



2 Years, 01/03/16 to 01/03/18

## **Investment Manager Comments**

The RIO Regular Investment Account (USD) has continued to gain ground, up 0.32%. Better perhaps is the fact that this is the twenty-sixth consecutive gaining month, a testament in itself. The back to back gains produced in terms of return is a resounding 115.30%.

During February, I have continued with my recent strategy, to hold a larger than normal cash position, the reason being that I stand by my forecast of a coming stock market correction, the market has had a small taste of what is lurking already. As an events trader, it is important to mention that, should my prediction be borne out, then this would represent a massive investment opportunity, which could in turn generate excellent return. As for the strategy utilized it has proven itself to be the ideal way to trade in today's ever changing market condition; basically to trade weighted only when it's in our favour to do so, and whilst waiting I continually trade lighter (with smaller exposure) simply seeking to both gain ground, but more importantly ensure that I limit the down side.

## Notable February trades

Lockheed Martin was acquired on 8th February buying at 334.30 with 50% of the total stock held sold on the 23rd at 358.69 taking both profits and capital back to cash. As expected the stock continued to rally which gave me another opportunity to take profits, I closed the trade on the 27<sup>th</sup>, selling the remaining 50% at 361.03.

Elbit systems was also acquired on 8th February at 141.29, with 60% of this stock position sold on the 26th, as above taking both profits and capital back to safety.

Boeing stock was bought on 5th February at 328.88. The stock position was then fully realized with profits being taken on the 23rd of the month selling at 356.66.

Every month, members have mentioned to me and my staff that RIO's Regular Investment Accounts are becoming the "talk of the town" on the back of both their continuing consecutive gains and

overall outstanding performance. The results posted for this investment have almost doubled the comparative value of returns produced by the Account's benchmark, the Dow Jones. Even so the Dow put in a good run, returning 50.67% and, although this market produced a return that was excellent, its performance pales when compared to RIO's record returns of 108.79% over the same two year period.

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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