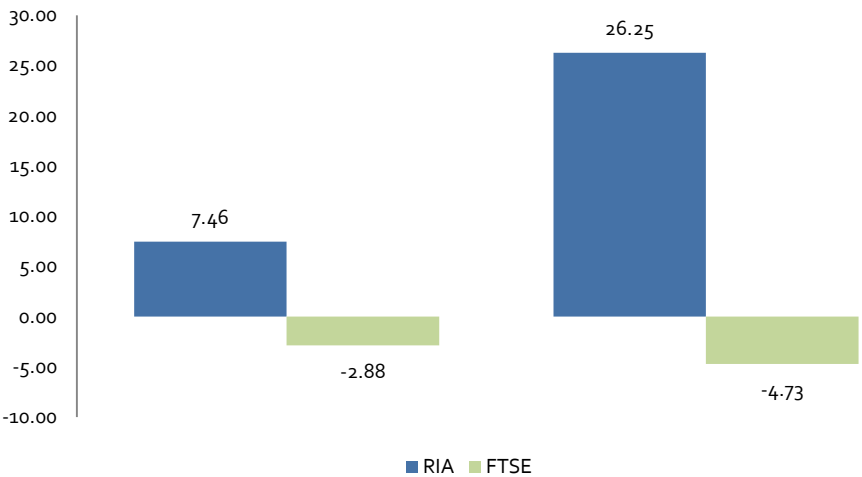


The Regular Investment Account (GBP) has produced another gain, up 1.38% in April. Looking back, the account has outperformed the target return since launch, posting net gains of 43.51%, much to the satisfaction of those invested. Since launch the comparative benchmark, the FTSE 100, has produced a negative return losing 1.66% over the same period.



Since inception this investment has done exceptionally well, recording 21 gaining months against only two losing months. The highest monthly return to date is almost ten times higher than the worst month recorded, +10.12% being the best month compared with the worst monthly return which produced a -1.23%. In the investment industry it is very rare to see this level of performance, especially since almost every month from the start has showed a net gain. The risk reward ratio is currently 35.38 to 1 which has lifted the Account to the top as best in its category.

The high return, coupled with the low volatility since launch, masks the fact that this Account is a high risk investment. Apart from the cash held, 100% of all the assets are stock based. An investment of this type would normally be expected to exhibit volatility. This investment continues to post a

very good return while there are many other UK stock related investments which simply have not, particularly recently, and this fact is a strong testament to both RIO's risk management and investment strategy.

The pound has slipped on Brexit wows, mainly due to the expected failure of cross-party talks.

The British Pound was under pressure on Tuesday, May 14, with a combination of disappointing employment market data, both job and wage growth coming in softer than the markets had been forecasting. However, the unemployment rate unexpectedly fell to 3.8%.

Since the cross-party talks have now entered their sixth week with no real forward momentum, Theresa May maybe pushed by senior party members to pull out off further fruitless talks.

Projections seem to suggest that the currency market is prepared for a negative outcome to the talks. However, as always, forecasting the currency reaction can be difficult. Getting it right can also be rewarding, as those invested in the RIO Currency Concept Account will know.

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