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RBC Solactive Canada Insurance 185 AR Index Callable Contingent Yield 9.06% Securities (CAD), Series 953 Non-Principal Protected Security

7.0 year term

Performance linked to
the Solactive Canada
Insurance 185 AR
Index

Potential 9.0600%
coupon per annual
period

70% Protection
Barrier

Callable monthly
at 105%

Subscriptions
Close

on or about
October 20, 2023

FUNDSERV

RBC10388

Autocall
Observation Dates

July 23, 2024 and
monthly thereafter

This summary is qualified in its entirety by a pricing supplement (the “**Pricing Supplement**”), the base shelf prospectus dated March 25, 2022, the program prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2022, as supplemented November 11, 2022 and March 2, 2023 and the product prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2022 in respect of index linked securities, as supplemented November 11, 2022 and March 2, 2023.

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KEY TERMS

Issuer:	Royal Bank of Canada
Issuer Credit Ratings:	Moody's: Aa1; S&P: AA-; DBRS: AA
Currency:	CAD
Minimum Investment:	50 Securities or \$5,000
Term:	Approximately 7.0 years
Principal at Risk:	The Securities are not principal protected.
Underlying Index:	The return on the Securities is linked to the adjusted returns of the Solactive Canada Insurance 185 AR Index (the “ Underlying Index ”). The Underlying Index is an adjusted return index that aims to track the gross total return performance of the Solactive Canada Insurance Index TR (the “ Target Index ”), subject to a reduction of a synthetic dividend of 185 index points per annum calculated daily in arrears (the “ Adjusted Return Factor ”). For the avoidance of doubt, the return on the Securities is linked to the Underlying Index and is not linked to the Target Index. The Closing Level on October 10, 2023 was 3,219.07. The Adjusted Return Factor divided by the Closing Level was therefore equal to 5.7470% on October 10, 2023. If an Autocall Redemption Event does not occur, over the term of the Securities the sum of the Adjusted Return Factor will be approximately 1,295 index points, representing 40.2290% of the Closing Level on October 10, 2023. For the calculation of the level of the Target Index, any dividends or other distributions paid on the constituent securities of the Target Index are assumed to be reinvested across all of the constituent securities of the Target Index. As of October 10, 2023, the annual dividend yield on the Target Index was 5.3225%, representing an aggregate dividend yield of approximately 43.763% compounded annually over the term of the Securities, on the assumption that the dividend yield remains constant. Securities do not represent an interest in the Underlying Index, the Target Index or in the securities of the companies that comprise the Target 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.
Issue Date:	October 27, 2023
Initial Index Level:	The “ Initial Index Level ” is the Closing Level on October 23, 2023.
Protection Barrier Level:	The “ Protection Barrier Level ” is 70.00% of the Initial Index Level.

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 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.

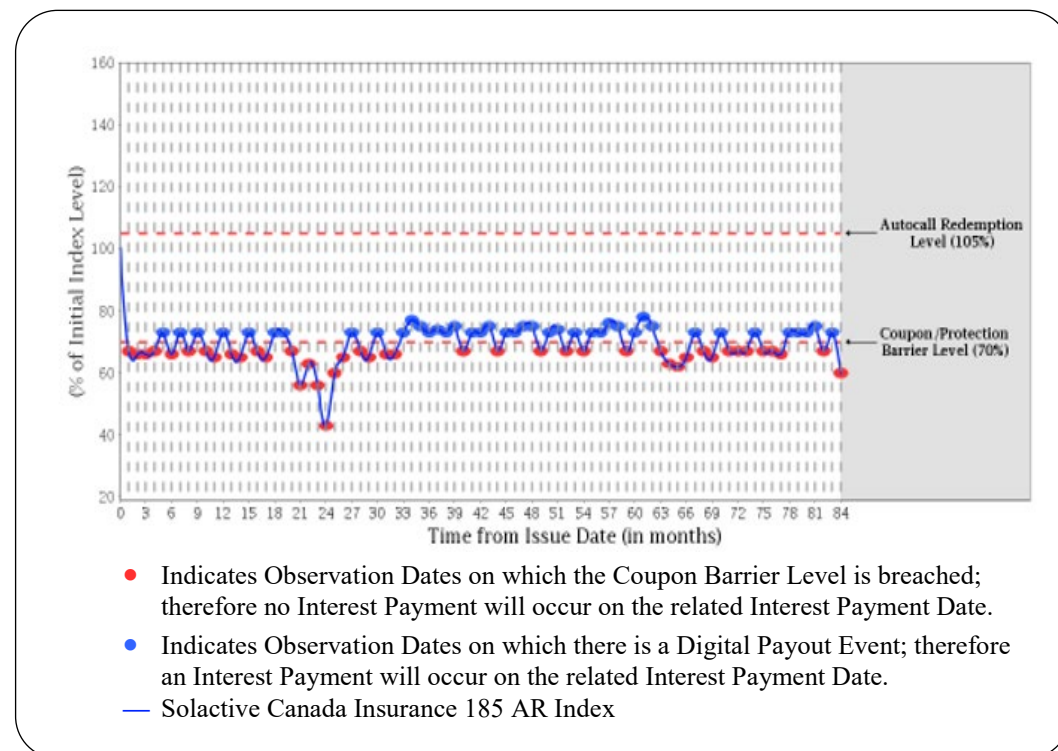
KEY TERMS CONTINUED

Coupon Barrier Level:	The “ Coupon Barrier Level ” is 70.00% of the Initial Index Level.
Final Index Level:	The “ Final Index Level ” is the Closing Level on October 23, 2030 (the “ Final Valuation Date ”).
Closing Level:	The “ Closing Level ” on any date is the official closing level of the Underlying Index quoted on www.solactive.com for such date, as determined by the Calculation Agent.
Maturity Date:	October 28, 2030
Observation Dates:	An “ Observation Date ” for the purposes of determining the amount of any Interest Payment will occur monthly, from and including November 23, 2023 and on the 23 rd day of each month thereafter, to and including October 23, 2030, in each year that the Securities are outstanding and provided that the Securities are not redeemed by the Bank as described below. If any such Observation Date is not an Exchange Day, such Observation Date will be on the first following day that is an Exchange Day.
Interest Payment Dates:	The “ Interest Payment Date ” for an Interest Payment, if any, will occur monthly, on the third Business Day following the corresponding Observation Date for each such month, in each year that the Securities are outstanding and provided that the Securities are not redeemed by the Bank as described below. The final Interest Payment, if any, will be made on the earlier of the Autocall Redemption Date (if applicable) and the Maturity Date.
Interest Payments:	<p>Interest payments (the “Interest Payments” and each, an “Interest Payment”), if any, on the Securities will be payable on each Interest Payment Date, in arrears, at a fixed interest rate of 0.7550% monthly ending on an Interest Payment Date (an “Interest Period”) for each Interest Period in which a Digital Payout Event occurs on the Observation Date occurring in the Interest Period. On the basis of the foregoing, the interest on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for an Interest Period in which a Digital Payout Event has occurred would equal $\\$100 \times 0.7550\%$.</p> <p>Thus, if a Digital Payout Event occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on each Observation Date in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$9.06; (b) on eleven out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$8.305; (c) on ten out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$7.55; (d) on nine out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$6.795; (e) on eight out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$6.04; (f) on seven out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$5.285; (g) on six out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$4.53; (h) on five out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$3.775; (i) on four out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$3.02; (j) on three out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$2.265; (k) on two out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$1.51; and (l) on one out of the twelve Observation Dates in any twelve-month period, the amount of interest payable on each \$100 Principal Amount of Securities for that twelve-month period will be \$0.755. <p>If a Digital Payout Event does not occur on the Observation Date during a particular Interest Period, no interest will be payable on the Securities for such Interest Period.</p>
Digital Payout Event:	A “ Digital Payout Event ” will occur if, on the relevant Observation Date, the Closing Level is greater than or equal to the Coupon Barrier Level.
Autocall Redemption Event:	An “ Autocall Redemption Event ” will occur if the Closing Level on an Observation Date other than the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and last Observation Dates is greater than or equal to 105.00% of the Initial Index Level (the “ Autocall Redemption Level ”). On the next succeeding Interest Payment Date following the occurrence of an Autocall Redemption Event (the “ Autocall Redemption Date ”) the Securities will be redeemed for an amount equal to the Principal Amount thereof (the “ Autocall Redemption Amount ”). In addition to the Autocall Redemption Amount, an Interest Payment will be paid on the Autocall Redemption Date.

Payment at Maturity:	<p>On the Maturity Date, if the Securities have not been previously redeemed, the amount payable (the “Final Redemption Amount”) for each \$100 Principal Amount per Security will be equal to:</p> <p>(a) if the Final Index Level is greater than or equal to the Protection Barrier Level, \$100; or</p> <p>(b) if the Final Index Level is less than the Protection Barrier Level, an amount equal to the Index Return, but in any event not less than \$1.00.</p> <p>In addition to the Final Redemption Amount, an Interest Payment will be paid on the Maturity Date if a Digital Payout Event occurs on the Final Valuation Date.</p>	
Index Return:	<p>“Index Return” means $\\$100 \times (X_f / X_i)$, where: “X_f” means the Final Index Level, and “X_i” means the Initial Index Level.</p>	
Secondary Market:	<p>Fundserv, RBC10388</p> <p>Generally, to be effective on a Business Day, a redemption request will need to be initiated by 2:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on that Business Day (or such other time as may be established by Fundserv). Any request received after such time will be deemed to be a request sent and received on the next following Business Day.</p>	
Early Trading Charge Schedule:	<p>If Sold Within the Following No. of Days from the Issue Date</p>	<p>Early Trading Charge (% of Principal Amount)</p>
	1 - 45 days	3.00%
	46 - 90 days	2.75%
	91 - 135 days	2.50%
	136 - 180 days	2.00%
	181 - 225 days	1.50%
	226 - 270 days	1.00%
	Thereafter	Nil

The examples set out below are included for illustration purposes only. The performance of the Underlying Index used to illustrate the calculation of the Final Redemption Amount or Autocall Redemption Amount and the Interest Payments over the term of the Securities is not an estimate or forecast of the performance of the Underlying Index or the Securities. All examples assume that a holder of the Securities has purchased Securities with an aggregate Principal Amount of \$100 and that no Extraordinary Event has occurred. All examples assume a Coupon Barrier Level of 70.00% of the Initial Index Level, a Protection Barrier Level of 70.00% of the Initial Index Level and an Autocall Redemption Level of 105.00% of the Initial Index Level. For convenience, each vertical line in the charts below represents both a hypothetical Observation Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date. Certain dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest whole cent.

Example #1: Loss Scenario with Payment on the Maturity Date at Less Than the Principal Amount



In this scenario, there is no Observation Date on which the Closing Level is at or above the Autocall Redemption Level and, accordingly, the Securities would not be redeemed before the Maturity Date. On the Final Valuation Date, the Final Index Level is below the Protection Barrier Level.

(i) Interest Payments

In this example, there is a Digital Payout Event on 41 of the 84 Observation Dates. On the other 43 Observation Dates, no Digital Payout Event would occur because the Closing Level is below the Coupon Barrier Level. Therefore, the Interest Payment of \$0.755 per Interest Period would be payable for 41 Interest Periods on the applicable Interest Payment Date, for total Interest Payments of:

$$\text{Principal Amount of Securities} \times 0.7550\% \text{ per Interest Period} \times 41 \text{ Interest Periods} \\ \$100 \times 0.7550\% \times 41 = \$30.96$$

(ii) Final Redemption Amount

In this example, the Initial Index Level (X_i) is 3,219.07 and the Final Index Level (X_f) is 1,931.44. Therefore, the Final Redemption Amount is as follows:

$$\$100 \times (X_f / X_i) \\ \$100 \times (1,931.44 / 3,219.07) = \$60.00$$

Therefore, the total amounts payable per Security from the Issue Date to the Maturity Date are:

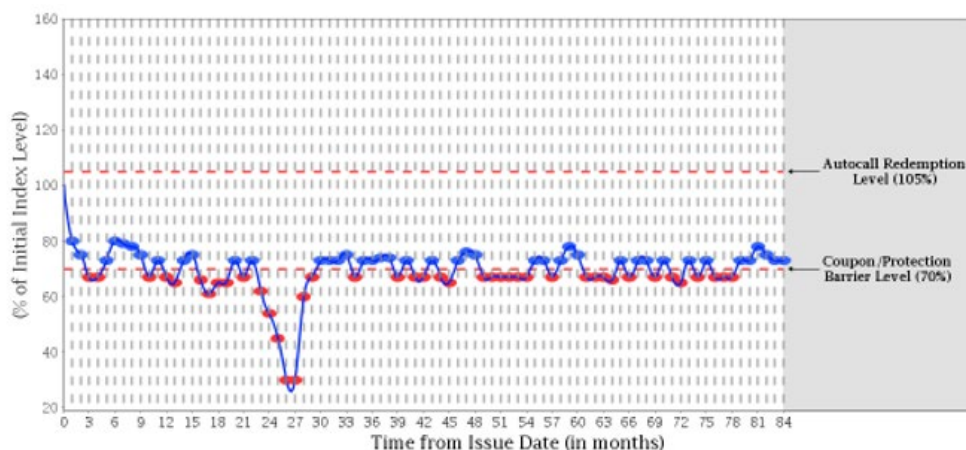
(a) Total Interest Payments: \$30.96

(b) Final Redemption Amount: \$60.00

(c) Total amount paid over the term of the Securities: \$90.96

The equivalent annually compounded rate of return in this example is -1.34%.

Example #2: Gain Scenario with Payment on the Maturity Date at the Principal Amount



- Indicates Observation Dates on which the Coupon Barrier Level is breached; therefore no Interest Payment will occur on the related Interest Payment Date.
- Indicates Observation Dates on which there is a Digital Payout Event; therefore an Interest Payment will occur on the related Interest Payment Date.
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In this scenario, there is no Observation Date on which the Closing Level is at or above the Autocall Redemption Level and, accordingly, the Securities would not be redeemed before the Maturity Date. On the Final Valuation Date, the Final Index Level is at or above the Protection Barrier Level.

(i) Interest Payments

In this example, there is a Digital Payout Event on 42 of the 84 Observation Dates. On the other 42 Observation Dates, no Digital Payout Event would occur because the Closing Level is below the Coupon Barrier Level. Therefore, the Interest Payment of \$0.755 per Interest Period would be payable for 42 Interest Periods on the applicable Interest Payment Date for total Interest Payments of:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Principal Amount of Securities} \times 0.7550\% \text{ per Interest Period} \times 42 \text{ Interest Periods} \\ &\$100 \times 0.7550\% \times 42 = \$31.71 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Final Redemption Amount

In this example, since the Final Index Level is 2,349.92, which is above the Protection Barrier Level of 70.00% of the Initial Index Level of 3,219.07, being 2,253.35, the Final Redemption Amount per Security is equal to \$100.00.

Therefore, the total amounts payable per Security from the Issue Date to the Maturity Date are:

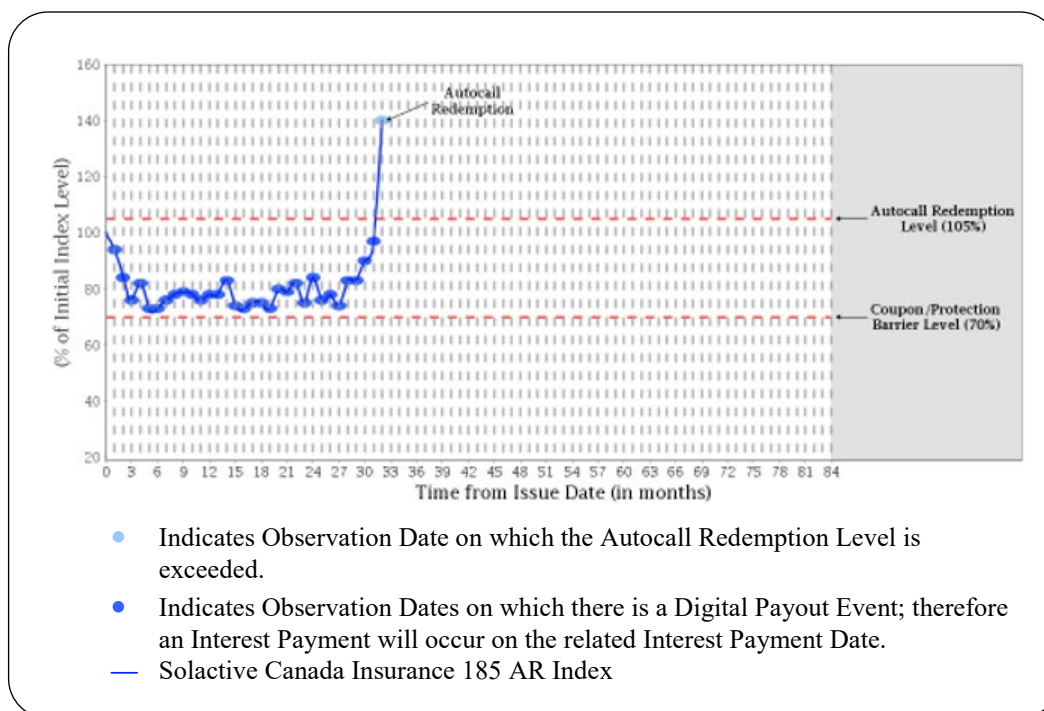
(a) Total Interest Payments: \$31.71

(b) Final Redemption Amount: \$100.00

(c) Total amount paid over the term of the Securities: \$131.71

The equivalent annually compounded rate of return in this example is 4.01%.

Example #3: Gain Scenario with Autocall Redemption Event



In this scenario, the Closing Level is at or above the Autocall Redemption Level on the Observation Date that falls 32 months into the term of the Securities. This would constitute an Autocall Redemption Event and, on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, the Bank would redeem the Securities.

(i) Interest Payments

In this example, there is a Digital Payout Event on each of the 32 Observation Dates prior to the redemption of the Securities because the Closing Level is at or above the Coupon Barrier Level on each such date. Therefore, the Interest Payment of \$0.755 per Interest Period would be payable for each Interest Period on the applicable Interest Payment Date (including on the Autocall Redemption Date), for total Interest Payments of:

$$\text{Principal Amount of Securities} \times 0.7550\% \text{ per Interest Period} \times 32 \text{ Interest Periods} \\ \$100 \times 0.7550\% \times 32 = \$24.16$$

(ii) Autocall Redemption Amount

The Autocall Redemption Amount per Security is equal to \$100.00.

Therefore, the total amounts payable per Security from the Issue Date to the Autocall Redemption Date are:

(a) Total Interest Payments: \$24.16

(b) Autocall Redemption Amount: \$100.00

(c) Total amount paid over the term of the Securities: \$124.16

The equivalent annually compounded rate of return in this example is 8.45%.

Initial Estimated Value:	The initial estimated value of the Securities as of October 10, 2023 was \$94.66 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.
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