

RIO PLATINUM ACCOUNT USD



1 January 2025

MANAGER COMMENTS

RIO Platinum USD gained 0.52% during December and is up 8.06% year to date, this whilst spot platinum, the accounts benchmark, produced a loss of over 8% in the same period. As the month opened, the metal was moving around \$950, and I sold 10% of the platinum held on Monday the 9th at \$949.41, limiting the downside for those invested. As anticipated, the metal fell back and as a result I was able to reacquire the platinum previously sold at \$925.56 on the 18th. I forecast that the metal will fall back in the coming days before rallying back above \$950 an ounce.

The Market - The platinum market faces its most significant supply shortfall deficit in 10 years. Platinum's supply deficit is expected to average around 769,000 ounces between 2025 and 2028, a revision from January's long-term projected average deficit of 546,000 ounces. South Africa produces 70% of the world's supply and this country's platinum mining industry has entered an irreversible decline phase as producers struggle with low prices. While job cuts have provided short-term relief for mining companies, these cuts will have long-term consequences as they will erode South Africa's production capacity, leading to a potential shortfall in global supply over time. This increase in deficit is a telling sign of coming shortages; with that, one should generally anticipate price increases. As I have said before, the supply-demand trade is the best in the world; it's a given money maker.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide a secure alternative to that offered by the lacklustre industry standard platinum bullion investment products or funds. The Platinum Account holds 100% of its Bullion assets in unencumbered and uncirculated Platinum bars, officially released by several government mints.

Platinum 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 platinum can offer protection from this event is very attractive in itself. Precious metals, including platinum, are often produced in emerging market countries, with demand coming principally from industrialised nations. The political and economic situation is, however, far less stable in many emerging market countries than in the developed world. They are generally much more susceptible to the risks of rapid political change and economic setbacks which affect precious metal prices and again provides scope for a strong upside.

INFORMATION

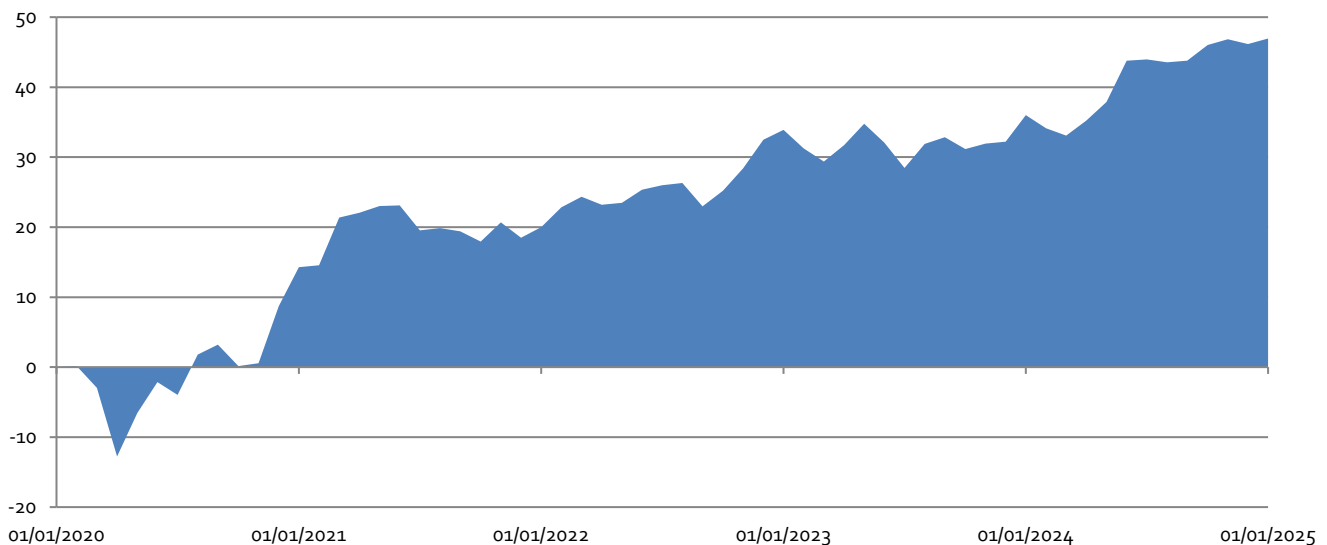
NAV	200.26
Launch Date	March 2017
Investment Manager	William Gray
Currency	USD
Minimum Investment	50,000
Establishment Charge	700
Annual Management Fee	1.00%
Administration Fee	1.00%
Dealing Frequency	Monthly

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 has a proven track record combined with all the advantages of an experienced multi asset fund manager.

PERFORMANCE	YTD	1m	6m	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr	S/L
	8.06	0.52	2.06	8.06	9.76	22.46	46.95	100.26

CUMMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (Five Years)



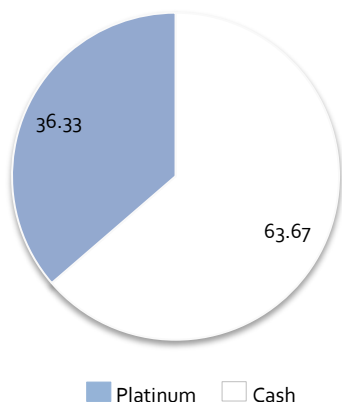
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ASSET ALLOCATION (%)



VOLATILITY & RISK (24 Months)

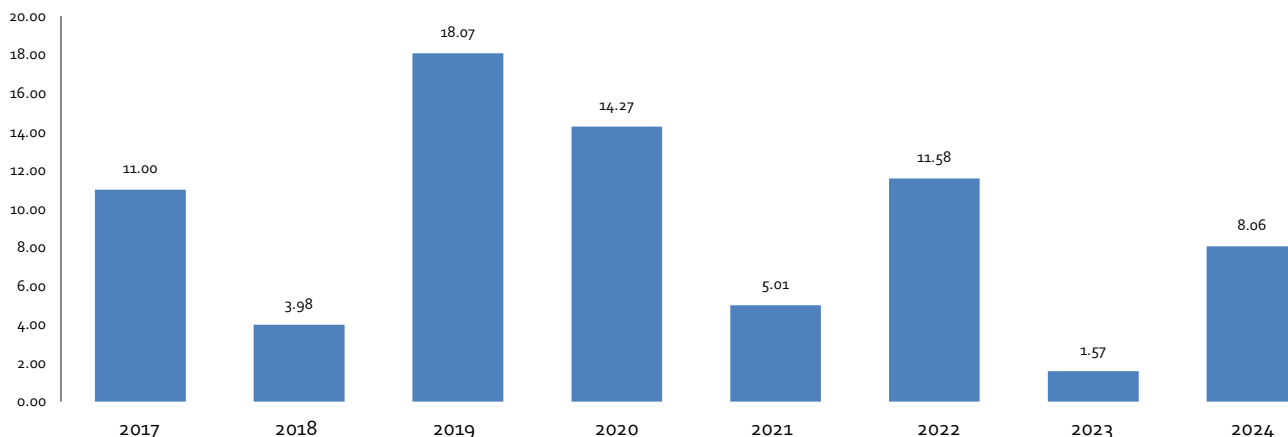
Annualised Volatility	8.45%
Return for Period	9.76%
Best Monthly Return	4.27%
Worst Monthly Return	-2.76%
Risk / Reward Ratio	3.54:1

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		4.22	1.83	0.15	0.26	2.36	-1.96	-1.36
February		0.21	3.12	-3.10	5.93	1.21	-1.46	-0.78
March	-1.64	-2.34	0.08	-10.12	0.56	-0.90	1.81	1.59
April	0.28	0.18	2.75	7.10	0.78	0.21	2.35	1.96
May	2.02	0.73	-3.01	4.72	0.08	1.51	-2.01	4.27
June	0.96	-3.01	3.46	-1.87	-2.89	0.54	-2.76	0.14
July	0.88	0.36	2.18	6.04	0.26	0.25	2.70	-0.29
August	6.30	-0.96	3.15	1.38	-0.38	-2.68	0.72	0.15
September	-2.10	2.61	-1.63	-2.96	-1.21	1.86	-1.29	1.55
October	0.62	1.94	2.10	0.41	2.32	2.53	0.60	0.58
November	3.98	0.16	-1.93	8.10	-1.83	3.15	0.19	-0.46
December	-0.51	0.06	4.96	5.11	1.27	1.08	2.86	0.52

PERFORMANCE FOR CALENDER YEARS (%)



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