

Investment Manager Comments

The ARC Bullion Account (USD) continues to produce impressive results, so far gaining 13.98% in 2017, and 58.26% since launch in October 2013.

Many have commented that the ARC is the ideal choice for anyone considering gold as an investment, why? Well, simply because of the significant difference realised in the performance between the traditional buy-and-hold, and that of RIO's traded physical bullion is simply too large to ignore.

The ARC was ideally positioned with a strong cash reserve as we entered August and I was able to put this to good use buying gold on the 4th of August at \$1,258.88. Better still I sold 50% of the newly acquired Bullion on the 18th at \$1296.90, taking profits. Importantly gold remained in its new range until the 28th when it revisited its upward trend.

Looking forward, as the US President Donald Trump increases pressure on North Korea, any misinterpreted move by either side could result in a unforeseen escalation of tensions, and in turn a run to safety - favouring gold. Further support for safety assets such as gold comes from the US president's protectionist politics, tactics which have been unseen in the USA since World War II. All this set against a background of on-going currency wars, which is resulting in the depreciation of several main stream currencies, which reduces the purchasing power of paper money and underlines the reason to own gold.

The geopolitical risk is rising - the smart money has already begun to move into Bullion.

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