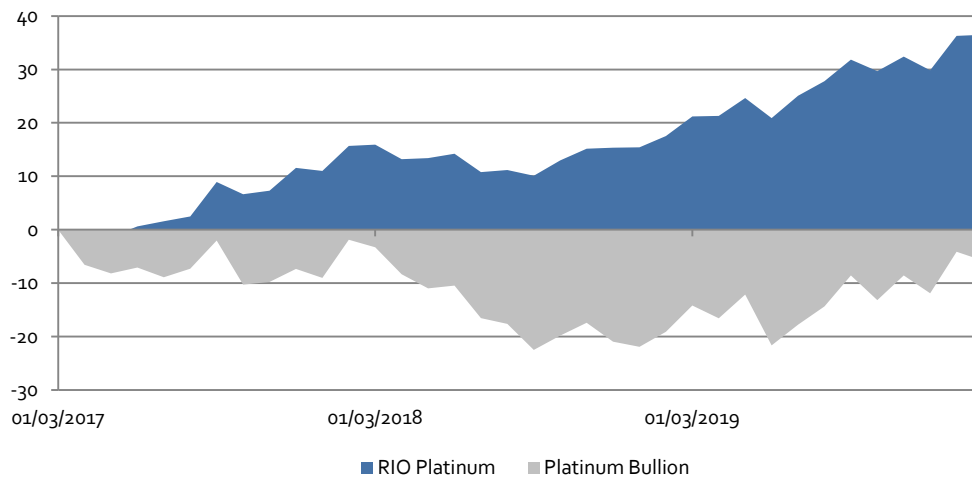




RIO PLATINUM ACCOUNT USD

The account continues to perform, posting a gain of 6.8% in 6 months and 18.07% in 2019. These positive numbers provide clear insight into the benefit of active trading, an investor can see that despite the US China trade war which had raged this account has delivered a return of 36.49% since launch in March 2017.



Platinum prices rallied past the \$1,000 an ounce mark on Wednesday the 15th January. In fact all RIO precious metals had a profitable day on the back of the signing of the US China 'Phase One' trade deal. Platinum however was the best performer, rising 3.7% on the day, showing it's explosive upside potential. Many analysts would agree with me that the \$1,000 an ounce level remains an important technical marker and a mark which needed to be breached.

Finally, it seems more international investors have woken up to the fact that platinum will soon likely post gains, as more and more attention is drawn to the fact that this is yet another metal which will benefit from the safe haven trades in precious metals.

I would point out that platinum has been overlooked by investors for a number of years, the result can easily be seen in it's correlation to gold where platinum is currently more than \$600 per ounce less than the price of gold when historically it has been worth more than gold.

Looking forward the signing of the trade deal is certainly good news for the markets and China had reported an increasing demand for platinum, however we have seen some market delay due to the coronavirus which has caused an all stop on manufacturing due to health issues.

Looking forward I would not be surprised to see platinum rise well above the \$1,000 an ounce again in the second part of this year.

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