



Account Manager Comments RIO ARC GBP

The RIO ARC Bullion Account (GBP) has produced what represents a more than decent start to 2016, posting a net gain of 5.86% in January. On the back of gains produced in 2015, this made the ARC the top performing physical bullion investment product in the world in Sterling terms. Many of those invested in the account have commented on 2015 and the stellar performance of this investment, since the ARC ended 2015 well above target and with returns which had the ARC Sterling account outperforming bullion by an amazing 31.84% by year end.

Although the performance has been well above that expected and, given that the outperformance is likely to continue, I would take this opportunity to stress that, in the current stock market free fall, investment portfolio insurance is surely a must. Gold is ideally suited to this purpose. In fact it was one reason why RIO added the Sterling version of the ARC bullion product to our product range in December 2014. Gold - As forecast in my previous report, Bullion had what can be seen as a very expectable January, ending the month with its biggest monthly gain in a year.

The Fed is very likely to have second thoughts of introducing a further rise in interest rates in the first half of 2016. This being so, then any such comments will simply support gold's recent gains.

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