



Many members have made comment that this account has fared better than almost all other comparable equity investments, with RIO outperforming almost all equity based mutual funds in 2020. Thank you to all who have made positive comments, and yes, you are all correct, RIO's equity trading this year has been the exception considering the massive stock market volatility which resulted in so many mainstream equity funds losing money. That said, I would underline the fact that this account's true claim to fame is that it is an investment which has an excellent record, this is unmatched with 32 gaining months and only 4 losing since its launch in June 2017. The Regular Investment Account has produced an average return of 18.07% per annum or a net gain of 54.22% since launch. I am sure anyone would agree that is a more than decent result for the three-year period.

But when you also consider that the period reviewed is a period which encompasses the worst stock market volatility in over 50 years, avoiding the roller coaster ride was a real accomplishment, it demonstrates the superiority of the active trading system utilized since launch. The fact that this account also weathered the worst stock market crash since 1987 has perhaps proven reassuring to all members invested.

**Brexit deal: Both the UK and EU see the possibility of a deal** - Positive comments from both sides have been seen in recent talks between UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and EU leaders, this may suggest a more amicable situation than other recent comments from the EU's Barnier in particular. Members may wish to take note that formal talks are set to resume on June 29th, as Boris Johnson has ruled out extending negotiations beyond the December 31st deadline.

The above resulted in Sterling getting a boost, as the currency rallied on the back of the news. However, recent figures on Covid -19 spooked the markets worldwide, which again forced the mighty Sterling lower against the Dollar as risk off drove investors to preserved safety.

The Bank of England had considerable division on the size of the increase the Bank would announce for its asset purchase target, with many agreeing on a GBP 100 billion increase, but some forecasting double that amount. The BoE effectively skirted the problem by simply announcing that it is willing to alter policy as necessary, while stating that the damage done in Q2 appears so far to be less bad than originally feared.

The UK is about to join the US and come out of hibernation mode, following the extreme lockdown measures the BoE is ready to react to the uncertain path of the recovery as we tiptoe through the early stages. The action taken to inject a 100 Billion increase buys 8-12 weeks of QE but beyond the treasury's issuance of Gilts, the treasury is set to double or triple this and even add, for example, corporate debt and more if markets witness what looks like any sign of a deepening systemic risk to the financial system and its return to health.

Members should be happy to hear that our Club has grown steadily through both April and May as our membership has risen to almost 1,100. As for this month, June's pending membership figures are better than that of June 2019. While working from home we took time to improve our web site, for example the six product box section at top of site now displays nine box's, the additions have simplified things by providing immediate access to the investment of interest. A section for RIO 888 has also been added due to increasing demand and building interest in this investment.

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