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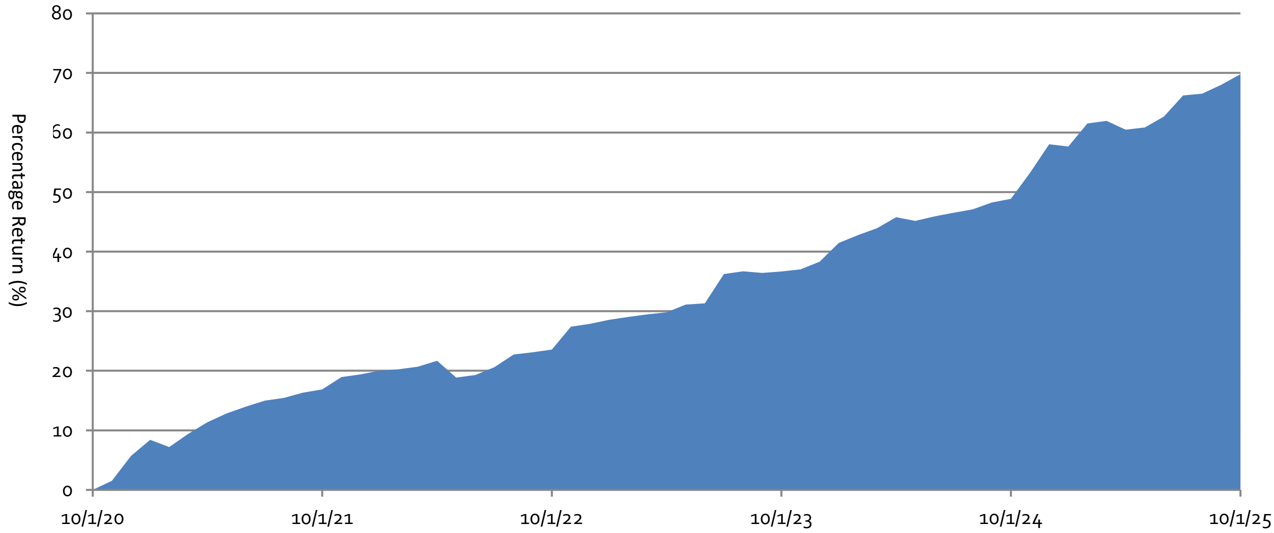
RIO REGULAR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT USD

The Regular Investment Account USD has filed a gain of 1.06% in September. During the month I have altered the asset weighting of the account. As September began, the account held 35.09% of its total asset base in stocks, and as we moved through the month, I took profits on several trades reducing the equity weighting to 29.67%. The reason for this reduction is simple; I expect a volatile October and have reduced the risk accordingly. Looking back over the past two years, this investment has done very well, with 21 gaining months reported, this in turn meaning that only three months closed in a loss, which certainly underlines the benefits of the current investment strategy. A closer look shines further positive light on the strategy employed, given that the largest monthly gain recorded was 3.11%, whilst the worst month filed was just -0.91%.



The stocks currently held include Boeing stock which was bought on 22nd of April at 176.26, today its value is 219.73. The company has released their 737 Max output and are targeting a 42-jet monthly production as soon as this month, this highlights the growing optimism at the company as it works to win approval for the move from US regulators. The company is also laying the groundwork to increase the manufacturing pace again, in April and once more in late 2026. Combined, the changes would potentially boost production to about 53 jets a month by the close of next year.

Lockheed Martin was bought in early September and the stock has done well over the past month. The investment community will be focusing on the upcoming earnings performance for Lockheed due out on the 21st of October. The company is projected to report earnings of $6.33 per share, this would represent a year over year decline of 7.46%. However, recent consensus projects a revenue of $18.53 billion, the point being that this reflects a rise of 8.31% from the same quarter last year.

Market - The news seems to ignore that more than a quarter of the jobless have been out of work for more than half a year. This figure is important as it's the highest share since the mid-2010s, excluding the pandemic-era years. The significant drop in job creation was, among other things, enough to prompt Federal Reserve officials to cut interest rates in September. With Donald eyeing Powell's replacement, many prominent figures in the Fed are now falling in line with the President's stance on rate cuts, and rightly so if they want to be the new Fed chair, that is.

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