### **RIO ARC BULLION ACCOUNT USD**

### 1 April 2024

#### MANAGER COMMENTS



The ARC Bullion Account USD gained 3.49% this month. As we moved through the month gold rallied with the metal breaching RIO's target price on the 21st of March when I sold 5% of the gold held at \$2,202, banking gains for those invested.

Over the past two months Gold has produced a strong rally, climbing to all-time high above \$2,200 an ounce which I had previously predicted could be seen in the second quarter. The rally surprised many traders, however, since I have actively traded the yellow metal through its ups and downs for around three decades, the price action is simply the vindicating result of several powerful forces all aligning in favour of bullion move higher.

Gold is certain to see further upside support develop this year as the US election is likely to be one of the most contentious elections in modern history. The 2024 election may plunge the US into a bitter deadlock that could significantly impact the US and the broader global economy, this in turn causing a run to safety assets such as gold. This is especially true as it is Biden and Trump who are currently expected to be on the ballots, despite the fact that both candidates are facing a barrage of criticism and legal challenges.

#### **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.

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.

#### INFORMATION

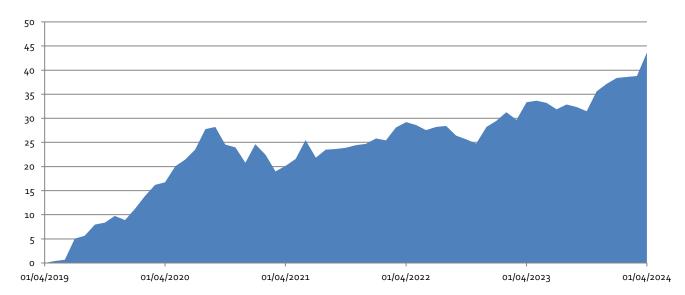
| NAV                   | 245.81       |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Launch Date           | October 2013 |
| Investment Manager    | William Gray |
| Currency              | USD          |
| Minimum Investment    | 50,000       |
| Establishment Charge  | 700          |
| Annual Management Fee | 1.00%        |
| Administration Fee    | 1.00%        |
| Dealing Frequency     | Monthly      |

#### **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.

| PERFORMANCE | YTD  | 1m   | 6m   | 1Yr  | 2Yr   | 3Yr   | 5Yr   | S/L    |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|             | 3.83 | 3.49 | 9.28 | 7.75 | 11.16 | 19.60 | 43.65 | 145.81 |

### **CUMMULATIVE PERFORMANCE** (Five Years)

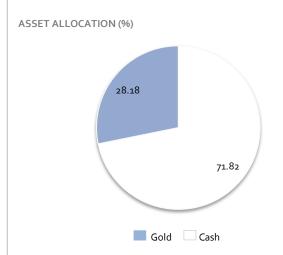


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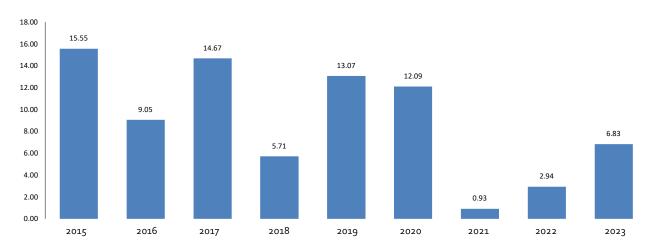


| VOLATILITY & RISK<br>(24 Months) |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Annualised Volatility            | 6.80%  |
| Return for Period                | 11.16% |
| Best Monthly Return              | 3.49%  |
| Worst Monthly Return             | -1.52% |
| Risk / Reward Ratio              | 7.35:1 |

The risk/reward calculation is a division of net profit (the reward) by the price of your maximum risk. Any investor should determine their acceptable risk, but it is always best to be more conservative with risk than aggressive with reward.

| MONTHLY PERFORMANCE FIGURES (%) | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| January                         | 3.25  | 1.52  | 1.56  | 2.45  | -1.81 | -0.32 | 1.37  | 0.15 |
| February                        | 3.59  | -0.82 | 0.31  | 2.01  | -2.77 | 2.10  | -1.23 | 0.17 |
| March                           | 0.31  | 0.31  | -0.20 | 0.43  | 0.91  | 0.91  | 2.81  | 3.49 |
| April                           | 1.30  | 0.22  | 0.37  | 2.82  | 1.24  | -0.48 | 0.26  |      |
| Мау                             | 0.76  | 0.20  | 0.31  | 1.16  | 3.22  | -0.83 | -0.35 |      |
| June                            | 0.23  | -2.17 | 4.32  | 1.72  | -2.91 | 0.51  | -0.98 |      |
| July                            | 1.24  | -0.76 | 0.56  | 3.42  | 1.36  | 0.15  | 0.72  |      |
| August                          | 2.61  | -0.07 | 2.21  | 0.36  | 0.10  | -1.52 | -0.41 |      |
| September                       | -1.09 | 0.48  | 0.36  | -2.85 | 0.21  | -0.65 | -0.65 |      |
| October                         | -0.51 | 2.56  | 1.30  | -0.48 | 0.41  | -0.69 | 3.15  |      |
| November                        | 0.46  | 0.38  | -0.76 | -2.56 | 0.21  | 2.76  | 1.16  |      |
| December                        | 1.78  | 3.88  | 2.10  | 3.21  | 0.91  | 1.02  | 0.86  |      |

## PERFORMANCE FOR CALENDER YEARS (%)



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