

RIO ARC BULLION ACCOUNT (GBP)

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MANAGER COMMENT

The RIO ARC Bullion Account (GBP) recorded a strong gain during December, adding 3.17% in the four week period.

The ARC has also outperformed its benchmark return for the whole of 2018 and in doing so has posted a net gain of 9.24% for the 12 months. By comparison the metal gained just 4.40% in the same period. The recorded figures show that RIO has achieved an astounding out performance of over 100% of the benchmark in 2018.

These stellar returns have retained the Accounts position as the top performing physical bullion investment in the world, in Sterling terms. Statistics show that, since launch, the investment has returned 88.90% and, by direct comparison, hold-in-hand untraded physical gold has returned 31.80%.

Last month I advised members that they should hold gold. Just as predicted, while stocks retreated gold increased in value, gold acting as a key flight to a safety asset in the market. Initially, as the market retreated, gold held steady. As the December stock sell-off became more systemic globally, gold began to rally more meaningfully. Gold is again beginning to show signs of regaining its safe-haven demand status, with many investors worldwide shifting their attention not only to reduce exposure to risk assets but in turn focusing on gold in particular as a safe haven once more.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide a secure alternative to that offered by the lackluster industry standard bullion investment products or funds. The ARC holds 100% of its Bullion assets in unencumbered and uncirculated one ounce Gold coins, officially released by several government mints. The ARC selected gold coins because they offer a significant legal and monetary advantage over that offered by the traditional Bullion bars.

To date the ARC Bullion account has achieved its target and since launch it has outperformed the statistical return of both physical gold bullion held in 1 Kilo bars and fool's gold or paper gold (such as ETF's or forex). Statistical analysis confirms that gold can be used within investment portfolios to protect global purchasing power, today this is very pertinent given that several governments are employing policies which ultimately target a devaluation of their individual currencies. As this global currency war has escalated there has been an increased risk of a currency debasement and the fact that gold can offer protection from this event is very attractive in itself.

There are a multitude of reasons to invest in physical gold, notwithstanding the fact that it also offers portfolio protection, in terms of currency devaluation and/or inflation. Bullion also reduces portfolio volatility and can minimise loss during periods of both political upheaval and market shock. Officially released data confirms that national central banks, the stewards of the world's largest long-term investment portfolios, use gold to mitigate portfolio risk in this way and have been net buyers of gold since 2010.

INVESTMENT MANAGER

RIO's Investment Manager has vast experience having designed, launched and managed several Government licensed mutual funds over the past two decades. He has actively traded stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities with some degree of accuracy. He is perhaps best known for being among the first in the investment industry to correctly predict the arrival of the bull market in gold.

During September 1998 in the Clubs newsletter William proclaimed 'Gold to shine again' and successfully traded the gold bullion market for over ten years from February 2002 to September 2012 before selling 100% of gold holdings at \$1,791.75, correctly forecasting a down turn in this market. The decision to sell was proven correct as the market remained lackluster though out 2012 and most of 2013.

He has a proven track record combined with all the advantages of an experienced multi asset fund manager.

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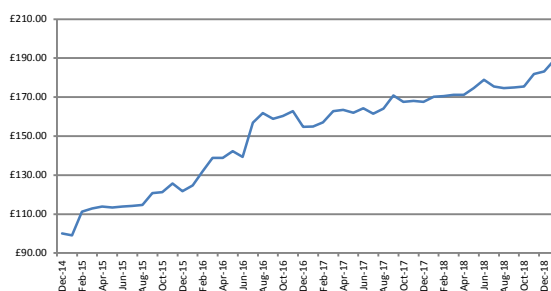
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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INFORMATION

NAV	£188.90
Investment Manager	William Gray
Launch Date	December 2014
Currency	UK Sterling
Minimum Investment	30,000
Initial Charge	500
Annual Management Fee	1.00%
Administration Fee	1.00%
Dealing Frequency	Monthly

PERFORMANCE



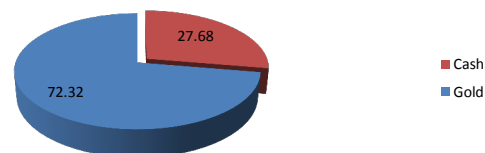
PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

	GOLD BULLION	RIO ARC
1 Month	5.01	3.17
3 Month	9.83	7.67
6 Month	5.23	7.63
1 Year	4.40	11.01
2 Years	7.67	21.87
YTD	4.40	11.01
Since Launch	31.80	88.90

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	12.36	5.86	1.38	0.21
February	1.35	5.16	3.64	0.41
March	0.97	0.02	0.40	0.02
April	-0.52	2.56	-0.91	1.97
May	0.53	-2.16	1.39	2.45
June	0.27	12.70	-1.63	-1.88
July	0.42	3.16	1.61	-0.51
August	5.31	-1.85	4.12	0.20
September	0.45	0.88	-1.96	0.28
October	3.56	1.53	0.29	3.62
November	-3.10	-4.89	-0.26	0.72
December	2.42	0.15	1.53	3.17

ASSET ALLOCATION



GOLD PRICE COMPARISON

