

## Structured Product Details

Name	Reverse Convertible Notes linked to Intuitive Surgical, Inc.		
Issue Size Issue Price Term Annualized C	oupon	\$157,000 \$1,000 3 Months 20.50%	
Pricing Date Issue Date Valuation Dat Maturity Date	-	December 27, 2007 December 31, 2007 March 27, 2008 March 31, 2008	
Issuer CDS Rate Swap Rate		Royal Bank of Canada 43.67 bps 4.77%	
Reference Ass Initial Leve Trigger Pri Conversion Dividend R Implied Vo Delta <sup>1</sup>	el ce Price Late	Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock \$329.56 \$230.69 \$329.56 0.00% 63.09% 0.43	
Fair Price at I Realized Retu		\$948.79 22.62%	
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Structured Products Research Report

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# Reverse Convertible Notes linked to Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

# Description

Royal Bank of Canada issued \$157,000 of Reverse Convertible Notes linked to Intuitive Surgical, Inc. on December 31, 2007 at \$1,000 per note.

These notes are Royal Bank of Canada-branded reverse convertibles. Reverse convertibles pay periodic interest coupons and at maturity convert into shares of the reference security if the price of the reference stock at the notes' maturity is below its price when the notes were issued and had closed below a specified "trigger" during the term of the notes.

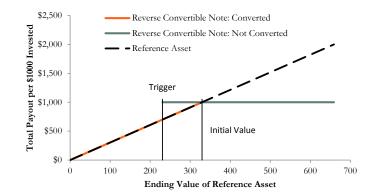
These 3-month notes pay monthly coupons at an annualized rate of 20.50%. In addition to the monthly coupons, at maturity on March 31, 2008 investors will receive the market value of 3.03 shares of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock if on March 27, 2008 Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price closes below \$329.56 (Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price on December 27, 2007) and had ever closed at or below \$230.69 during the term of the notes. Otherwise, investors will receive the \$1,000 face value per note.

# Valuation

This Royal Bank of Canada reverse convertible linked to Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock can be valued as a combination of a note from Royal Bank of Canada and a short down-andin, at-the-money put option on Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$948.79 per \$1,000 when it was issued on December 31, 2007 because investors were effectively being paid only \$37.87 for giving Royal Bank of Canada an option which was worth \$89.08.

There is no active secondary market for most structured products. Structured products, including this note, therefore are much less liquid than simple stocks, bonds, notes and mutual funds. Investors are likely to receive less than the structured product's estimated market value if they try to sell the structured product prior to maturity. Our valuations do not incorporate this relative lack of liquidity and therefore should be considered an upper bound on the value of the structured product.

## Payoff Curve at Maturity



The payoff diagram shows the final payoff of this note given Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price (borizontal axis). For comparison, the dashed line shows the payoff if you invested in Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock directly.

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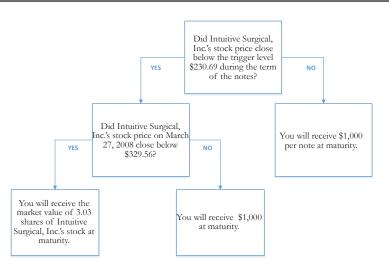
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- "Are Structured Products Suitable for Retail Investors?" December 2006.
- *"Structured Products in the Aftermath of Lehman Brothers,"* November 2009.
- "What TiVo and JP Morgan Teach Us about Reverse Convertibles," June 2010.

## Principal Payback Table

Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s Stock	Converted Note Payoff	Non-Con- verted Note Payoff
\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$32.96	\$100.00	
\$65.91	\$200.00	
\$98.87	\$300.00	
\$131.82	\$400.00	
\$164.78	\$500.00	
\$197.74	\$600.00	
\$230.69	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
\$263.65	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
\$296.60	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
\$329.56	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$362.52	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$395.47	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$428.43	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$461.38	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$494.34	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

#### Maturity Payoff Diagram



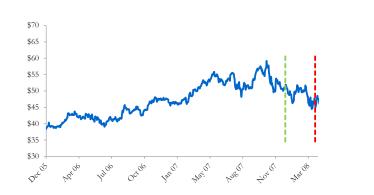
The contingent payoffs of this Reverse Convertible Note.

## Analysis

This reverse convertible's 20.50% coupon rate is higher than the yield Royal Bank of Canada paid on its straight debt but, in addition to Royal Bank of Canada's credit risk, investors bear the risk that they will receive shares of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock when they are worth substantially less than the face value of the note at maturity.

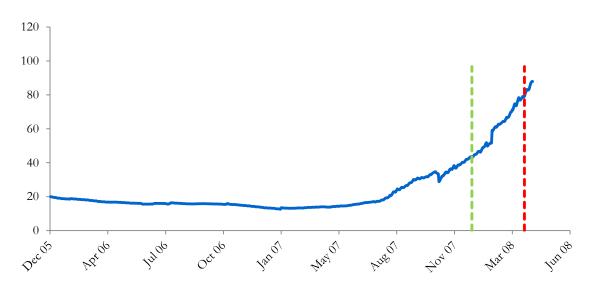
Investors purchasing reverse convertibles effectively sell put options to Royal Bank of Canada and post the note's issue price as collateral to secure satisfaction of the investors' obligations under the option contracts. Royal Bank of Canada pays investors a "coupon" that is part payment for the put options and part interest on the investors' posted collateral. This reverse convertible is fairly priced if and only if the excess of the reverse convertible's "coupon rate" above the interest Royal Bank of Canada pays on its straight debt equals the value of the put option investors are giving to Royal Bank of Canada. Whether the reverse convertible is suitable or not is equivalent to whether selling put options on the reference stock at the option premium being paid by Royal Bank of Canada was suitable for the investor.

#### Royal Bank of Canada's Stock Price



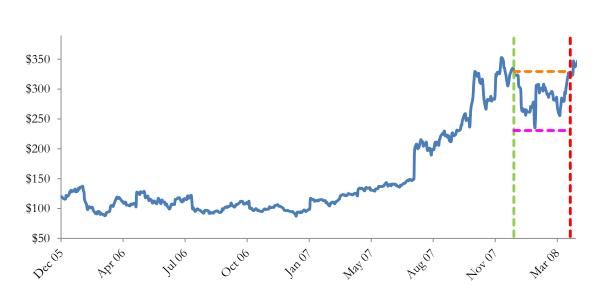
The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer Royal Bank of Canada for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of Royal Bank of Canada. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.

### Royal Bank of Canada's CDS Rate



Credit default swap (CDS) rates are the market price that investors require to bear credit risk of an issuer such as Royal Bank of Canada. CDS rates are usually given in basis points (bps). One basis point equals 0.01%. Higher CDS rates reflect higher perceived credit risk, higher required yields, and therefore lower market value of Royal Bank of Canada's debt, including outstanding Reverse Convertible Note. Fluctuations in Royal Bank of Canada's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.

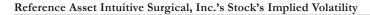
#### Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s Stock Price

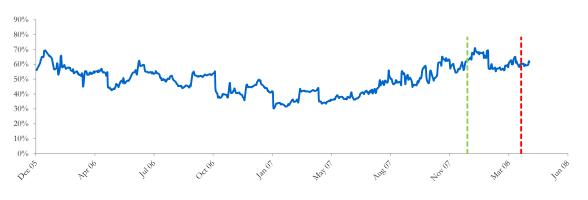


The graph above shows the historical levels of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price at maturity. Higher fluctuations in Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this Reverse Convertible Note.

#### **Realized Payoff**

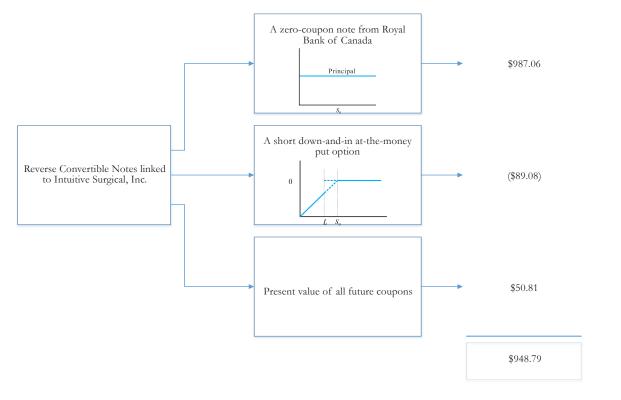
This note matured on March 31, 2008 and investors received \$1,000.00 per note.





The annualized implied volatility of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock on December 27, 2007 was 63.09%, meaning that options contracts on Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 63.09%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

#### Decomposition of this Reverse Convertible Note



This note can be decomposed into different components, and each component can be valued separately. The chart above shows the value of each component of this Reverse Convertible Note.

- Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock price on December 27, 2007.
  CDS rates can be considered a measure of the probability that an issuer will default over a certain period of time and the likely loss given a default. The lower the CDS rate, the lower the default probability. CDS rate is given in basis points (1 basis point equals 0.01%), and is considered as a market premium, on top of the risk-free rate, that investors require to insure against a potential default.
  3. Fair price evaluation is based on the Black-Scholes model of the Intuitive Surgical, Inc.'s stock on December 27, 2007.
  4. Calculated payout at maturity is only an approximation, and may differ from actual payouts at maturity.
  5. Our evaluation does not include any transaction fees, broker commissions, or liquidity discounts on the notes.

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