

Court of Session, Scotland

P224/22

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC

AND

COUTTS & COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 17 March 2022 a Petition was presented to the Court of Session in Edinburgh (the “**Court**”) by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS plc**”) (a public limited company incorporated in Scotland with registered number SC083026 and having its registered office at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB) and Coutts & Company (“**Coutts**”) (a private unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales with the registered number 00036695 and having its registered office is at 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS) for an order under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 sanctioning a banking business transfer scheme (the “**Scheme**”) for the transfer of the private banking (including execution only dealing services and custody account services) and lending business carried on by RBS in the “Adam & Company” brand and trading name from RBS plc to Coutts.

Any person claiming an interest may lodge formal written objections (known as “**Answers**”) to the petition on or before 11 April 2022. Answers should be lodged at the Court of Session, Petition Department, Parliament House, Edinburgh EH1 1RQ, Scotland. If any person wishes to lodge Answers, they should seek independent legal advice. Answers are a formal Court document which must comply with the rules of the Court and are normally prepared by Scottish legal counsel. In addition, Answers must be accompanied by a fee to the Court.

Any person (including an employee of RBS plc or Coutts) who alleges that he or she would be adversely affected by the carrying out of the Scheme has a statutory right to be heard at the Court hearing to consider sanctioning the Scheme. The Court may also consider informal written objections to the Scheme. It would be helpful if anyone who wishes to exercise the statutory right to be heard, or to make informal written objections, could inform RBS plc, by post or by hand, on or before 11 April 2022 at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB. RBS will advise the Court accordingly and will pass on to the Court any written objections that it has received. No fee is payable for this.

Copies of the Petition, the full terms of the Scheme and a summary of its principal terms are available free of charge at [www.adambank.com/transfer](http://www.adambank.com/transfer) or from 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB and will remain available until the date of the Court hearing to consider sanctioning the Scheme. The date for the Court hearing is currently expected to be 31 May 2022. If the Scheme is sanctioned at that hearing, the effective date of the Scheme will be 2 July 2022 or any later date which RBS plc and Coutts may agree, provided that it is no later than 11:59pm (GMT) on 2 October 2022.

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