

## Structured Product Details

Name	Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Notes linked to Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index	
Issue Size Issue Price Term Annualized (	Coupon	\$3.11 million \$1,000 42 Months 0.00%
Pricing Date Issue Date Valuation Da Maturity Da	ate	December 27, 2013 December 31, 2013 June 27, 2017 June 29, 2017
Issuer CDS Rate Swap Rate		Royal Bank of Canada 99.22 bps 1.10%
Reference A Initial Lev Dividend Implied V Delta <sup>1</sup>	vel Rate	the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index 3,111.37 3.42% 16.58% 0.61
Fair Price at	Issue	\$925.77
CUSIP SEC Link	data	78010UKK2 www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/ /1000275/000121465913007327/ n1230130424b2.htm

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# Research Report

**Structured Products** 

# Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Notes linked to Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index

# Description

Royal Bank of Canada issued \$3.11 million of Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Notes linked to Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index on December 31, 2013 at \$1,000 per note.

These notes are Royal Bank of Canada-branded Buffered PLUS securities that do not pay periodic coupons, but instead pay a single amount at maturity depending on the final level of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index.

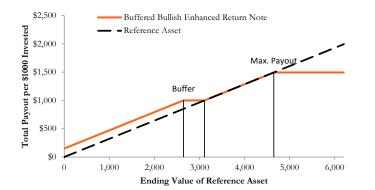
If on June 27, 2017 the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level is higher than 3,111.37, but lower than 4,648.39, the notes pay a return equal to the percentage increase in the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index, up to a cap of 49.40%. If on June 27, 2017 the refe is below 3,111.37 but not below 2644.66, investors receive \$1,000 face value per note. If the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level on June 27, 2017 is lower than 2644.66, investors receive face value per note reduced by the amount the reference asset is below 2644.66 as a percent of the initial level, 3,111.37.

## Valuation

This product can be valued as a combination of a note from Royal Bank of Canada, one short out-of-the-money put option, one long at-the-money call option, and one short out-of-the-money call option. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$925.77 when it was issued on December 31, 2013 because the value of the options investors gave Royal Bank of Canada plus the interest investors would have received on Royal Bank of Canada's straight debt was worth \$74.23 more than the options investors received from Royal Bank of Canada.

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 the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level (horizontal axis). For comparison, the dashed line shows the payoff if you invested in the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index directly.

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#### **Research Papers:**

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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.

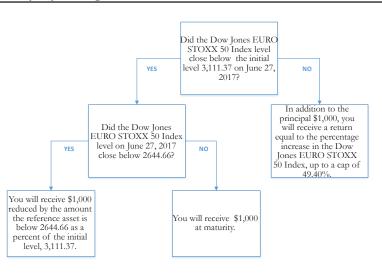
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#### Principal Payback Table

The Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index	Note Payoff
0.00	\$150.00
311.14	\$250.00
622.27	\$350.00
933.41	\$450.00
1,244.55	\$550.00
1,555.69	\$650.00
1,866.82	\$750.00
2,177.96	\$850.00
2,489.10	\$950.00
2,800.23	\$1,000.00
3,111.37	\$1,000.00
3,422.51	\$1,100.00
3,733.64	\$1,200.00
4,044.78	\$1,300.00
4,355.92	\$1,400.00
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#### Maturity Payoff Diagram

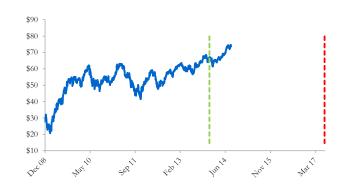


The contingent payoffs of this Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note.

## Analysis

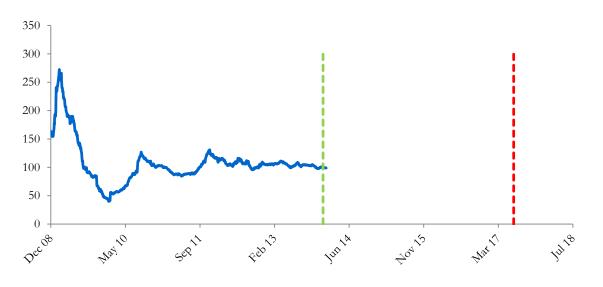
This Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note pays investors the increase in the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index capped at 49.40%, but if the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index declines over the term of the note, investors will suffer losses equal to the percentage decline in the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index. In addition, investors bear the credit risk of Royal Bank of Canada. Investors purchasing this Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note effectively sell at-the-money put and out-of-the-money call options to Royal Bank of Canada. This Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note is fairly priced if and only if the market value of the options investors received from Royal Bank of Canada equals the market value of the options investors gave Royal Bank of Canada plus the interest investors would have received on Royal Bank of Canada's straight debt.

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

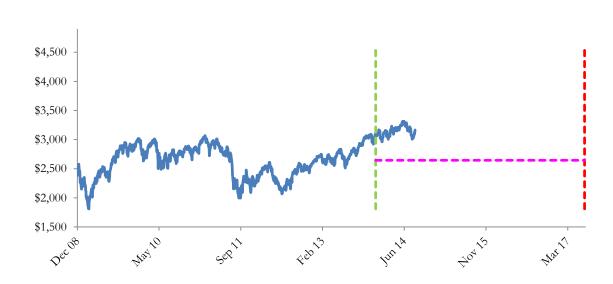


The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer Royal Bank of Canada for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of Royal Bank of Canada. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.

#### 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 Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note. Fluctuations in Royal Bank of Canada's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.



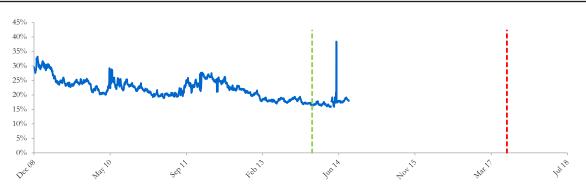
#### The Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index Level

The graph above shows the historical levels of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level at maturity. Higher fluctuations in the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note.

#### **Realized Payoff**

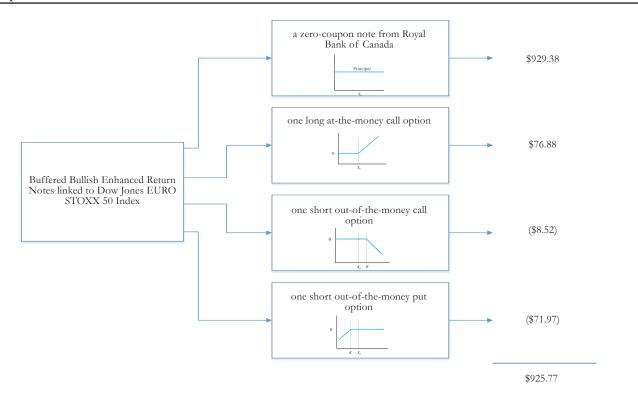
This product will mature on June 29, 2017.

#### Reference Asset The Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index's Implied Volatility



The annualized implied volatility of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index on December 27, 2013 was 16.58%, meaning that options contracts on the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 16.58%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

#### Decomposition of this Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return 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 Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Note.

- Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index level on December 27, 2013.
   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 the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index on December 27, 2013.
   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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