

## press release

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Investors urged to sell RBS shares following better than expected results

- The Share Centre advises shareholders to sell off back of 30% price rise
- However some investors still buying into RBS despite nationalisation threat

Despite today's record annual loss announced by Royal Bank of Scotland, the news was not as bad as expected. **Nick Raynor, investment adviser at retail stockbroker The Share Centre** comments on why shareholders should take advantage of today's announcement and move quickly.

"Today's results are not as bad as the forecasted £28bn hit, but are still a tremendous loss. Some may say the warning was a tactical decision by RBS to ensure the results were better received by the market.

"We are advising existing investors to take advantage of this morning's 30% rise in share prices and sell now, as waiting to see what happens could prove costly.

"With nationalisation looming, those who are still looking to invest in RBS and the banking sector in general should be experienced investors with an appetite for risk. Less experienced traders should definitely watch from the side lines and sit this one out."

RBS shares were the second most popular purchase for customers of [The Share Centre](#) over the past week with investors buying into banks at a greater rate than those selling out.

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