# June 2020



# Capital Markets

# RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities CAD Hedged

## **GLOBAL INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS**

# FOR THE INFORMATION OF INVESTORS IN OUTSTANDING RBC NORTH AMERICAN TECHNICAL & QUANTITATIVE ROC SECURITIES CAD HEDGED ONLY

#### Investment Objective:

The Debt Securities have been designed to provide investors with "long" exposure to the Bank's proprietary 6factor quantitative models, with the ability to allocate to Fixed Income Investments based on whether the stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite Index ("S&P/TSX") and S&P 1500® Composite Index ("S&P 1500") exhibit bearish trends to such an extent that the stocks of less than 20 issuers are eligible for notional inclusion in the applicable Equity Investment as determined by the applicable Model, while at the same time providing a partial hedge of the potential currency risk between the Canadian dollar currency, in which the Debt Securities and all payments under the Debt Securities to holders of the Debt Securities are denominated, including payment of the Redemption Amount at maturity, and the United States dollar currency in which the notional investments in the U.S. Portfolio are denominated. The goal of this strategy is to be exposed to the performance of the stocks selected by the Models, including dividends and other distributions, when the trends are positive for the applicable equity markets and to reduce or eliminate this exposure when the trends for such equity markets become negative.

#### No Canadian Tax Events:

- 1. Until maturity or disposition
- 2. On Portfolio changes or rebalancing
- 3. On quarterly return of capital payments

#### Benchmark:

S&P/TSX Composite Index and S&P 1500<sup>®</sup> Composite Index

Asset Class:
U.S. equity
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Canadian equity

#### ALLOCATION BY COUNTRY

U.S. Equity Investment 50.00%

U.S. Fixed Income Investment 0.00%
 Canadian Equity Investment 50.00%

Canadian Fixed Income Investment 0.00%

### INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Energy 5.01%



Materials 41.96%
Industrials 5.91%
Consumer Discretionary 7.17%
Consumer Staples 18.91%
Health Care 10.12%
Financials 1.62%
Information Technology 5.95%
Utilities 3.35%
Fixed Income Investment 0.00%

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As of May 29, 2020, in the aggregate the Portfolios were allocated 100% to Equity Investments. Indicated dividend yield as of May 29, 2020 was 0.56% on the U.S. Underlying Equity Securities (gross of any applicable withholding tax) and 1.13% on the Canadian Underlying Equity Securities, resulting in a total indicated dividend yield on the Underlying Equity Securities of 0.84% (gross of any applicable withholding tax).

	Sector	Index	Symbol	Company	Weight	Dividend	Rank
						Yield (%)	
	Energy	S&P/TSX	CCO	Cameco Corp.	3.35%	0.53	8
		S&P 1500	CNX	CNX Resources Corp.	1.66%	0.00	14
	Materials	S&P/TSX	CAS	Cascades Inc.	3.29%	2.27	1
		S&P/TSX	TXG	Torex Gold Resources Inc.	3.02%	0.00	2
		S&P/TSX	SMF	SEMAFO Inc.	3.85%	0.00	3
		S&P/TSX	CG	Centerra Gold Inc.	3.35%	0.29	7
		S&P 1500	FF	FutureFuel Corp.	1.65%	1.83	7
		S&P/TSX	LIF	Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp.	3.35%	4.46	10
		S&P/TSX	EDV	Endeavour Mining Corp.	3.35%	0.00	14
		S&P/TSX	WDO	Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd.	3.35%	0.00	15
		S&P/TSX	KL	Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	2.93%	1.33	18
		S&P/TSX	К	Kinross Gold Corp.	2.96%	0.00	19
		S&P/TSX	ASR	Alacer Gold Corp.	3.60%	0.00	24
		S&P/TSX	AGI	Alamos Gold Inc.	2.98%	0.75	34
		S&P/TSX	ABX	Barrick Gold Corp.	4.28%	1.16	49
	Industrials	S&P 1500		Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings Inc.	1.71%	0.00	8
		S&P/TSX	STN	Stantec Inc.	4.21%	1.49	55
	Consumer	S&P 1500	MUSA	Murphy USA Inc.	1.29%	0.00	13
	Discretionary	S&P/TSX	DOL	Dollarama Inc.	3.35%	0.38	16
		S&P 1500		Stamps.com Inc.	2.53%	0.00	45
	Consumer Staples	S&P 1500		Sprouts Farmers Market Inc.	1.47%	0.00	1
		S&P 1500	UNFI	United Natural Foods Inc.	1.31%	0.00	4
		S&P 1500	BJ	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	1.65%	0.00	5
		S&P 1500		SpartanNash Co.	1.29%	3.60	6
		S&P/TSX	MRU	Metro Inc./CN	2.84%	1.57	9
		S&P 1500	CLX	The Clorox Co.	1.67%	2.15	9
-		S&P/TSX	MFI	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	3.35%	2.43	11
				John B Sanfilippo & Son Inc.	1.29%	0.69	12
		S&P/TSX	L	Loblaw Cos Ltd.	2.73%	1.85	13
		S&P 1500		USANA Health Sciences Inc.	1.31%	0.00	27
	Health Care	S&P 1500		Meridian Bioscience Inc.	1.30%	0.00	3
		S&P 1500	MOH	Molina Healthcare Inc.	1.30%	0.00	10
		S&P 1500	LLY	Eli Lilly and Co.	1.82%	1.94	11
		S&P 1500	BIIB	Biogen Inc.	1.47%	0.00	17
		S&P 1500	REGN	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2.04%	0.00	48
		S&P 1500		United Therapeutics Corp.	2.19%	0.00	63
	Financials	S&P 1500		eHealth Inc.	1.62%	0.00	138
	Information			Citrix Systems Inc.	1.46%	0.95	2
	Technology	S&P/TSX	CSU	Constellation Software Inc./Canada	4.49%	0.34	25
	Utilities	S&P/TSX	NPI	Northland Power Inc.	3.35%	3.77	4

U.S. Portfolio Deletions				
UIS Unisys Corp.	US\$11.96			
NYT The New York Times Co.	US\$40.34			
INCY Incyte Corp.	US\$98.14			

\$37.49

Canadian Portfolio Deletions

The Stars Group Inc

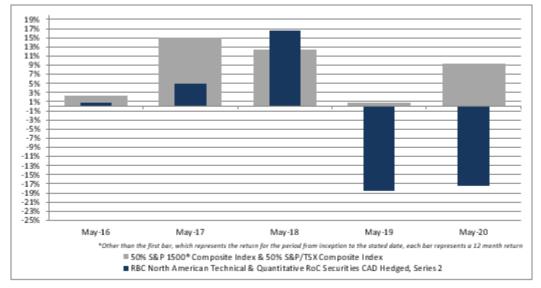
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U.S. Portfolio Additions					
VIVO	Meridian Bioscience Inc.	US\$15.34			
UNFI	United Natural Foods Inc.	US\$20.80			
SPTN	SpartanNash Co.	US\$21.83			
MUSA	Murphy USA Inc.	US\$114.29			
JBSS	John B Sanfilippo & Son Inc.	US\$85.13			
FF	FutureFuel Corp.	US\$13.87			
CNX	CNX Resources Corp.	US\$10.11			
BJ	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	US\$35.64			

Canadian Portfolio Additions				
WDO	Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd.	\$10.73		
NPI	Northland Power Inc.	\$32.63		
MFI	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	\$25.64		
LIF	Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp.	\$22.78		
EDV	Endeavour Mining Corp.	\$30.93		
DOL	Dollarama Inc.	\$48.41		
CG	Centerra Gold Inc.	\$12.85		
CCO	Cameco Corp.	\$14.25		



# HISTORICAL SECONDARY MARKET PRICE<sup>1,2</sup>



Return as of May 29, 2020	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities CAD Hedged, Series 2	4.20%	-15.58%	-25.35%	-17.44%	-4.47%
50% S&P 1500® Composite Index & 50% S&P/TSX Composite Index	4.66%	2.39%	-6.73%	9.23%	9.73%

<sup>1</sup>This Historical Secondary Market Price chart reflects the historical closing secondary market price of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities CAD Hedged, Series 2 (the "Series 2") for each day such secondary market was open for trading and an amalgamation of the percentage change of the levels of the S&P 1500° Composite Index (50%) and the S&P/TSX Composite Index (50%) since the Issue Date of Series 2 on May 5, 2016. The Series 2 is the initial public implementation of the RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities strategy. The closing secondary market price of Series 2 on its Issue Date was \$100.00. For Series 2, on the Issue Date, an amount equal to \$48.93 per Debt Security was notionally invested in the Canadian Portfolio and an amount equal to \$48.92 per Debt Security was notionally invested in the U.S. Portfolio. The secondary market price at any particular time is the price at which a holder of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities could dispose of such security. The NAV per Debt Security between different series of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities could result in different series. The difference in NAV per Debt Security between the Debt Securities for different levels of Note Program Amounts, applicable early trading charges and the issue date for a particular series. The difference in NAV per Debt Security between the Debt Securities for different series of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities could result in different secondary market prices for Debt Securities of different series of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities which are not Series 2 any differ from the historical secondary market price for Series 2 because the different Note Program Amounts, applicable early trading charges of RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Securities which are not Series 2 any differ from the historical secondary market price for RBC North American Technical & Quantitative RoC Se

<sup>2</sup>The secondary market price of the Debt Securities at any time will generally depend on, among other things, (a) how much the prices of the underlying interests have risen or fallen since the Issue Date of such Debt Securities; and (b) a number of other interrelated factors, including, without limitation, volatility in the prices of the underlying interests, the level of interest rates in the applicable markets, dividend yields on any of the securities, if any, comprising the underlying interest, the currency in which the series is denominated, any currency hedging and the Maturity Date. The relationship among these factors is complex and may also be influenced by various political, economic and other factors that can affect the trading price of a Debt Security.



### THE NORTH AMERICAN VALUE TECHNICAL & QUANTITATIVE STRATEGIES

On the last Exchange Day of the month immediately preceding the Issue Date, and on the last Exchange Day of each month thereafter that the Debt Securities remain outstanding, other than the month immediately preceding the month in which the Final Valuation Date and/or Maturity Date falls, the Canadian Strategy and the U.S. Strategy will compare the Reassessed Number of Issuers to the Current Number of Issuers, if any, to determine the asset allocation for the applicable Portfolio for the next month.

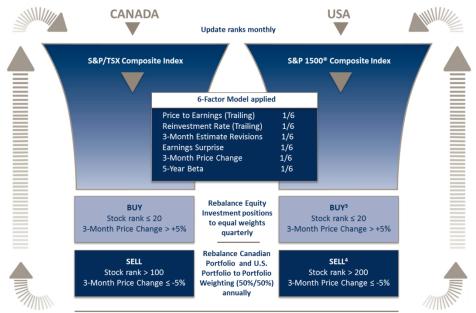
If the Reassessed Number of Issuers on an Allocation Date is less than the Current Number of Issuers on such Allocation Date (such that the corresponding Equity Investment for the following month will consist of at least one less Underlying Equity Security Issuer than the current month), the ineligible stocks will be notionally sold and the proceeds will be used to notionally purchase the Underlying Equity Securities to be notionally added to the applicable Equity Investment, if any, and the remaining portion will be used to notionally purchase Bonds for the applicable Fixed Income Investment, as described in the Pricing Supplement.

If the Reassessed Number of Issuers on an Allocation Date is greater than the Current Number of Issuers on such Allocation Date (such that the corresponding Equity Investment for the following month will consist of at least one more Underlying Equity Security Issuer than the current month), the Bonds (or the applicable portion thereof) notionally included in the applicable Fixed Income Investment on such Allocation Date will be notionally sold and the proceeds will be used to notionally purchase the Underlying Equity Securities to be notionally added to the applicable Equity Investment, as described in the Pricing Supplement.

If the Reassessed Number of Issuers on an Allocation Date equals the Current Number of Issuers on such Allocation Date, the allocation of the applicable Portfolio between an Equity Investment and a Fixed Income Investment will remain unchanged for the following month.

"Reassessed Number of Issuers" on any Allocation Date means the lesser of (a)(i) the number of Underlying Equity Security Issuers that are eligible to notionally remain in the applicable Equity Investment for the following month, plus (ii) the number of issuers that are eligible to be added to the applicable Equity Investment for the following month (each number as determined by the applicable Model on the last Business Day of the month in which such Allocation Date falls) and (b) 20 issuers.

"Current Number of Issuers" on any Allocation Date means the number of Underlying Equity Security Issuers notionally included in the applicable Equity Investment on such Allocation Date.



## MODELS – CANADIAN MODEL AND U.S. MODEL

Up to 20 Canadian stocks + Up to 20 U.S. stocks = Up to 40 positions in the notional Portfolios

<sup>3</sup> High Risk Country Stocks and stocks that breach the Share Volume Purchase Limits will not be eligible for notional purchase.

<sup>4</sup> High Risk Country Stocks and certain stocks of real estate investment trusts will also be notionally sold, as further described in the Pricing Supplement.

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