



Investment Manager Comments

The RIO ARC Bullion Account (USD) continues to produce impressive results, so far gaining 12.23% in 2017, and 55.73% since launch in October 2013.

Having acquired the metal on 28th September at \$1,283, using 10% of the cash held, the position was sold on 13th October at \$1300, adding to the Account's cash reserves and taking profits. That done the ARC was then ideally positioned with a strong cash position ready to buy in to any weakness seen during October. And only a few days later, by the 19th of the month, Bullion had fallen back to \$1,278, just as correctly anticipated.

Gold then remained well supported above the \$1,270 threshold until the 26th of the month when I chose to acquire gold at \$1,267, which was near the month low. There is strong support at the \$1,265 mark, and I would expect to see Gold remain in the current range short- term. October was a quiet month for gold with little trading opportunities seen.

Looking ahead, as US President Donald Trump increases pressure on North Korea, any misinterpreted move by either side could result in an unforeseen escalation of tensions. In turn this would trigger a run to safety , favouring gold. Further support for safety assets, such as gold, comes from the US President's protectionist policies, tactics which have been unseen in the USA since World War II.

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