

## **Markets take a beating!**

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The "flight from risk" was fully booked early this week; even the wait list was overflowing.

On Tuesday, the Nikkei went down by 4.14 percent with 222 out of a total of 225 stocks losing in the session. India's Sensex index fell by 5.53 percent bringing it down by almost 30% since the early part of May. Emerging markets have lost all the gains they made in 2006. Even commodities and Metals followed the downward trend with copper falling 6.8% and silver down 13%, its lowest for 5 months.

### **RIO Prestige Performance Fund looks set to post its tenth consecutive gaining month.**

In stark contrast RIO Prestige performance Fund keeps driving onward and upward, with the May posting a 2.92% gain, the highest since October 05. And as I reported last week, the first week of June was more of the same as the aptly named RIO Prestige Performance UK Ltd had its heaviest bookings this year.

Then trend continues as we move into the second week of June, Edward the General Manager in the UK office is pleading for extra staff, the enquires continue to flood in with vehicles out on hire all over the UK, they have had several self drive Le Man bookings this week too. I predicted that our TV marketing campaign during the World Cup would be a success, having already had Mat Williamson from our IOM office booked on a flight to assist; he arrived on site Tuesday, reporting that the warehouse resembled a scene from Piccadilly Circus. **June is really off to a flying start which bodes well for those have invested in the Fund.**

This week's "flight from risk," has benefited the RIO Club with further inflows of capital to both RIO Prestige performance Fund and our RIO Fixed Income Bond. With its capital guarantee and fixed return of 9% secured, it has become the bastion for our retired members. Both of these investments continue to perform very well and are excellent additions to any member's investment portfolio.

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