

RIO ARC BULLION ACCOUNT USD

1 July 2021



MANAGER COMMENTS

The ARC Bullion Account USD recorded a correction this month as gold fell -7.26% in June, fortunately, the account was positioned well and as a result the ARC's losses were minimized at 2.91% (over 4% less than physical bullion). Since launch the Account has posted a net gain of 108.52%.

Remarkably, long-dated US bond yields fell as the Fed announced it expected to raise interest rates earlier. That, to say the least, is an odd combination. Why? The threat of higher interest rates in the future because of inflation should not lead to lower long-term bond yields. Both rate hikes and inflation should *raise* bond yields; or am I missing something? In short, recent moves have widened the gap between inflation and long-term bond yields to the largest since 1980. Put simply, institutional investors are buying bonds that pay 1.5% in yield while inflation is at 5% - the net result a loss! To be clear today's market is and should be the ideal world for gold. But the gold price plunged! My take on this is that it is very possible that the only clear explanation for recent moves is that financial markets are already pricing in a future stock market crisis triggered by interest rate increases. A risk off situation may be building which would see a run to safety assets, namely gold, which is likely to continue its rally in the coming months!

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

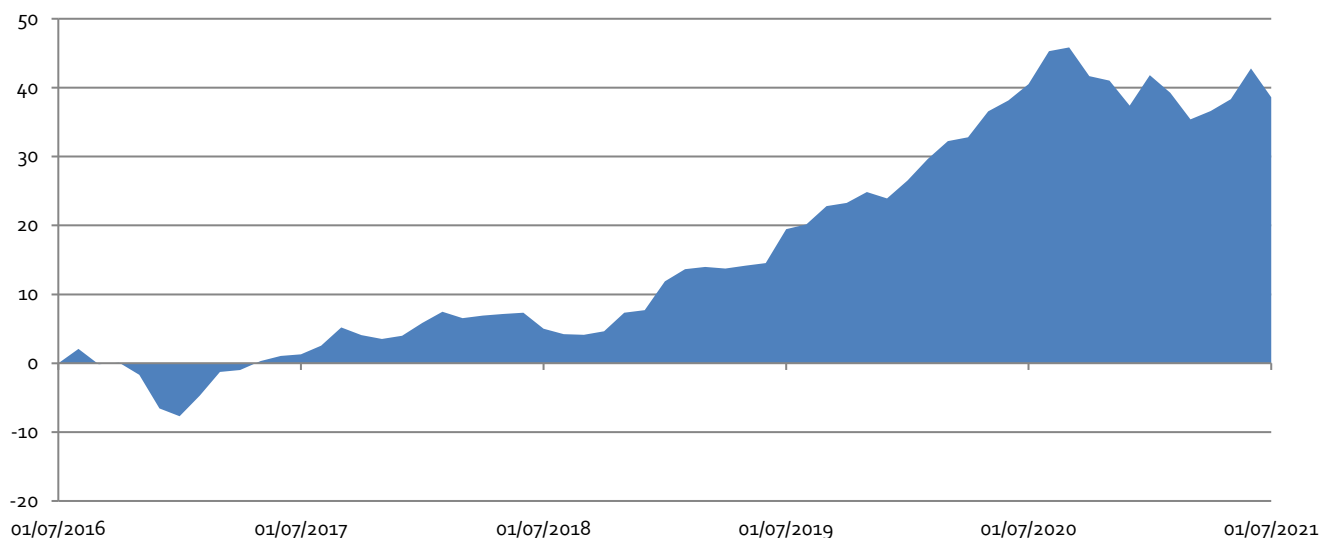
NAV	208.52
Launch Date	October 2013
Investment Manager	William Gray
Currency	USD
Minimum Investment	50,000
Establishment Charge	700
Annual Management Fee	1.00%
Administration Fee	1.00%
Dealing Frequency	Monthly

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
	-2.25	-2.91	-2.25	-1.34	16.02	32.02	38.62	108.52

CUMMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (Five Years)



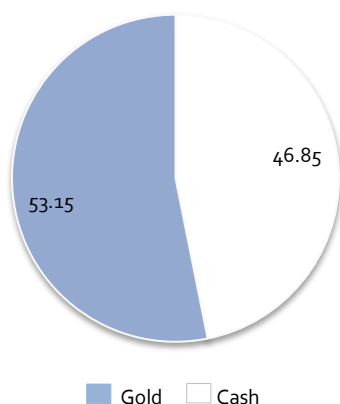
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ASSET ALLOCATION (%)



VOLATILITY & RISK (24 Months)

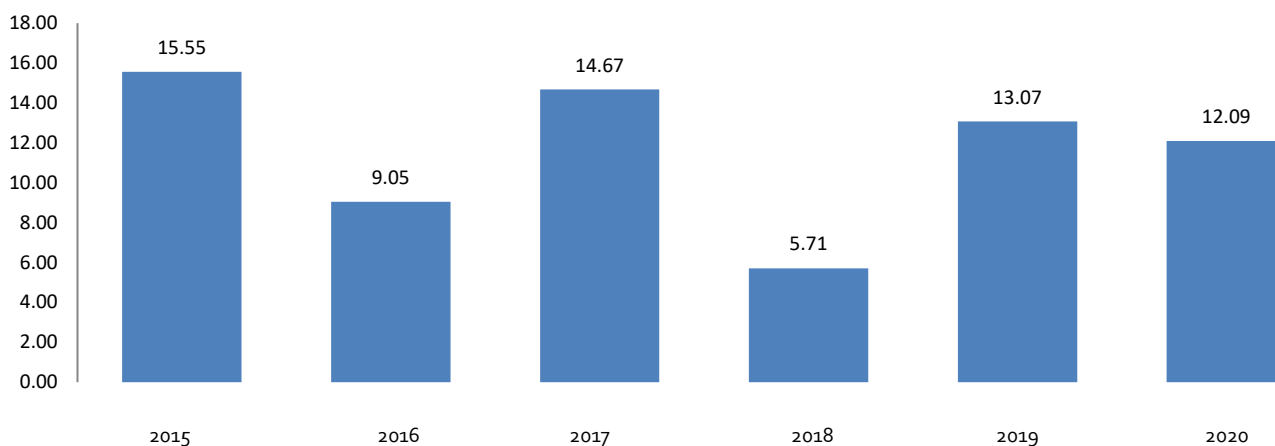
Annualised Volatility	10.34 %
Return for Period	16.02 %
Best Monthly Return	4.32%
Worst Monthly Return	-2.85%
Risk / Reward Ratio	5.63:1

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 (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	4.52	3.25	1.52	1.56	2.45	-1.81
February	4.25	3.59	-0.82	0.31	2.01	-2.77
March	0.36	0.31	0.31	-0.20	0.43	0.91
April	4.60	1.30	0.22	0.37	2.82	1.24
May	-2.85	0.76	0.20	0.31	1.16	3.22
June	6.41	0.23	-2.17	4.32	1.72	-2.91
July	2.01	1.24	-0.76	0.56	3.42	
August	-2.17	2.61	-0.07	2.21	0.36	
September	0.25	-1.09	0.48	0.36	-2.85	
October	-1.79	-0.51	2.56	1.30	-0.48	
November	-4.96	0.46	0.38	-0.76	-2.56	
December	-1.20	1.78	3.88	2.10	3.21	

PERFORMANCE FOR CALENDER YEARS (%)



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