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GSK to name Hampton as chairman

London: GlaxoSmithKline Plc will name Philip Hampton, chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland Plc (RBS), as its non-executive chairman by this weekend, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

He will replace Christopher Gent, who has served on the Glaxo board since 2005, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the appointment hasn't been announced yet. Gent, a former **Vodafone Group Plc** chief executive officer, said in May that he didn't plan on serving beyond next year, and that the company was looking for his replacement.

Hampton, 60, will join Glaxo's board during a period of increased scrutiny for the UK's biggest drug maker and its leadership. The stock slumped this year, in part because of disappointing sales of new medicines in the US, even as other drug-company shares rallied.

Hampton took over as chairman of RBS in 2009 as the bank was nationalized by the UK government. **BLOOMBERG**

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