



Investment Manager Comments

The RIO Regular Investment Account has produced a gain of 4.63% during March, with this star performer posting its tenth consecutive gain since launch.

The Account is the latest addition to the Club's active stock trading investment products, and continues to record positive results. Both the gains to date of 28.97% and the fact that this account has seen no losing months recorded since launch has led to questions on how long can this continue. It would be normal to see some losing months posted; however, to date the active trading has been very accurate and as such possible losses have been avoided.

Statistically the account has far exceeded both the target return (18% pa) and the return produced by its benchmark, the FTSE 100. The contrasting poorer returns set by the FTSE 100 over the same period amounted to a loss, -6.80%, altogether a very poor performance when compared with RIO's record returns in the same period.

In fact the FTSE has fallen 9% in 2018, and has thus been touted as the 'worst performing major index in the world', falling to lows not seen since 2016. The fact that it has fallen has actually made some stocks attractive buying opportunities hence the numbers we have been able to achieve recently.

Finally, as I have said several times previously, active trading is vastly superior to a "buy and hold" strategy, especially if one seeks to limit the risk taken. However, as always, it is important to remember that this product is a high risk investment.

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