



The RIO Regular Investment Account GBP gained 1.12% during January, a positive start to the year. I sold 9% of the account's equity position prior to the inauguration of Donald Trump, taking both the profits and capital back to safety.

Following the inauguration, I continued to take profits, and on Thursday 24th I sold British American Tobacco stock banking gains for those invested. As the month drew to an end, I closed what would be the final trade of the period, selling Tesco plc stock on the 31st, moving both the profits and the original capital back to cash.

Market comment

Historically RIO has looked towards the FTSE 100 index for high dividend yields, however, there may be good reason to think that, in 2025, certain dividend stocks listed on the FTSE 250 may be worth considering. On the FTSE 100 some 70% of earnings come from overseas and RIO will continue to focus predominantly on stocks listed on this index, however, our analysts have identified a few select stocks listed on the 250, which may have significant upside potential.

The FTSE 250 index comprises the UK stock market's 101st to 350th largest companies - also known as medium-sized or mid-cap companies. It's worth noting that UK equities trade on meaningfully lower valuation multiples than they have done historically and trade at a substantial discount to several other markets, including the US.

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