



Investment Manager Comments

The RIO ARC Bullion Account (GBP) recorded a reasonable gain during November, adding +0.72% in the four week period. By comparison the metal gained just +0.51% and as such the recorded figures indicate that we achieved an out performance of the accounts bench mark return by almost 50% during November.

The ARC GBP remains the top performing physical bullion investment in the world, in Sterling terms. Statistics show that, since launch, the investment has returned 83.10% and, by direct comparison, hold-in-hand untraded physical gold has returned 24.83%. The superior performance produced by the ARC underlines the advantages of investing in an actively traded account.

Last month I warned members that the stock market has historically been volatile during October and that they should hold gold. Just as predicted, while stocks retreated gold increased in value, gold acting as a key flight to a safety asset in the market. Initially, as the market retreated, gold held steady. As the October stock sell-off became more systemic globally, gold began to rally more meaningfully. Gold is again beginning to show signs of regaining it's safe-haven demand status, with many investors worldwide shifting their attention not only to reduce exposure to risk assets but in turn focusing on gold in particular as a safe haven once more.

We are in a period of heightened geopolitical risk with the potential to impact the global economy. Market sentiment seems to be supportive of gold even if the dollar were to strengthen.

William Gray
The RIO Club