



RIO REGULAR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT USDInvestment Manager Comments

The RIO Regular Investment Account (USD) has produced a positive month during December recording a small gain of 0.21%. This positive performance was achieved despite the fact that the month was very volatile. In fact by month end the Dow Jones had taken a serious nose bleed crashing -8.66%. The net result of this is that RIO had done well; outperforming the benchmark return over the month, but far more importantly as the year drew to a close the statistics clearly showed that the account had significantly outperformed the US market over the twelve month period too.

The Dow lost -5.63% in 2018, the RIO Regular Account by comparison had posted an 8.02% profit for the year. This says it all! The facts show that this investment has produced impressive results, indeed in the past three years it has posted gains of more than 130%.

As the end of December approached I had forecast and expected that there was further hopes for a US-China trade deal. Such a deal would be a positive sign for the markets. The Trump administration is in talks with the Chinese government "at all levels".

Members should note that volatility can and often does produce investment opportunities. As such looking ahead the Regular Account could produce a more than reasonable return in early 2019.

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