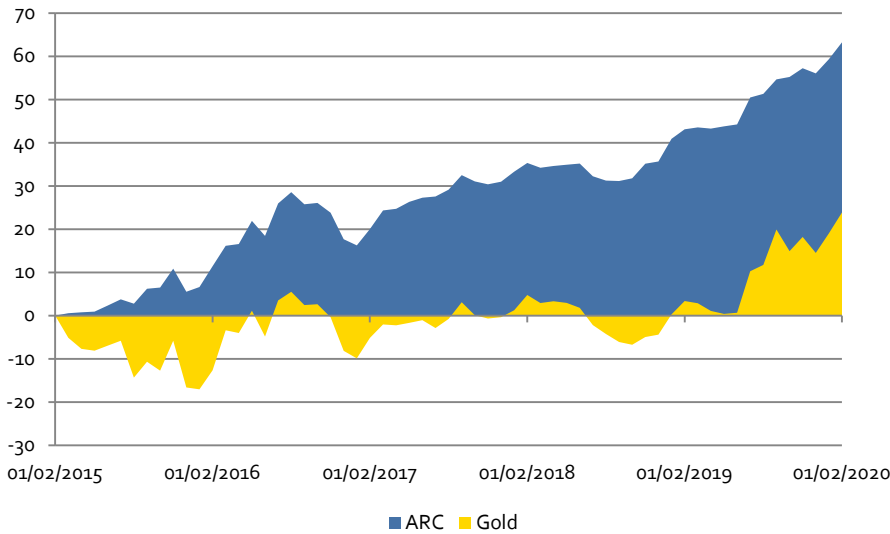




The ARC bullion account gained 2.45% in January, a strong open to 2020. This following what can be regarded as a very successful year's trading with the RIO ARC posting a net profit of 13.07% in 2019.

The positive performance is of course welcome but this account has an impressive track record well beyond the one year accolade, in fact the two year performance is also excellent with gains of 20.63% recorded. A closer look simply underlines both the performance and attraction of this investment, the three year figures showing a gain of 36.01%.



Over the years many of those invested have commented on this actively traded gold account, most members noting that the gaining months historically far outweigh the losing months, some commented on the return of 94.68% since launch. It's always pleasing to receive such positive remarks from members, thank you to all whom had made comment. However I would bring attention to the fact that these results were achieved with the assistance of my dedicated staff, and are in fact the result of our combined time and effort which has in turn culminated in the positive performance year on year. The return to date has ensured that the ARC has retained its position as the top performing physical gold investment in the world, in terms of the absolute return in USD.

Gold

Recent data clearly showed that last year investors around the world were in increasing numbers moving money back into bullion, this migration continues to build for various reasons, I have cited on many occasions that in the current market condition an investment portfolio should have at least 15% if not 20% of the total asset value in gold. As to the reason why, well there are too many reasons to list, but to name just three; increased geopolitical risk, growing concern on economic slowdown and the elephant in the room the fact that there is a massive negative-yielding debt, this vexing position has now rocketed to over \$13 trillion. Investors holding such government bonds are

literally being required to pay for the privilege of holding them to maturity, so the appeal of gold has, without doubt, risen significantly in this situation.

Institutional investment houses are increasingly losing faith in other traditional safety assets, such as the Japanese Yen, analysts have now confirmed my thought on this, that we are beginning to see a fundamental change as more and more investment houses reassess their current safety asset selection and weighting's, such reviews could easily result in the increasing of their gold allocation. My opinion is that we are likely to see far reaching and fundamental changes on investment portfolio construction, if I am correct this could lead to massive upside for the shiny metal. It appears that most central banks have already changed, given that official numbers now show they have lifted their gold reserves to near the all time high, a high last seen in 1966.

<http://docs.rioclubreporting.com/RIO-Press-Article/forbes-the-golden-years.pdf>

The link above leads to an article in Forbes magazine, the article written by myself during August was in fact featured in the November issue. Some members may not be aware that I have often written articles on gold, many of which over the years have featured in Forbes. In this particular article I underlined my forecast of gold to rally to \$1,600 and likely end 2019 on a high. I was proven correct in January this year as gold had reached levels unseen since 2013.

In closing, all of the above simply adds weight to the argument which RIO has often raised, if you want safety then physical gold is the one asset which will shine!

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