# EIGHTEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TURBOS



#### The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980, registered number SC090312)

(the **Issuer**)

## The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

#### LaunchPAD Programme

- 1. This Supplement dated **4 May** 2012 (this **Supplement**) constitutes the eighteenth supplement to the base prospectus dated 27 May 2011 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Turbos approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 26 May 2011 (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 2. The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3. This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.
- 4. In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under the Base Prospectus before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

- 6. The Issuer wishes to add additional risk factors related to Constant Leverage Turbo Certificates on an Index issued under the Base Prospectus. Accordingly, by virtue of this Supplement, the following amendments are made to the Base Prospectus:
  - (a) In the "Summary" section beginning on page 6, the following paragraph shall be inserted in the sub-section titled " Constant Leverage Turbo Certificates on an Index ":

Constant leverage turbo certificates are exchange traded financial products for investors with a short term investment horizon. They are not intended for investors who plan to buy and hold products over an intermediate or long time period. The leverage level for these products resets daily, meaning the products are designed to achieve their stated objectives on a daily basis. Investors who hold constant leverage turbo certificates for longer than one Trading Day may see their results vary significantly from the performance of the underlying asset.

(b) The sub-section "Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Securities issued" under the section "Risk Factors" beginning on page 25, shall be amended by inserting the following paragraphs:

"Constant Leverage Turbo Certificates are short term investment products

Constant Leverage Turbo Certificates use leverage to attempt to multiply the performance of the underlying asset they track. Constant Leverage Long Turbo Certificates attempt to allow investors to profit from short term rises in the value of the underlyer, while Constant Leverage Short Turbo Certificates attempt to allow investors to profit from short term decreases in the value of the underlyer. Because the leverage level is reset on a daily basis, the performance of a Constant Leverage Turbo Certificate can differ significantly from the performance of the underlyer over longer periods of time. In volatile market conditions, these effects can be magnified. An investor holding a Constant Leverage Turbo Long Certificate for longer than one Trading Day could incur significant losses over intermediate and long terms even if the value of the underlyer increases during that period. An investor holding a Constant Leverage Turbo Short Certificate for longer than one Trading Day could incur significant losses over intermediate and long terms even if the value of the underlyer decreases during that period. For these reasons, Constant Leverage Turbo Certificates are designed for investors with short term investment horizons. Buy-and-hold investors with intermediate and long term investment horizons should carefully consider whether they are appropriate for their investment needs."

- (c) The form of Final Terms on pages 429 to 468 shall be amended as follows:
  - (i) the form of final terms for Constant Leverage Turbo Long Certificates on an Index shall be amended to conform with the amendments to the Risk Factors set forth in 6(b) above, and, as amended, are set out in black-line form in Annex A to this Supplement; and
  - (ii) the form of final terms for Constant Leverage Turbo Short Certificates on an Index shall be amended to conform with the amendments to the Product Conditions set forth in 6(b) above, and, as amended, are set out in black-line form in Annex B to this Supplement.
- 7. A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, email investor.relations@rbs.com.

- 8. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 9. Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to the Base Prospectus or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

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## ANNEX A

# CONSTANT LEVERAGE TURBO LONG INDEX CERTIFICATES

Series:	[Index] Constant Leverage Turbo Long Certificates Series [ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Cash Amount:	[(a) Upon Exercise:
	((Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Current Participation Factor) x Entitlement (the "Exercise Cash Amount"); or
	(b) Upon an Issuer Call:
	((Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Current Participation Factor) x Entitlement (the "Issuer Call Cash Amount"); or
	(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:
	((Stop Loss Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Current Participation Factor) x Entitlement (the "Stop Loss Cash Amount")]
	[specify other]
Certificate Fee:	[0.05% p.a.]
Current Financing Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Current Participation Factor:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Current Spread:	[ ]%
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exercise Date:	[The third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date as provided in Product Condition 3] [specify other]
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time] [specify other]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Financing Level Currency:	[]
Index	[ ][Bloomberg Code]
Initial Financing Level:	[ ]
Initial Participation Factor:	[]
Initial Stop Loss Level	[ ]
Issue Price:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[The first Business Day following the [six month] period from (and including) the Launch Date] [specify other]

**Issuer Call Notice Period:** [Three calendar months] [One calendar year] [specify other] Launch Date: [ ] [ ]% Maximum Spread: **Notional Dividend Amount:** [Applicable] [Not Applicable] Rate: [As stated in Product Condition 1][3 month EURIBOR (EUR003M <Index>)] [specify other] Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Screen Page: [Bloomberg Page: [ ]] [specify other] Security Value: [As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other] **Settlement Currency:** Settlement Date: [The fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period, as the case may be or as soon as practicable thereafter] [As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other] Standard Currency: [(100% - Stop Loss Premium Rate) multiplied by Stop Loss Level: the Reference Price at the Valuation TimeStop Loss Reset Time on the immediately preceding Trading Day [specify other] Stop Loss Observation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other] Stop Loss Premium Rate: [5%][specify other] [The regular weekday opening time on the Stop Loss Reset Time: Exchange] [specify other] Stop Loss Rounding Convention: [Up][Down] to the nearest [0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000] points Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other] Target Leverage Factor: Valuation Date(s): [The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one year after the Launch Date] [specify other] [The time with reference to which the Index Valuation Time: Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index] Amendments to General Conditions and/or [Not Applicable] **Product Conditions:** [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or

Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing

system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:

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Common Code:

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Other Securities Code:

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Sales Restriction:

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

## INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/ [Need to include details of where past and future

other variable, explanation of effect on performance and volatility of the value of investment and associated risks Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.] and other information concerning the [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation Securities and the Underlying: of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.] <u>Investors</u> who hold constant leverage turbo certificates for longer than one Trading Day may see their results vary significantly from the performance of the underlying asset. (When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.) Page where information about the past 1 and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: Γ Index disclaimer(s): 1

Series [ ]

[Index] Constant Leverage Turbo Long Certificates

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## ANNEX B

# CONSTANT LEVERAGE TURBO SHORT INDEX CERTIFICATES

Series:	[Index] Constant Leverage Turbo Short Certificates Series [ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Cash Amount:	[(a) Upon Exercise:
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Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time] [specify other]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Financing Level Currency:	[]
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Initial Financing Level:	[]
Initial Participation Factor:	[]
Initial Stop Loss Level	[]
Issue Price:	[]
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