



Investment Manager Comments

The RIO Platinum Account (GBP) has posted a gain of 2.94% in February. This has added to the year's positive start, up 3.88% in just two months. The Account continues to benefit from active trading, and the trading system utilized continues to minimise the potential loss, whilst maximizing the potential return for those invested.

To date, this investment has significantly outperformed its benchmark return, generating 62.53% since its launch in March 2016. To put this performance into perspective, had those invested in physical platinum, which had not been actively traded over the same period, the return produced would have resulted in a loss of 1.23%. These figures underline the benefit of investing in an actively traded investment product such as this.

I had already set a sell order at £650 an ounce, the position to sell 15% of the metal held by the Account. This order was duly filled and the trade was closed in profit on 7th February, adding to the profits.

RIO's active trading of the metal clearly demonstrates the advantage of the investment strategy, and also underlines the shortcomings of the more common, but outdated, buy and hold strategies. My comment is that the additional work of an active management strategy may take far more effort but this, in turn, is reflected in the returns generated.

As for potential returns, as I have highlighted, platinum currently remains oversold and under bought. Accordingly, there is an additional upside potential in the short term. However the real gains are to be had from any further rumour of a trade deal between the US and China, which will almost certainly push the metal higher, although contrary negative news would obviously push prices lower. I believe both sides are getting closer to an agreement. A deal is there to be done and, as such, profits are likely for those invested in platinum.

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