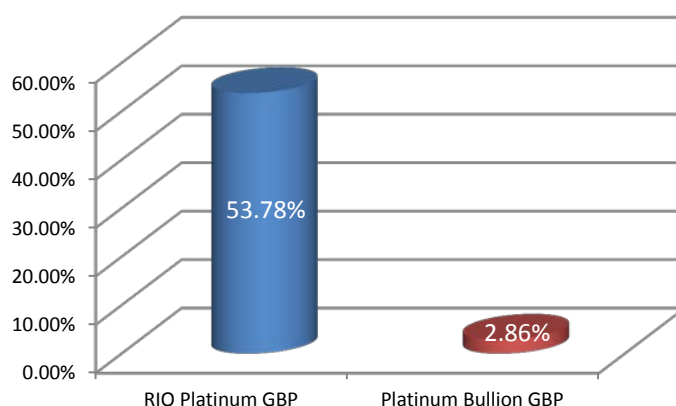




As the month opened I acquired platinum, using 15% of the cash held by the account to do so. This proved to be justified given that the metal rallied to 677 Sterling an ounce on the 7th, I took the opportunity to sell 50% of the position to reduce the downside risk. Looking back, 677 per ounce proved to be a high point for the week.



Returns since launch, 01/03/16 to 01/06/18

As we entered week two the metal then remained in its new range to 10th May, when it gained a little reaching 685 an ounce, and as such I sold the remainder of the metal acquired on 1st May. The metal then held on to its gains for three days, following which it started to slide on the 13th, falling back each day until the 18th of the month. This drop brought platinum to near a three month low, and arguably the metal had entered an oversold position. Accordingly, I bought at 656.32 an ounce on the 18th, using 15% of the cash held to reacquire the metal. As anticipated platinum rallied back into the previous range and I sold the remainder of the trade at 676.05 an ounce on the 22nd, taking capital and profits back to safety/cash. I was able to sell the remaining 50% of the metal acquired at 680.63 on the 23rd of May.

The strategy employed to date, namely holding in cash a large reserve lowers downside risk and affords the opportunity to buy into further volatility should I be wrong and the metal move lower. More important is that this strategy has to date continued to limit the downside risk and maximize the potential gain. The RIO Platinum Account (GBP) has outperformed its benchmark return significantly, generating 53.78% since launch. Untraded physical platinum has returned a mere 2.86% over the same period. The point is that any buy and hold strategy would have simply failed over the period.

The outstanding returns have placed the RIO Platinum Account at the top of its sector, i.e. the top performing Sterling based physical Platinum investment in the world. This proves my point, that actively trading Platinum can produce much better returns for those invested, as it has in this case.

More importantly this performance has been achieved with far less risk. Standard investment products are often 'lazy' versions of investment, since they are based on buy and hold strategies and the managers of such products are paid for doing very little. The result of 'no effort' management often speaks for itself; no effort = little or no gain!

Over the 12 month period, the RIO Platinum Account GBP has gained 12.97%.

The significant surpassing of both the benchmark (physical Platinum) and target return has been achieved whilst minimising investment risk, the net result being the performance realised to date.

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