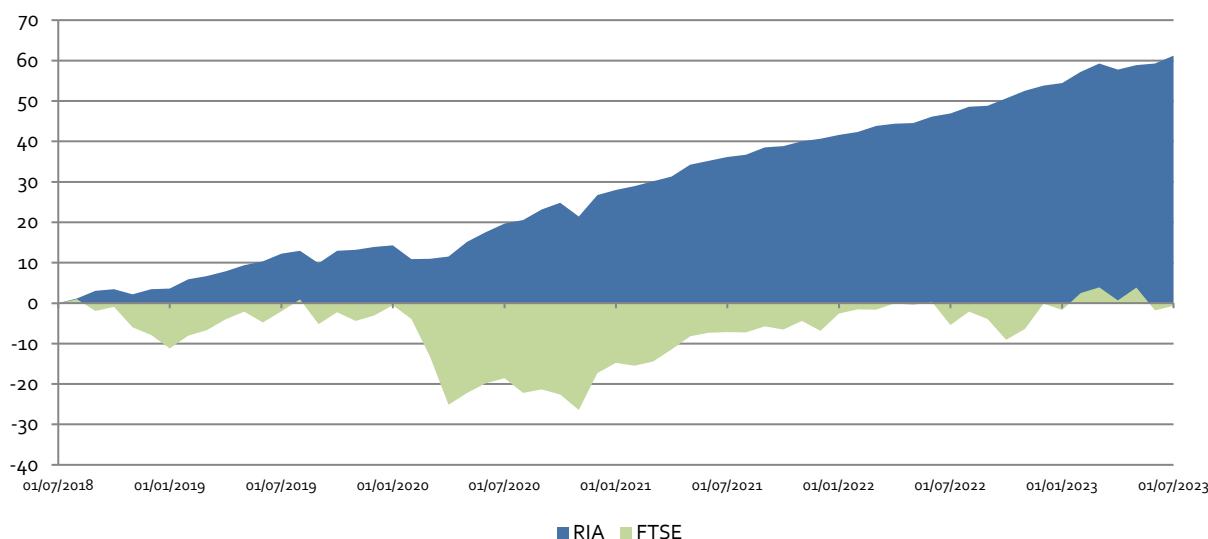




RIO REGULAR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT GBP



The Regular Investment Account GBP posted a gain of **1.21%** in June. In comparison the products benchmarked, the FTSE 100 gained 1.15% in the same period. Keeping it simple, an investor in this investment is exposed to less risk, but often is rewarded with a larger gain, and that's all that needs to be said really.

This year continues to look favourable for this investment which has filed five gaining months out of six in 2023. Even better this year's positive performance comes on the back of the twelve consecutive gains 2022; this achieved despite last year's stock meltdown. Last year had caught most investment managers off guard, but this account produced a 9% net gain. Why did we do so well? Perhaps the simple answer is that I see downside risk control as part and parcel of successful trading, it often is the most important rule as last year clearly shows and in trading it is great defence, not offence which creates a reliable investment product.

The accounts risk/reward ratio is 17.49:1 which means that this investment can be regarded as the one of the best UK equity investments in its category; this statement is based on the statistics analysed over the two-year period. Our record stands as a testament to the efforts of RIO's analytical team, and all involved in the trading process. As for myself I have always had a passion for trading and today with over thirty years experience, I am not a casual investment manager, I am a specialist, It's my life!

Markets

Looking forward, in the UK, money managers are now focused on the possibility of further interest rate hikes, and with recent statistics showing that inflation remains elevated another hike is likely. The UK's finance minister, Jeremy Hunt, has instructed regulators to ensure fair treatment of consumers and aid those squeezed by surging household bills, including increased mortgage costs following the recent interest rate hike of 50bps by the Bank of England.

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