



The Regular Investment Account's continued trading of defence stocks has more than paid off in recent months and with this week's news, as below, further gains are anticipated.

This sector has just seen yet another improvement in sentiment following major deals which were secured in Saudi Arabia by US President Donald Trump. This was precisely in line with my prediction, and in turn it is great news for those invested in the Regular Account as defence stocks are the Regular Accounts main focus! The middle east deal provides a boost to the US defence companies, which has in turn provided additional opportunity for me to continue to actively trade these stocks.

Looking ahead to June, I have already identified several stocks, which have now been short-listed for potential acquisition. It is important to note that these stocks represent a very real opportunity to capture short term gains. If, as planned, I am able to first acquire the stocks at target price I am confident then that the Account would be set to see a strong performance going forward.

That said, I am going to dedicate additional time and effort to the crossing of that elusive 100% net gain barrier. Personally I will endeavor to achieve this in the coming weeks.

### **Looking back**

Despite the fact that the Dow has produced a gain of 16.85% in the past twelve month period, when this is compared to The RIO Regular Investment Account's performance during the same period, namely 77.75%, RIO's stellar outperformance is very apparent. The statistics clearly show that the Regular Account has outperformed its bench mark return (Dow Jones) by a whopping 60.90%!

**Oil Prices** rose as expectations of an extension to OPEC-led supply cuts supported prices, reversing losses earlier in the session after a White House proposal suggested selling off half the country's huge oil stockpile.

**Gold** prices were little changed as the dollar steadied near 61/2 month lows and traders locked in profits after two weeks of gains, shrugging off heightened political risk, following a deadly suicide attack in Britain.

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