



RBC LIONS™ S&P 500 Booster Securities (USD), Series 9, F-Class Non-Principal Protected Security

6 year term

59.00% Booster
Amount

No cap on return

Subscriptions close
on or about

April 27, 2018

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This summary is qualified in its entirety by a pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement"), the base shelf prospectus dated January 30, 2018, the program prospectus supplement dated January 30, 2018 and the product prospectus supplement dated January 30, 2018 in respect of index linked securities.

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KEY TERMS

Issuer:	Royal Bank of Canada (the "Bank")
Issuer Credit Ratings:	Moody's: A1; S&P: AA-; DBRS: AA
Currency:	USD
Minimum Investment:	50 Securities or US\$5,000.
Term:	Approximately 6 years.
Principal at Risk:	The Securities are not principal protected
Index:	The return on the Securities is linked to the price performance of the S&P 500® Index (the "Index"). Securities do not represent an interest in the Index or in the securities of the companies that comprise the Index, and holders will have no right or entitlement to such securities including, without limitation, redemption rights (if any), voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions paid on such securities (the annual dividend yield on the Index as of March 26, 2018 was 1.933%, representing an aggregate dividend yield of approximately 12.170% compounded annually over the six-year term, on the assumption that the dividend yield remains constant).
Issue Date:	May 4, 2018.
Initial Index Level:	The "Initial Index Level" is the Closing Level, as published by the Index Sponsor, on April 30, 2018.
Final Index Level:	The "Final Index Level" is the Closing Level, as published by the Index Sponsor, on April 30, 2024.
Maturity Date:	May 2, 2024.

A final base shelf prospectus containing important information relating to the securities described in this document has been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada. A copy of the final base shelf prospectus, any amendment to the final base shelf prospectus and any applicable shelf prospectus supplement that has been filed, is required to be delivered with this document. This document does not provide full disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered. Investors should read the final base shelf prospectus, any amendment and any applicable shelf prospectus supplement for disclosure of those facts, especially risk factors relating to the securities offered, before making an investment decision.

KEY TERMS CONTINUED

Payment at Maturity:

Payment at maturity will be based on the price performance (or "**Percentage Change**") of the Index measured from the Initial Index Level to the Final Index Level. The amount payable (the "**Redemption Amount**") on each US\$100 Principal Amount per Security at maturity will be determined as follows:

If the Percentage Change in the Index is **greater than or equal to 59.00%**, then the Redemption Amount will be:

- $\text{US\$100} + (\text{US\$100} \times \text{Percentage Change})$

If the Percentage Change in the Index is **zero or positive and less than 59.00%**, then the Redemption Amount will be:

- $\text{US\$100} + (\text{US\$100} \times \text{Booster Amount})$

If the Percentage Change in the Index is **negative**, then the Redemption Amount will be:

- $\text{US\$100} + (\text{US\$100} \times \text{Percentage Change})$

All dollar amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole cent.

Percentage Change:

The "**Percentage Change**" is the amount, expressed as a percentage rounded to three decimal places, equal to:

$$\frac{(\text{Final Index Level} - \text{Initial Index Level})}{\text{Initial Index Level}}$$

Booster Amount:

59.00%, applied only if the Percentage Change is greater than or equal to 0.00% and less than 59.00%.

Secondary Market:

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SAMPLE CALCULATIONS OF REDEMPTION AMOUNT

The examples set out below are included for illustration purposes only. The levels of the Index used to illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount are not estimates or forecasts of the Initial Index Level and Final Index Level on which the calculation of the Percentage Change, and in turn the Redemption Amount, will depend. All examples assume that a holder of the Securities has purchased Securities with an aggregate Principal Amount of US\$100 and that no Extraordinary Event has occurred. All dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest whole cent.

Example #1 — Calculation of the Redemption Amount where the Percentage Change is negative

Assuming that the Initial Index Level is 2,658.55 and the Final Index Level is 824.15, the Redemption Amount would be calculated as follows:

Initial Index Level = 2,658.55

Final Index Level = 824.15

Percentage Change = $(824.15 - 2,658.55) / 2,658.55 = -0.6900$ or -69.00%

Since the Percentage Change is negative, the Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

Redemption Amount = $US\$100 + (US\$100 \times -69.00\%) = US\31.00

In this example, the Redemption Amount results in a loss on the Principal Amount equivalent to an annually compounded loss rate of 17.73%.

Example #2 — Calculation of the Redemption Amount where the Percentage Change is negative

Assuming that the Initial Index Level is 2,658.55 and the Final Index Level is 2,525.62, the Redemption Amount would be calculated as follows:

Initial Index Level = 2,658.55

Final Index Level = 2,525.62

Percentage Change = $(2,525.62 - 2,658.55) / 2,658.55 = -0.0500$ or -5.00%

Since the Percentage Change is negative, the Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

Redemption Amount = $US\$100 + (US\$100 \times -5.00\%) = US\95.00

In this example, the Redemption Amount results in a loss on the Principal Amount equivalent to an annually compounded loss rate of 0.85%.

Example #3 — Calculation of the Redemption Amount where the Percentage Change is zero or positive and less than 59.00%

Assuming that the Initial Index Level is 2,658.55 and the Final Index Level is 2,791.48, the Redemption Amount would be calculated as follows:

Initial Index Level = 2,658.55

Final Index Level = 2,791.48

Percentage Change = $(2,791.48 - 2,658.55) / 2,658.55 = 0.0500$ or 5.00%

Since the Percentage Change is zero or positive and less than 59.00%, the Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

Redemption Amount = $US\$100 + (US\$100 \times 59.00\%) = US\159.00

In this example, the Redemption Amount provides a return on the Principal Amount equivalent to an annually compounded rate of return of 8.04%.

Example #4 — Calculation of the Redemption Amount where the Percentage Change is greater than or equal to 59.00%

Assuming that the Initial Index Level is 2,658.55 and the Final Index Level is 4,492.95, the Redemption Amount would be calculated as follows:

Initial Index Level = 2,658.55

Final Index Level = 4,492.95

Percentage Change = $(4,492.95 - 2,658.55) / 2,658.55 = 0.6900$ or 69.00%

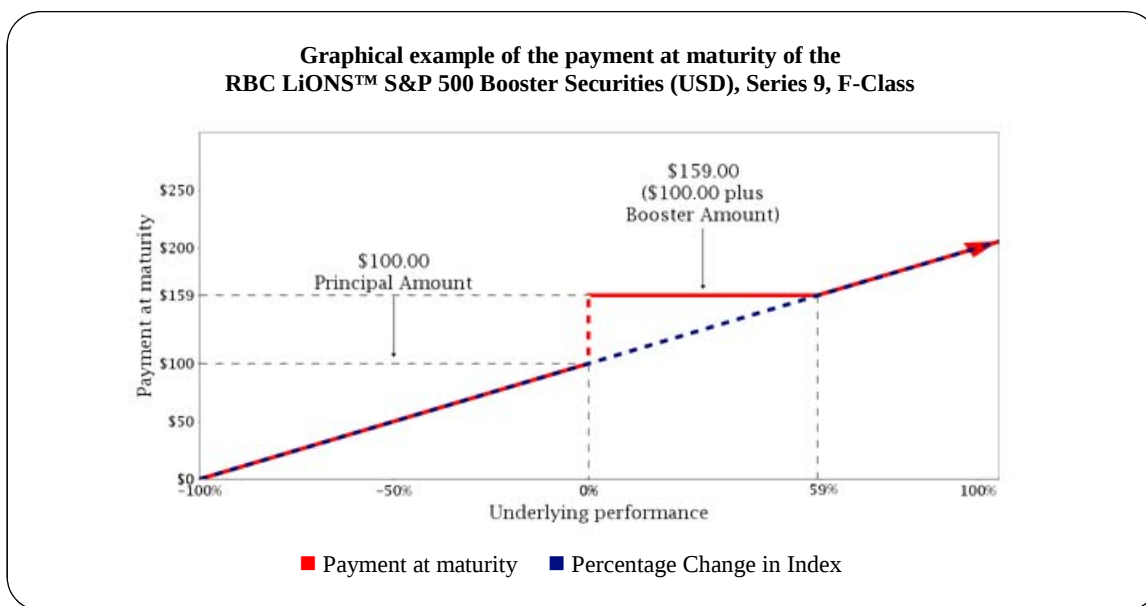
Since the Percentage Change is greater than or equal to 59.00%, the Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

Redemption Amount = $US\$100 + (US\$100 \times 69.00\%) = US\169.00

In this example, the Redemption Amount provides a return on the Principal Amount equivalent to an annually compounded rate of return of 9.14%.

GRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PAYMENT AT MATURITY

The graph set out below is included for illustration purposes only. The Index levels used to illustrate the calculation of the payment at maturity are not estimates or forecasts of the Initial Index Level and Final Index Level on which the calculation of the Percentage Change, and in turn the Redemption Amount, will depend. This graph shows a limited range of hypothetical returns on the Index and is intended to be representative of that range only. Returns on the Index not shown on the graph are still possible to achieve and the corresponding returns on the Securities should be calculated using the formulas set out in the Pricing Supplement. This graph demonstrates what the return on the Securities will be for a specific return on the Index. There can be no assurance that any specific return will be achieved. All examples assume that a holder of the Securities has purchased Securities with an aggregate Principal Amount of US\$100 and that no Extraordinary Event has occurred. The minimum payment at maturity is US\$1.00.



The initial estimated value of the Securities as of March 26, 2018 was US\$96.88 per Security, which is less than the price to the public and is not an indication of the actual profit to the Bank or its affiliates. The actual value of the Securities at any time will reflect many factors, cannot be predicted with accuracy, and may be less than this amount. The initial estimated value of the Securities is an estimate only and is based on the value of the Bank's obligation to make the payments on the Securities. We describe our determination of the initial estimated value in more detail in the Pricing Supplement.

All capitalized terms unless otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pricing Supplement.

Clients should evaluate the financial, market, legal, regulatory, credit, tax and accounting risks and consequences of the proposal before entering into any transaction, or purchasing any instrument. Clients should evaluate such risks and consequences independently of Royal Bank of Canada and the Dealers, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Laurentian Bank Securities Inc., respectively.

The Securities will not constitute deposits insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act*.

An investment in the Securities involves risks. An investment in the Securities is not the same as a direct investment in the securities that comprise the index to which the Securities are linked and investors have no rights with respect to the securities underlying such index. The Securities are considered to be "specified derivatives" under applicable Canadian securities laws. If you purchase Securities, you will be exposed to changes in the level of the Index and fluctuations in interest rates, among other factors. Index levels are volatile and an investment in the Securities may be considered to be speculative. Since the Securities are not principal protected and the Principal Amount will be at risk, you could lose substantially all of your investment.

The Securities are not fixed income securities and are not designed to be alternatives to fixed income or money market instruments. The Securities are structured products that possess downside risk.