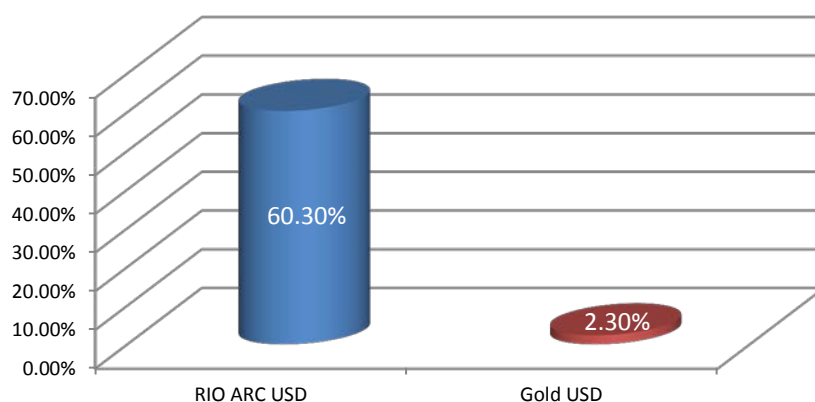




RIO ARC BULLION ACCOUNT (USD)



Since Launch, 01/10/13 to 01/03/18

Investment Manager Comments

The RIO ARC Bullion Account (USD) produced a small loss in February, down 0.82%. The bullion market price opened February at \$1,340 and remained in range until the 6th and as such there was little chance to trade during the first few days of the month.

Gold came under pressure, falling to \$1,309.88 at noon on the 8th February, I took advantage of this and bought in utilising 10% of the cash held by the account. The trade placed was well timed, as just as I had anticipated the metal rallied and, by the 14th, St Valentine's Day, it had climbed back into its previous range having reached \$1,333.

I focused on the market very closely over the next two days looking for an opportunity to take profits. The additional attention paid off as I reversed the recent gold acquisition on the 16th, selling the metal acquired at \$1,360 taking both profit and capital back in to a cash position. Bullion remained in range to 27th February when it fell back, but ending the month just above the support level at \$1,315.

The ARC continues to produce impressive results, in doing so fully achieving its goal to outperform its benchmark, namely physical bullion.

The statistics clearly show that this investment product has significantly outperformed hold-in-hand physical bullion, having recorded a gain of 60.30% since the launch of the product in October 2013.

Looking ahead to the first quarter of the year, the Account is now uniquely positioned, holding a strong cash reserve. It is ready for buying into any retrenchment during March 2018. The additional cash held is strategically important as I expect a small pull back in March and will put the cash to good should the opportunity to acquire the metal below my target price present itself. Given the current situation any fall in price is likely to be very short lived, as Bullion yet again revisits its recent price range.

I strongly underline and advise members that the market conditions are in a prime condition to hold Physical Gold bullion as insurance, and the RIO ARC Bullion account is ideally suited for this purpose.

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