulletin Board) operated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the last reported sale price of the principal trading session on the OTC Bulletin Board on such day.

of an ETF:

If the shares of an ETF (or any such other security) are listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange but the last reported sale price, as applicable, is not available pursuant to the preceding sentence, then the closing price for one share of that ETF (or one unit of any such other security) on any trading day will mean the last reported sale price of the principal trading session on the over-the-counter market or the OTC Bulletin Board on such day.

If the last reported sale price for an ETF (or any such other security) is not available pursuant to either of the two preceding sentences, then the closing price for any trading day will be the mean, as determined by the calculation agent, of the firm bid prices for that ETF (or any such other security) obtained from as many recognized dealers in such

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security, but not exceeding three, as will make such bid prices available to the calculation agent. Bids of the Issuer or any of its affiliates may be included in the calculation of such mean, but only to the extent that any such bid is the highest of the bids obtained. The term "OTC Bulletin Board" will include any successor service thereto, or, if applicable, the OTC Reporting Facility operated by FINRA.

If, for any basket component (an "affected basket component"), (i) a market disruption event occurs on the valuation date or (ii) that day is determined by the calculation agent not to be a trading day by reason of an extraordinary event, occurrence, declaration, or otherwise, the calculation agent will determine the official closing value of the basket component for the valuation date, and as a result, the final basket value, as follows:

• The official closing value of each basket component that is not an affected basket component will be its official closing value on the valuation date.

# Postponement of the valuation date:

The official closing value of each basket component that is an affected basket component for the valuation date will be deemed to be the official closing value of the basket component on the immediately succeeding trading day during which no market disruption event shall have occurred or is continuing to occur; provided that the final basket value will be determined (or, if not determinable, estimated) by the calculation agent in a manner which the calculation agent considers commercially reasonable under the circumstances on a date no later than the fifth scheduled trading day after the scheduled valuation date, regardless of the occurrence of a market disruption event on that day.

Market disruption With respect to an ETF, a market disruption event, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole events with discretion, means the occurrence or existence of any of the following events:

respect to an ETF:

a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in the shares of that ETF on its primary market for more than two hours of trading or during the one half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion;

- a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in option or futures contracts relating to that ETF, if available, in the primary market for those contracts for more than two hours of trading or during the one-half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion; or
- the shares of that ETF do not trade on the NYSE Arca, the Nasdaq Global Market or what was the primary market for the shares of that ETF, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion:
- any other event, if the calculation agent determines in its sole discretion that the event materially interferes with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates or hedge counterparties to unwind all or a material portion of a hedge with respect to the PLUS that such party or its respective hedge counterparties have effected or may effect as described below under "Use of Proceeds and Hedging."

The following events will not be market disruption events:

- · a limitation on the hours or number of days of trading in the shares of that ETF on its primary market, but only if the limitation results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant market; and
- · a decision to permanently discontinue trading in the option or futures contracts relating to the shares of that ETF.

For this purpose, a "suspension, absence or material limitation of trading" in the primary

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> securities market on which option or futures contracts relating to the shares of an ETF, if available, are traded will not include any time when that market is itself closed for trading under ordinary circumstances. In contrast, a suspension or limitation of trading in option or futures contracts relating to the shares of an ETF, if available, in the primary market for those contracts, by reason of any of:

- a price change exceeding limits set by that market;
- an imbalance of orders relating to those contracts; or
- a disparity in bid and asked quotes relating to those contacts;

will constitute a suspension or material limitation of trading in option or futures contracts, as the case may be, relating to the shares of that ETF in the primary market for those contracts.

Indices. If an index sponsor discontinues publication of the relevant Index and an index sponsor or another entity publishes a successor or substitute index that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to the discontinued Index (such index being referred to herein as a "successor index"), then the closing level of the Index on the valuation date will be determined by reference to the level of such successor index at the close of trading on the relevant exchange for the successor index on such day.

Upon any selection by the calculation agent of a successor index, the calculation agent will cause written notice to be promptly furnished to the trustee, to us and to the holders of the PLUS. If an index sponsor discontinues publication of the relevant Index prior to, and that discontinuation is continuing on the valuation date, and the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, that no successor index is available at that time or the calculation agent has previously selected a successor index and publication of that successor index is discontinued prior to, and that discontinuation is continuing on, the valuation date, then the calculation agent will determine the closing level of the Index for that date. The closing level of the Index will be computed by the calculation agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index or successor index, as applicable, last in effect prior to the discontinuation, using the closing price (or, of/adjustments to if trading in the relevant securities has been materially suspended or materially limited, the calculation agent's good faith estimate of the closing price that would have prevailed but for the suspension or limitation) at the close of the principal trading session on that date of each security most recently included in the Index or successor index, as applicable. If at any time the method of calculating an Index or a successor index, or the level thereof, is

Discontinuation the basket components:

> changed in a material respect, or if an Index or a successor index is in any other way modified so that the Index or successor index does not, in the opinion of the calculation agent, fairly represent the level of the Index or successor index had those changes or modifications not been made, then the calculation agent will, at the close of business in New York City on the date on which the closing level of the Index is to be determined, make any calculations and adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the calculation agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a level of a stock index comparable to the Index or successor index, as the case may be, as if those changes or modifications had not been made, and calculate the closing level of the Index with reference to the Index or such successor index, as adjusted. Accordingly, if the method of calculating the Index or a successor index is modified so that the level of the Index or such successor index is a fraction of what it would have been if there had been no such modification (e.g., due to a split in the Index), then the calculation agent will adjust its calculation of the Index or such successor index in order to arrive at a level of the Index or such successor index as if

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there had been no such modification (e.g., as if such split had not occurred).

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuation the publication of or modification of any Index or successor index, as applicable, may adversely affect the value of the PLUS.

ETFs. If an ETF is discontinued and the sponsor or another entity establishes or designates a successor or substitute fund that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to that ETF (the successor fund), then the calculation agent will substitute the successor fund for that ETF and determine the closing price of that ETF on the valuation date as described above under "—Closing price of an ETF." If an ETF is discontinued and:

- the calculation agent does not select a successor fund, or
- the successor fund is no longer traded or listed on any of the relevant trading days,

the calculation agent will compute a substitute price for that ETF in accordance with the procedures last used to calculate the price of that ETF before any discontinuation but using only those securities that were held by that ETF prior to such discontinuation. If a successor fund is selected or the calculation agent calculates a price as a substitute for that ETF as described below, the successor fund or price will be used as a substitute for that ETF for all purposes going forward, including for purposes of determining whether a market disruption event exists, even if that ETF is re-established, unless the calculation agent in its sole discretion decides to use the re-established ETF.

If an ETF is discontinued before the valuation date and the calculation agent determines that no successor fund is available at that time, then on each trading day until the earlier to occur of:

- the determination of the final component value, or
- · a determination by the calculation agent that a successor fund is available,

the calculation agent will determine the price that would be used in computing the closing price of that ETF as described in the preceding paragraph as if that day were a trading day. The calculation agent will cause notice of each price to be published not less often than once each month in The Wall Street Journal, another newspaper of general circulation or a website or webpage available to holders of the PLUS, and arrange for information with respect to these prices to be made available by telephone.

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuation of the operation of an ETF would be expected to adversely affect the value of, liquidity of and trading in the PLUS.

Business day:

A business day means a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City generally are authorized or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to close.

Trading day:

With respect to an Index, the trading day means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which trading is generally conducted on (i) the relevant exchanges for securities comprising the Index or the successor index and (ii) the exchanges on which futures or options contracts related to the Index or the successor index are traded, other than a day on which trading on such relevant exchange or exchange on which such futures or options contracts are traded is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time.

With respect to an ETF, a trading day means any day on which the exchange and each

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> related exchange are scheduled to be open for their respective regular trading sessions. The exchange means the primary organized exchange or quotation system for trading an ETF, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in such shares has temporarily relocated (provided that the calculation agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such shares on that temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original exchange).

A related exchange means each exchange or quotation system on which futures or options contracts relating to an ETF are traded, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the futures or options contracts relating to that ETF has temporarily relocated (provided that the calculation agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to that ETF on that temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original related exchange).

upon

acceleration:

payment on the PLUS will bear interest until the date upon which all sums due are received by or on Default interest behalf of the relevant holder, at a rate per annum which is the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars for a period of three months which appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR page as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the first business day following such failure to pay. Such rate shall be determined by the calculation agent. If interest is required to be calculated for a period of less than one year, it will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of the actual number of days in the period.

In the event we fail to make a payment on the maturity date, any overdue payment in respect of such

Events of default and acceleration: If the maturity of the PLUS is accelerated upon an event of default under the Indenture, the amount payable upon acceleration will be determined by the calculation agent. Such amount will be calculated as if the date of declaration of acceleration were the valuation date.

Minimum

ticketing \$1,000 / 100 PLUS

size:

amounts:

Additional We will pay any amounts to be paid by us on the PLUS without deduction or withholding for, or on account of, any and all present or future income, stamp and other taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings ("taxes") now or hereafter imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of Canada or any Canadian political subdivision or authority that has the power to tax, unless the deduction or withholding is required by law or by the interpretation or administration thereof by the relevant governmental authority. At any time a Canadian taxing jurisdiction requires us to deduct or withhold for or on account of taxes from any payment made under or in respect of the PLUS, we will pay such additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") as may be necessary so that the net amounts received by each holder (including Additional Amounts), after such deduction or withholding, shall not be less than the amount the holder would have received had no such deduction or withholding been required. However, no Additional Amounts will be payable with respect to a payment made to a holder of a PLUS or of a right to receive payments in respect thereto (a "Payment Recipient"), which we refer to as an "Excluded Holder," in respect of any taxes imposed because the beneficial owner or Payment Recipient:

- is someone with whom we do not deal at arm's length (within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada)) at the time of making such payment;
- is subject to such taxes by reason of its being connected presently or formerly with Canada or any province or territory thereof otherwise than by reason of the holder's activity in connection with

purchasing the PLUS, the holding of the PLUS or the receipt of payments thereunder;

(iii) is, or does not deal at arm's length with a person who is, a "specified shareholder" (within the meaning of subsection 18(5) of the Income Tax Act (Canada)) of Royal

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> Bank of Canada (generally a person will be a "specified shareholder" for this purpose if that person, either alone or together with persons with whom the person does not deal at arm's length, owns 25% or more of (a) our voting shares, or (b) the fair market value of all of our issued and outstanding shares);

- presents such security for payment (where presentation is required) more than 30 days after the relevant date (except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such Additional Amounts on presenting a security for payment on the last day of such 30 day period); for this purpose, the "relevant date" in relation to any payments on any security means:
- the due date for payment thereof, or
- if the full amount of the monies payable on such date has not been received by the trustee on or prior to such due date, the date on which the full amount of such monies has been received and notice to that effect is given to holders of the PLUS in accordance with the Indenture;
- could lawfully avoid (but has not so avoided) such withholding or deduction by complying, or requiring that any agent comply with, any statutory requirements necessary to establish qualification for an exemption from withholding or by making, or requiring that any agent make, a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to any relevant tax authority; or
- is subject to deduction or withholding on account of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Section 1471 through 1474 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (or any successor provisions), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, we will not have any obligation to pay any holders Additional Amounts on any tax which is payable otherwise than by deduction or withholding from payments made under or in respect of the PLUS at maturity.

We will also make such withholding or deduction and remit the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant authority in accordance with applicable law. We will furnish to the trustee, within 30 days after the date the payment of any taxes is due pursuant to applicable law, certified copies of tax receipts evidencing that such payment has been made or other evidence of such payment satisfactory to the trustee. We will indemnify and hold harmless each holder of the PLUS (other than an Excluded Holder) and upon written request reimburse each such holder for the amount of (x) any taxes so levied or imposed and paid by such holder as a result of payments made under or with respect to the PLUS, and (y) any taxes levied or imposed and paid by such holder with respect to any reimbursement under (x) above, but excluding any such taxes on such holder's net income or capital.

For additional information, see the section entitled "Tax Consequences—Canadian Taxation" in the accompanying prospectus.

Form of the Book-entry PLUS:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trustee:

RBCCM. The calculation agent will make all determinations regarding the PLUS. Absent manifest error, Calculation all determinations of the calculation agent will be final and binding on you and us, without any liability on the part of the calculation agent. You will not be entitled to any compensation from us for any loss agent: suffered as a result of any of the above determinations or confirmations by the calculation agent.

Contact:

MSWM clients may contact their local MSWM branch office or our principal executive offices at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036 (telephone number 1-(866)-477-4776). All other clients may contact their local brokerage representative. Third-party distributors may contact Morgan Stanley Structured Investment Sales at 1-(800)-233-1087.

Validity of In the opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, the issue and sale of the PLUS has been duly the PLUS: authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Bank in conformity with the Indenture,

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and when the PLUS have been duly executed, authenticated and issued in accordance with the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor, the PLUS will be validly issued and, to the extent validity of the PLUS is a matter governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario or Québec, or the laws of Canada applicable therein, and will be valid obligations of the Bank, subject to equitable remedies which may only be granted at the discretion of a court of competent authority, subject to applicable bankruptcy, to rights to indemnity and contribution under the PLUS or the Indenture which may be limited by applicable law; to insolvency and other laws of general application affecting creditors' rights, to limitations under applicable limitations statutes, and limitations as to the currency in which judgments in Canada may be rendered, as prescribed by the Currency Act (Canada). This opinion is given as of the date hereof and is limited to the laws of the Provinces of Ontario and Québec and the federal laws of Canada applicable thereto. In addition, this opinion is subject to customary assumptions about the Trustee's authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture and the genuineness of signatures and certain factual matters, all as stated in the letter of such counsel dated September 7, 2018, which has been filed as Exhibit 5.1 to Royal Bank's Form 6-K filed with the SEC dated September 7, 2018.

In the opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP, when the PLUS have been duly completed in accordance with the Indenture and issued and sold as contemplated by the prospectus supplement and the prospectus, the PLUS will be valid, binding and enforceable obligations of Royal Bank, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, concepts of reasonableness and equitable principles of general applicability (including, without limitation, concepts of good faith, fair dealing and the lack of bad faith). This opinion is given as of the date hereof and is limited to the laws of the State of New York. This opinion is subject to customary assumptions about the Trustee's authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture and the genuineness of signatures and to such counsel's reliance on the Bank and other sources as to certain factual matters, all as stated in the legal opinion dated September 7, 2018, which has been filed as Exhibit 5.2 to the Bank's Form 6-K dated September 7, 2018.

Terms incorporated in the master note:

All of the terms in "Summary Terms" (except the item captioned "Commissions and issue price") and the terms above the item captioned "Contact" in "Additional Terms of the PLUS" of this pricing supplement, and the section "Supplemental Discussion of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences."

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#### Information About the Basket Components

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The RAV was developed by Russell Investments ("Russell") before FTSE International Limited and Russell combined in 2015 to create FTSE Russell, which is wholly owned by London Stock Exchange Group. The RAV is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index (the "RUA"). The RUA measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. The RAV consists of the securities included in the RUA that are deemed to exhibit "value" characteristics. The RAV is determined, comprised, and calculated by FTSE Russell without regard to the PLUS.

#### Selection of Value Stocks

FTSE Russell uses a "non-linear probability" method to assign stocks to its growth and value style indexes. The term "probability" is used to indicate the degree of certainty that a stock is "value" or "growth" based on its relative book-to-price (B/P) ratio, I/B/E/S forecast medium-term growth (two years) and sales per share historical growth (five year). This method allows stocks to be represented as having both growth and value characteristics, while preserving the additive nature of the indexes.

The process for assigning growth and value weights is applied separately to the stocks in the RUA. The stocks in the RUA are ranked by their adjusted book-to-price ratio (B/P), their I/B/E/S forecast medium-term growth (two years) and sales per share historical growth (five years). These rankings are converted to standardized units and combined to produce a Composite Value Score ("CVS"). Stocks are then ranked by their CVS, and a probability algorithm is applied to the CVS distribution to assign growth and value weights to each stock. In general, stocks with a lower CVS are considered growth, stocks with a higher CVS are considered value, and stocks with a CVS in the middle range are considered to have both growth and value characteristics, and are weighted proportionately in the growth and value index. Stocks are always fully represented by the combination of their growth and value weights, e.g., a stock that is given a 20% weight in a Russell value index will have an 80% weight in the same Russell growth index. Stock A, in the figure below, is a security with 20% of its available shares assigned to the value index and the remaining 80% assigned to the growth index. The growth and value probabilities will always sum to 100%. Hence, the sum of a stock's market capitalization in the growth and value index will always equal its market capitalization in the RUA.

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In the figure above, the quartile breaks are calculated such that approximately 25% of the available market capitalization lies in each quartile. Stocks at the median are divided 50% in each style index. Stocks below the first quartile are 100% in the growth index. Stocks above the third quartile are 100% in the value index. Stocks falling between the first and third quartile breaks are in both indices to varying degrees depending on how far they are above or below the median and how close they are to the first or third quartile breaks. Roughly 70% of the available market capitalization is classified as all growth or all value. The remaining 30% have some portion of their market value in either the value or growth index, depending on their relative distance from the median value score. Note that there is a small position cutoff rule. If a stock's weight is more than 95% in one style index, its weight is increased to 100% in the index. This rule eliminates many small weightings and makes passive management easier.

Selection of Stocks Underlying the RUA

All companies eligible for inclusion in the RUA must be classified as a U.S. company under FTSE Russell's country-assignment methodology. If a company is incorporated, has a stated headquarters location, and trades in the same country (American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares are not eligible), then the company is assigned to its country of incorporation. If any of the three factors are not the same, FTSE Russell defines three Home Country Indicators ("HCIs"): country of incorporation, country of headquarters, and country of the most liquid exchange (as defined by a two-year average daily dollar trading volume) ("ADDTV") from all exchanges within a country. Using the HCIs, FTSE Russell compares the primary location of the company's assets with the three HCIs. If the primary location of its assets matches any of the HCIs, then the company is assigned to the primary location of its assets. If there is insufficient information to determine the country in which the company's assets are primarily located, FTSE Russell will use the primary country from which the company's revenues are primarily derived for the comparison with the three HCIs in a similar manner. FTSE Russell uses the average of two years of assets or revenues data to reduce potential turnover. If conclusive country details cannot be derived from assets or revenues data, FTSE Russell will assign the company to the country of its headquarters, which is defined as the address of the company's principal executive offices, unless that country is a Benefit Driven Incorporation "BDI" country, in which case the company will be assigned to the country of its most liquid stock exchange. BDI countries include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Cook Islands, Curacao, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Panama, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, and Turks and Caicos Islands. For any companies incorporated or headquartered in a U.S. territory, including countries such as Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands, a U.S. HCI is assigned. All securities eligible for inclusion in the RUA must trade on a major U.S. exchange. Stocks must have a closing price at or above \$1.00 on their primary exchange on the last trading day in May 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 May, it will be considered eligible if the average of the daily closing prices (from its primary exchange) during the month of May is equal to or greater than \$1.00. Initial public offerings are added each quarter and 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 May, 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.

An important criterion used to determine the list of securities eligible for the RUA is total market capitalization, which is defined as the market price as of the rank day in May for those securities being considered at annual reconstitution times the total number of shares outstanding. Where applicable, common stock, non-restricted exchangeable shares and partnership units/membership interests are used to determine market capitalization. Any other form of shares such as preferred stock, convertible preferred stock, redeemable shares, participating preferred stock, warrants, rights, installment receipts or trust receipts, are excluded from the calculation. If multiple share classes of common stock exist, they are combined to determine total shares outstanding. In cases where the common stock share classes act independently of each other (e.g., tracking stocks),