



Investment Manager Comments

The ARC Bullion Account (USD) continues to produce impressive results, so far gaining 11.09% in 2017, and 54.24% since launch in October 2013. The ARC Bullion Account is perhaps the obvious choice for those looking at gold as an investment, since the difference in performance between buy-and-hold and traded physical bullion is simply too large to ignore.

Bullion fell back at the start of the month as I had expected. I bought at 1,208.30 on the 10th of July, this was important as it was just above the month low of 1,206.14. Gold subsequently rallied through July, gold peaking as we reached month end.

I had sold 35% of the metal held at \$1,255.90 on the 24th of July taking profits, as Gold reached 1,267.20 an ounce when I again sold a further 10% of the metal to cash. The Account currently holds over 58.46% in cash reserves with a buy trigger set at \$1,220.

With US President Donald Trump bringing protectionist politics back to America for the first time since World War II, the outlook for bullion looks promising going forward. The fact that this is set against a background of on-going currency wars leading to depreciation, thus reducing the purchasing power of paper money, strengthens the reason to buy gold. With the geopolitical risk rising also as one would expect the smart money has already begun to move into Bullion.

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