

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
December 20, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 20, 2012

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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PO Box 1000  
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United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

No  X

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This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed incorporated by reference into the company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-184147 and 333-184147-01) and to be a part thereof from the date which it was filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.



EXPLANATORY NOTE

In connection with the issuance from time to time by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (as issuer) and The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (as guarantor) of notes under its RBS Notes<sup>SM</sup> and Retail Corporate Notes medium-term notes programs (collectively, the “Notes”), legal opinions as to the legality of these Notes are being filed as exhibits to this report.

- 5.1 Opinion of Dundas & Wilson CS LLP relating to the Notes
  - 5.2 Opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP relating to the Notes
  - 5.3 Opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP relating to the RBS US Large Cap Trendpilot<sup>TM</sup> Exchange Traded Notes due December 7, 2040, the RBS US Mid Cap Trendpilot<sup>TM</sup> Exchange Traded Notes due January 25, 2041 and the RBS Gold Trendpilot<sup>TM</sup> Exchange Traded Notes due February 15, 2041
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

The Royal Bank of  
Scotland Group plc  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert Hammer  
Name: Robert  
Hammer  
Title: Authorized  
Signatory

December 20, 2012