



The ARC Bullion Account USD gained 2.46% during March. Last year, the account produced 11.53% and posted eleven gaining months. The risk reward ratio measured over the 24-month period is 21.10:1, this is far above the industry norm, and in layman's terms means that the reward produced for the risk taken has been excellent.



Looking forward, against the current backdrop, gold looks a must for portfolio protection. The first three months of 2025 have seen the rally build, and for those who have asked me if bullion will continue its rally - I would not be surprised to see gold move above \$3,200 this year. Trump's policies have ignited the ensuing global trade war, pushing equity markets into correction territory. As for bullion, following a brief correction, gold is likely to see increasing safe-haven demand which will continue to drive further investment capital into the yellow metal.

I strongly believe that the current policy of America first could drive a shift in the global narrative which would encourage even more central banks to buy gold and with that they join the growing number coming to diversify away from the US dollar.

Markets

The gold market is certainly benefiting from the significant increase in investment demand. The ongoing rally in the gold price is being driven by a combination of central bank buying, ETF inflows, and strong physical investment demand. Gold prices remained steady, supported by central bank buying and prospects of a US interest rate cut. That said, Powell has indicated that there would be no immediate rate cuts despite the market turmoil and household wealth losses. As to why The Fed are taking the current stance, simply put, it's the uncertainty over President Trump's economic moves. Strong job data and unclear policy direction keep the Fed cautious.

Global markets faced sharp volatility amid escalating US-China trade tensions. Trump's tariff threats could slash China's \$525 billion exports to the US, this could push Beijing to lift trade barriers with other economies, and or boost fiscal spending and loosen monetary policy to stabilise growth and avoid flooding global markets with subsidised goods.

As for the EU they are proposing a "zero-for-zero" tariff deal to avoid a trade war, this as they prepare to impose 25% retaliatory tariffs on selected US goods. President Trump's policies have driven EU ministers to prioritise talks with the US.

This as US-UK ties prompt a potential EU-UK security pact amid global crises.

In the UK house prices moved lower, falling 0.5% in March, and in doing so missed the forecast which had predicted a rise. Business leaders worldwide have urged Trump to reconsider his aggressive trade stance.

Oil prices dropped over 3% amid fears of a global trade war dampening demand following China's retaliation to US tariffs.

UK stocks plunged, with the FTSE 100 dropping 4.4%. US indices showed mixed results, with the Dow slipping slightly and the Nasdaq rising over 1%. European shares also tumbled, as the STOXX 600 marked its lowest close since January 2024. Japan's Nikkei fell 8.8% on Monday before climbing back 6% on Tuesday.

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