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Accelerated Return Notes [®] Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks § Maturity of approximately 14 months § 3-to-1 upside exposure to increases in the Basket, subject to a capped return of [14% to 18%] § The Basket will be comprised of the common stocks of each of Raytheon Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and The Boeing Company (the "Basket Stocks") § 1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Basket, with up to 100% of your investment at risk § All payments occur at maturity and are subject to the credit risk of Royal Bank of Canada § No periodic interest payments § In addition to the underwriting discount set forth below, the notes include a hedging-related charge of \$0.075 per unit. See "Structuring the Notes" § Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing	

§ The notes are unsecured debt securities and are not savings accounts or insured deposits of a bank. The notes are not insured or guaranteed by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any other governmental agency of Canada or the United States

The notes are being issued by Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC"). There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security, including different investment risks and certain additional costs. See "Risk Factors" and "Additional Risk Factors" beginning on pages TS-6 and TS-7 of this term sheet and "Risk Factors" beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.

The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.3283 and \$9.6283 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. See "Summary" on the following page, "Risk Factors" beginning on page TS-6 of this term sheet and "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-15 of this term sheet for additional information. The actual value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Note Prospectus (as defined below) is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Unit	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	\$10.00	\$
Underwriting discount ⁽¹⁾	\$0.20	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to RBC	9.80	\$

For any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor or in combined (1)transactions with the investor's household in this offering, the public offering price and the underwriting discount will be \$9.95 per unit and \$0.15 per unit, respectively. See "Supplement to the Plan of Distribution" below. The notes:

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Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August $\,$, 2019 Summary

The Accelerated Return Notes[®] Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August , 2019 (the "notes") are our senior unsecured debt securities. The notes are not guaranteed or insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or secured by collateral. The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of RBC. The notes provide you a leveraged return, subject to a cap, if the Ending Value of the Market Measure, which is the basket of three defense sector stocks described below (the "Basket"), is greater than its Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, you will lose all or a portion of the principal amount of your notes. Any payments on the notes will be calculated based on the \$10 principal amount per unit and will depend on the performance of the Basket, subject to our credit risk. See "Terms of the Notes" below. The Basket will be comprised of the common stocks of Raytheon Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and The Boeing Company (each, a "Basket Stock"). On the pricing date, each Basket Stock will be given an approximately equal weight.

The economic terms of the notes (including the Capped Value) are based on our internal funding rate, which is the rate we would pay to borrow funds through the issuance of market-linked notes, and the economic terms of certain related hedging arrangements. Our internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge described below, will reduce the economic terms of the notes to you and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. Due to these factors, the public offering price you pay to purchase the notes will be greater than the initial estimated value of the notes.

On the cover page of this term sheet, we have provided the initial estimated value range for the notes. This initial estimated value range was determined based on our and our affiliates' pricing models, which take into consideration our internal funding rate and the market prices for the hedging arrangements related to the notes. The initial estimated value of the notes calculated on the pricing date will be set forth in the final term sheet made available to investors in the notes. For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-15.

Terms of the Notes				
Issuer:	Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC")			
Principal Amount:	\$10.00 per unit			
Term:	Approximately 14 months			
Market Measure:	An approximately equally weighted basket of three defense sector stocks comprised of the common stock of Raytheon Company (NYSE symbol: "RTN"), Lockheed Martin Corporation (NYSE symbol: "LMT") and The Boeing Company (NYSE symbol: "BA") (each, an "Underlying Company").			
Starting Value:	The Starting Value will be set to 100.00 on the pricing date.			
Ending Value:	The value of the Basket on the calculation day. The calculation day is subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-26 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.			
Participation Rate:	300%			
Capped Value:	[\$11.40 to \$11.80] per unit, which represents a return of [14% to 18%] over the principal amount. The actual Capped Value will be determined on the pricing date.			
Calculation Day:	Approximately the fifth scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date.			
Price	1, for each Basket Stock, subject to adjustment for certain corporate events relating to the Basket			
Multiplier:	Stocks described beginning on page PS-19 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.			
Fees and	The underwriting discount of \$0.20 per unit listed on the cover page and the hedging related charge of			
Charges:	\$0.075 per unit described in "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-15.			

Calculation Agent: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S").

Redemption Amount Determination

On the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per unit determined as follows:

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The terms and risks of the notes are contained in this term sheet and in the following:

§Product supplement STOCK ARN-1 dated July 18, 2016:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000275/000114036116072674/form424b5.htm

§ Series G MTN prospectus supplement dated January 8, 2016:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000275/000121465916008811/p14150424b3.htm

§ Prospectus dated January 8, 2016:

http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000275/000121465916008810/i18160424b3.htm

These documents (together, the "Note Prospectus") have been filed as part of a registration statement with the SEC, which may, without cost, be accessed on the SEC website as indicated above or obtained from MLPF&S by calling 1-800-294-1322. Before you invest, you should read the Note Prospectus, including this term sheet, for information about us and this offering. Any prior or contemporaneous oral statements and any other written materials you may have received are superseded by the Note Prospectus. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this term sheet have the meanings set forth in product supplement STOCK ARN-1. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this document to "we," "us," "our," or similar references are to RBC. **Investor Considerations**

You may wish to consider an investment in the notes if:

§ You anticipate that the value of the Basket will increase moderately from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

You are willing to risk a loss of principal and return if the value of the Basket decreases from the Starting Value to the Ending Value to the End the Ending Value.

§ You accept that the return on the notes will be capped.

§ You are willing to forgo the interest payments that are paid on traditional interest bearing debt securities.

§You are willing to forgo dividends or other benefits of owning the Basket Stocks.

You are willing to accept a limited or no market for sales prior to maturity, and understand that the market prices for § the notes, if any, will be affected by various factors, including our actual and perceived creditworthiness, our internal funding rate and fees and charges on the notes.

You are willing to assume our credit risk, as issuer of the notes, for all payments under the notes, including the Redemption Amount Redemption Amount.

The notes may not be an appropriate investment for you if:

You believe that the value of the Basket will decrease from the Starting Value to the Ending Value or that it will not increase sufficiently over the term of the notes to provide you with your desired return.

§ You seek principal repayment or preservation of capital.

§ You seek an uncapped return on your investment.

§ You seek interest payments or other current income on your investment.

§You want to receive dividends or other distributions paid on the Basket Stocks.

§ You seek an investment for which there will be a liquid secondary market.

§ You are unwilling or are unable to take market risk on the notes or to take our credit risk as issuer of the notes.

We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

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Hypothetical Payout Profile

The below graph is based on hypothetical numbers and values.

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This graph reflects the returns on the notes, based on the Participation Rate of 300% and a hypothetical Capped Value of \$11.60 per unit (the midpoint of the Capped Value range of [\$11.40 to \$11.80]). The green line reflects the returns on the notes, while the dotted gray line reflects the returns of a direct investment in the Basket Stocks, excluding dividends.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only.

Hypothetical Payments at Maturity

The following table and examples are for purposes of illustration only. They are based on hypothetical values and show hypothetical returns on the notes. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on the Starting Value of 100.00, the Participation Rate of 300%, a hypothetical Capped Value of \$11.60 per unit and a range of hypothetical Ending Values. The actual amount you receive and the resulting total rate of return will depend on the actual Ending Value and Capped Value, and whether you hold the notes to maturity. The following examples do not take into account any tax consequences from investing in the notes.

For recent hypothetical historical values of the Basket, see "The Basket" section below. For recent actual prices of the Basket Stocks, see "The Basket Stocks" section below. The Ending Value will not include any income generated by dividends paid on the Basket Stocks, which you would otherwise be entitled to receive if you invested in those stocks directly. In addition, all payments on the notes are subject to issuer credit risk.

Percentage Change from the

Ending Value	Percentage Change from the Starting Value to the Ending Value	Redemption Amount per Unit	Total Rate of Return on the Notes
0.00	-100.00%	\$0.00	-100.00%
50.00	-50.00%	\$5.00	-50.00%
80.00	-20.00%	\$8.00	-20.00%
90.00	-10.00%	\$9.00	-10.00%
94.00	-6.00%	\$9.40	-6.00%
97.00	-3.00%	\$9.70	-3.00%
$100.00^{(1)}$	0.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
102.00	2.00%	\$10.60	6.00%
103.00	3.00%	\$10.90	9.00%
105.00	5.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
110.00	10.00%	\$11.60 ⁽²⁾	16.00%
120.00	20.00%	\$11.60	16.00%
130.00	30.00%	\$11.60	16.00%
140.00	40.00%	\$11.60	16.00%
150.00	50.00%	\$11.60	16.00%
160.00	60.00%	\$11.60	16.00%

(1) The Starting Value will be set to 100.00 on the pricing date.

(2) The Redemption Amount per unit cannot exceed the hypothetical Capped Value.

Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August, 2019 **Redemption Amount Calculation Examples** Example 1 The Ending Value is 80.00, or 80.00% of the Starting Value: Starting Value: 100.00 Ending Value: 80.00 = \$8.00 Redemption Amount per unit Example 2 The Ending Value is 103.00, or 103.00% of the Starting Value: Starting Value: 100.00 Ending Value: 103.00 = \$10.90 Redemption Amount per unit Example 3 The Ending Value is 130.00, or 130.00% of the Starting Value: Starting Value: 100.00 Ending Value: 130.00 = \$19.00, however, because the Redemption Amount for the notes cannot exceed the Capped Value, the Redemption Amount will be \$11.60 per unit

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Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August $\ , 2019$ Risk Factors

There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security. An investment in the notes involves significant risks, including those listed below. You should carefully review the more detailed explanation of risks relating to the notes in the "Risk Factors" sections beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1, page S-1 of the MTN prospectus supplement, and page 1 of the prospectus identified above. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

[§] Depending on the performance of the Basket as measured shortly before the maturity date, your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.

[§]Your return on the notes may be less than the yield you could earn by owning a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security of comparable maturity.

[§]Your investment return is limited to the return represented by the Capped Value and may be less than a comparable investment directly in the Basket Stocks.

Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and actual or perceived changes in our creditworthiness are §expected to affect the value of the notes. If we become insolvent or are unable to pay our obligations, you may lose your entire investment.

The initial estimated value of the notes is an estimate only, determined as of a particular point in time by reference to our and our affiliates' pricing models. These pricing models consider certain assumptions and variables, including our § credit spreads, our internal funding rate on the pricing date, mid-market terms on hedging transactions, expectations on interest rates and volatility, price-sensitivity analysis, and the expected term of the notes. These pricing models rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect.

The public offering price you pay for the notes will exceed the initial estimated value. If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value may be lower than the price you paid for them and lower than the initial estimated value. This is due to, among other things, changes in the value of the Basket, our internal funding rate, and

§ the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge, all as further described in "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-15. These factors, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market and will affect the value of the notes in complex and unpredictable ways.

The initial estimated value does not represent a minimum or maximum price at which we, MLPF&S or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in any secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of such as a secondary market (if any exists) at any time.

⁸ your notes at any time after issuance will vary based on many factors that cannot be predicted with accuracy, including the performance of the Basket, our creditworthiness and changes in market conditions.

A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. Neither we nor MLPF&S is obligated to make a market § for, or to repurchase, the notes. There is no assurance that any party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price in any secondary market.

Our business, hedging and trading activities, and those of MLPF&S and our respective affiliates (including trades in shares of the Basket Stocks), and any hedging and trading activities we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates engage ⁸ in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value of the statements of the statements of the statements of the statement of the statements of the statements of the statement of the state

⁸ in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value and return of the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you.

[§] The Underlying Companies will have no obligations relating to the notes, and neither we nor MLPF&S will perform any due diligence procedures with respect to any Underlying Company in connection with this offering.

§Changes in the price of one of the Basket Stocks may be offset by changes in the prices of the other Basket Stocks.

[§]You will have no rights of a holder of the Basket Stocks, and you will not be entitled to receive shares of the Basket Stocks or dividends or other distributions by the Underlying Companies.

While we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates may from time to time own securities of the Underlying Companies, § we, MLPF&S and our respective affiliates do not control any Underlying Company, and have not verified any disclosures made by any Underlying Company.

[§] The Redemption Amount will not be adjusted for all corporate events that could affect a Basket Stock. See "Description of ARNs—Anti-Dilution Adjustments" beginning on page PS-19 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.

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There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent, which is MLPF&S. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agent.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to a holder of the notes.

See "Summary of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" below and "U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary" beginning § on page PS-35 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1. For a discussion of the Canadian federal income tax consequences of investing in the notes, see "Tax Consequences—Canadian Taxation" in the prospectus dated January 8,

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Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August , 2019 Additional Risk Factors

The stocks included in the Basket are concentrated in one sector. All of the stocks included in the Basket are issued by companies in the defense sector. Although an investment in the notes will not give holders any ownership or other direct interests in the Basket Stocks, the return on an investment in the notes will be subject to certain risks associated with a direct equity investment in companies in the defense sector. Accordingly, by investing in the notes, you will not benefit from the diversification which could result from an investment linked to companies that operate in multiple sectors.

Adverse conditions in the defense sector may reduce your return on the notes. All of the Basket Stocks are issued by companies whose primary lines of business are directly associated with the defense sector. The profitability of these companies is largely dependent on, among other things, U.S. government contracts, military demand, government regulation, material costs and availability, continued innovation and the success of various research endeavors, funding, talent attraction and retention, and industry competition. In addition, adverse economic, business, market, environmental, labor, tax or political developments affecting the U.S., the areas of the world in which these companies operate and/or the defense sector could adversely affect the prices of the Basket Stocks, and increase the volatility of the Market Measure.

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Linked to a Basket of Three Defense Sector Stocks, due August , 2019 The Basket

The Basket is designed to allow investors to participate in the percentage changes of the Basket from the Starting Value to the Ending Value. The Basket Stocks are described in the section "The Basket Stocks" below. Each Basket Stock will be assigned an initial weight on the pricing date, as set forth in the table below.

For more information on the calculation of the value of the Basket, please see the section entitled "Description of ARNs—Basket Market Measures" beginning on page PS-25 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.

If May 31, 2018 were the pricing date, for each Basket Stock, the Initial Component Weight, the Closing Market Price, the hypothetical Component Ratio and the initial contribution to the Basket value would be as follows:

Basket Stock	Bloomberg Symbol	Initial	Closing	Hypothetical	Initial Basket
		Component	Market	Component	Value
		Weight	$Price^{(1)(2)}$	Ratio ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	Contribution
Raytheon Company	RTN	33.33%	209.50	0.15909308	33.33
Lockheed Martin Corporation	LMT	33.33%	314.54	0.10596427	33.33
The Boeing Company	BA	33.34%	352.16	0.09467288	33.34
				Starting Value	100.00

The actual Closing Market Price of each Basket Stock and the resulting actual Component Ratios will be

- (1) determined on the pricing date and will be set forth in the final term sheet that will be made available in connection with sales of the notes.
- (2) These were the Closing Market Prices of the Basket Stocks on May 31, 2018.

Each hypothetical Component Ratio equals the Initial Component Weight of the relevant Basket Stock (as a

(3)percentage) multiplied by 100, and then divided by the Closing Market Price of that Basket Stock on May 31, 2018 and rounded to eight decimal places.

The calculation agent will calculate the Ending Value of the Basket by summing the products of the Closing Market Price for each Basket Stock (multiplied by its Price Multiplier) on the calculation day and the Component Ratio applicable to that Basket Stock. The Price Multiplier for each Basket Stock will initially be 1, and is subject to adjustment as described in product supplement STOCK ARN-1. If a Market Disruption Event occurs as to any Basket Stock on the scheduled calculation day, the Closing Market Price of that Basket Stock will be determined as more fully described in the section entitled "Description of ARNs—Basket Market Measures—Ending Value of the Basket" beginning on page PS-26 of product supplement STOCK ARN-1.

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While actual historical information on the Basket will not exist before the pricing date, the following graph sets forth the hypothetical historical daily performance of the Basket from January 1, 2008 through May 31, 2018. The graph is based upon actual daily historical prices of the Basket Stocks, hypothetical Component Ratios based on the closing prices of the Basket Stocks as of December 31, 2007, and a Basket value of 100.00 as of that date. This hypothetical historical data on the Basket is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Basket or what the value of the notes may be. Any hypothetical historical upward or downward trend in the value of the Basket during any period set forth below is not an indication that the value of the Basket is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the notes.

Hypothetical Historical Performance of the Basket

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We have derived the following information from publicly available documents. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the following information.

Because each Basket Stock is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Underlying Companies are required to file periodically certain financial and other information specified by the SEC. Information provided to or filed with the SEC by the Underlying Companies can be located at the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549 or through the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov by reference to the applicable CIK number set forth below.

This term sheet relates only to the notes and does not relate to any securities of the Underlying Companies. None of us, MLPF&S or any of our respective affiliates has participated or will participate in the preparation of the Underlying Companies' publicly available documents. None of us, MLPF&S or any of our respective affiliates has made any due diligence inquiry with respect to the Underlying Companies in connection with the offering of the notes. None of us, MLPF&S or any of our respective affiliates makes any representation that the publicly available documents or any other publicly available information regarding the Underlying Companies are accurate or complete. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the date of this term sheet, including events that would affect the accuracy or completeness of these publicly available documents that would affect the trading price of the Basket Stocks, have been or will be publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning an Underlying Company could affect the price of its Basket Stock and therefore could affect your return on the notes. The selection of the Basket Stocks is not a recommendation to buy or sell shares of the Basket Stocks.

The tables set forth below show the quarterly high and low Closing Market Prices of the shares of the Basket Stocks on their primary exchange from the first quarter of 2008 through May 31, 2018. We obtained this historical data from Bloomberg L.P. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg L.P. These historical trading prices may have been adjusted to reflect certain corporate actions such as stock splits and reverse stock splits.

The historical data below on each of the Basket Stocks is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the particular Basket Stock or what the value of the notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the price per share of any Basket Stock during any period set forth below is not an indication that the price per share of the Basket Stock is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the notes. Before investing in the notes, you should consult publicly available sources for the prices and trading pattern of each of the Basket Stocks.

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Raytheon Company

Raytheon Company is a technology company specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets. The company provides electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in the areas of sensing, effects, and command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as mission support services. This Basket Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RTN". The company's CIK number is 1047122.

High (\$) Low (\$) 2008 First Quarter 67.11 59.82 Second Quarter 66.63 56.00 Third Quarter 61.71 53.51 Fourth Quarter 54.00 43.40 2009 First Ouarter 52.67 33.57 Second Quarter 48.27 38.47 Third Quarter 48.33 42.08 Fourth Quarter 53.44 45.18 2010 First Quarter 57.67 50.73 Second Quarter 60.01 48.39 Third