

Investment Manager Comments

The RIO Regular Investment Account (GBP) has outperformed its annual return with eight months in hand. During April, this star performer posted its first losing month; this was simply due to trades placed in week four, which could not be included in April's results. The account has an impressive record with ten gaining months and only one losing month since launch. It is the latest addition to the Club's active stock trading investment products and the gain to date is an impressive 27.78%, the active trading has been accurate and as such almost all potential 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, -0.46%, simply put, the UK stock market has produced a disappointing performance. Even so, by actively trading the same market RIO has produced record returns in the same eleven month period. In fact the FTSE has fallen 2.32% in 2018 and has 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 in turn led to buying opportunities, hence the attractive performance figures which this investment has 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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