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**On October 4, 2007, Fortis, Santander and Royal Bank of Scotland issued the following joint press release:**

**4 October 2007 Fortis, RBS and Santander Announcement concerning ABN AMRO Convertible Financing Preference Shares**

Fortis, RBS and Santander (collectively, the Banks ) today announce that RFS Holdings B.V. will offer 0.59 in cash per Depository Receipt representing ABN AMRO Holding N.V. Convertible Financing Preference Shares.

The Banks announced in the Offer Memorandum of 20 July 2007 that RFS Holdings B.V. intended to make appropriate proposals to the holders of Depository Receipts issued for ABN AMRO Holding N.V. Convertible Financing Preference Shares in due course. RFS Holdings hereby announces an offer of 0.59 in cash to all holders of all such depository receipts (the Depository Receipts Offer ), conditional upon RFS Holdings s offer for all ABN AMRO ordinary shares and ADSs being declared unconditional.

The Depository Receipts Offer will expire at 3:00pm Amsterdam time (9:00am New York City time) on 30 October 2007, unless it is extended or withdrawn. Investors can obtain an information letter containing further details of the Depository Receipts Offer from the Banks joint website, [www.consortiumbid.com](http://www.consortiumbid.com). The information letter is also available from the Dutch exchange agent and the global information agent, details of which are listed below.

**The Dutch exchange agent:**

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**The global information agent:**

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### **Important Information**

This announcement is made pursuant to article 9b(1) of the Dutch Decree on the Supervision of the Securities Trade 1995.

In connection with the offer to acquire all of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares, nominal value 0.56 per share, of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. and all issued and outstanding American Depository shares of ABN AMRO, each of which represents one ABN AMRO ordinary share, RBS filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Registration Statement on Form F-4, which, as amended, was declared effective by the SEC on 1 October 2007, and the Banks have filed with the SEC a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, amendments thereto and other relevant materials. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE OFFER BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors may obtain a copy of such documents without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of all documents filed in connection with the offer may also be obtained from each Bank without charge.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. This press release is not an offer of securities for sale into the United States. No offering of securities shall be made in the United States except pursuant to registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This announcement includes certain forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the current expectations of the Banks and are naturally subject to uncertainty and changes in certain circumstances. Forward-looking statements include any synergy statements and, without limitation, other statements typically containing words such as intends, expects, anticipates, targets, plans, estimates and words of similar nature. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the presence of a competitive offer for ABN AMRO, whether the Banks and ABN AMRO enter into any definitive agreement with respect to the potential acquisition of ABN AMRO, satisfaction of any conditions to the offer, including the receipt of required regulatory and anti-trust approvals, the successful completion of the offer or any subsequent compulsory acquisition procedure, the anticipated benefits of the offer (including anticipated synergies) not being realized, the separation and integration of ABN AMRO and its assets among the Banks being materially delayed or more costly or difficult than expected, as well as additional factors, such as changes in economic conditions, changes in the regulatory environment, fluctuations in interest and exchange rates, the outcome of litigation and government actions. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. None of the Banks undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required.

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