# **RIO STOCK TRADING GBP**

## 1 May 2025

MANAGER COMMENTS



Stock Trading GBP lost 0.25% during April, whilst stock markets around the world fell and the accounts benchmark (FTSE 100) closed the month down 1.02%. As the month opened, I had taken action to reduce equity exposure, this was done because I had anticipated the stock market sell-off. The market did in fact move lower and had fallen almost 10% by the 7th. Importantly the move lower had provided the opportunity to reposition, on the 7th, I bought British American Tobacco plc stock at 2979, Lloyds Banking Group at 64.63 and Tesco plc at 328.40. I was able to reacquire these consumer cyclicals at a far lower book cost - the upside potential for CCLL looks good as we move closer to summer.

Fund managers and traders in the global financial markets are focused on the potential effects, continuing to develop from President Trump's recent trade tariffs in the United States, affecting stocks in every country and sector. With this in mind, there are two likely scenarios that investors need to consider; a challenging trade environment that will be sustained in the coming years, slowing global GDP growth and economic activity as well. That outcome is, in my opinion, unlikely, as the world economy would have to be cut significantly to de-globalize effectively. The more likely scenario is that a deal is struck with the United States and its trading partners soon, leaving most (if not all) of these fears in the past.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

RIO Stock Trading GBP is a high-risk trading platform through which RIO can invest in currency, UK equities, and the commodity market. The account may also invest in other high-risk traded securities, where the potential gains are deemed to be in line with the risk-reward ratio, at the discretion of the investment manager. The trading strategy favours a midterm investment of between 2-3 years due to the expected short-term volatility.

As an active investment specialist, market volatility can create a prime investment opportunity and RIO expects further volatility, especially against the current backdrop. Geopolitical tensions are at fever pitch as the effects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine make negotiations tense. The knock-on effects of this are reflected in the stock values of UK-listed companies.

RIO Stock Trading GBP will focus predominantly on trading those entities listed on the FTSE 100 index and has already identified several trading opportunities.

Please note that this investment is only suitable for those prepared to accept the additional risk, in exchange for the potential reward.

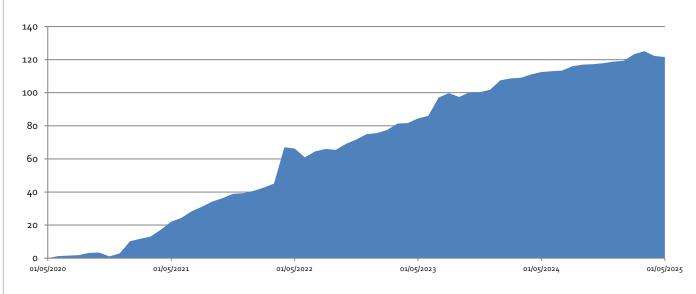
#### INFORMATION

NAV	351.99
Launch Date	June 2016
Investment Manager	William Gray
Currency	GBP
Minimum Investment	10,000
Membership Charge	500
Service Fee	0.25% pa
Performance Fee	5.00%
Dealing Frequency	Monthly

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

RIO's Investment Manager has vast experience having designed , launched and managed several Government licensed mutual funds over the past two decades. He has actively traded stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities with some degree of accuracy. A proven track record combined with all the advantages of an experienced multi asset fund manager.

PERFORMANCE	YTD	1m	6m	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr	S/L
	1.06	-0.25	1.75	4.31	20.16	33.29	121.63	251.99



CUMMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (Five Years)

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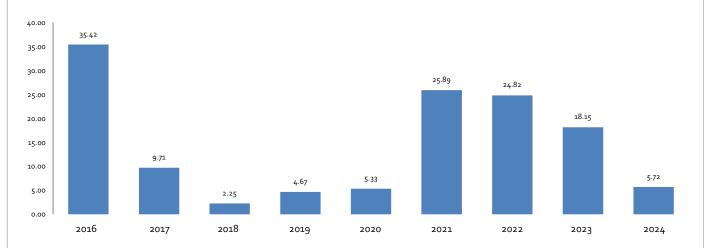
VOLATILITY & RISK (24 Months)	
Annualised Volatility	6.72%
Return for Period	20.16%
Best Monthly Return	5.96%
Worst Monthly Return	-1.29%
Risk / Reward Ratio	15.63:1

The risk/reward calculation is a division of net profit (the reward) by the price of your maximum risk. Any investor should determine their acceptable risk, but it is always best to be more conservative with risk than aggressive with reward.

MONTHLY	PERFORMANCE	FIGURES (%)	

MONTHEFT EN ORMANCE FIGURES (76)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	0.41	0.59	2.71	1.32	1.41	1.08	0.56	1.80
February	0.38	1.49	-1.83	1.23	1.71	2.18	0.19	0.82
March	0.30	0.10	-3.01	3.61	15.16	0.19	0.97	-1.29
April	0.00	-1.85	0.31	4.11	-0.49	1.51	0.68	-0.25
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June	0.49	2.41	0.35	3.13	2.25	5.96	0.18	
July	0.50	2.52	0.26	2.26	0.90	1.30	1.23	
August	-0.47	-5.05	1.30	2.34	-0.31	-1.15	0.41	
September	0.22	2.86	0.21	1.48	2.18	1.41	0.16	
October	0.91	0.36	-2.23	1.90	1.52	0.07	0.25	
November	0.40	1.95	1.80	0.31	1.93	0.72	0.43	
December	-0.97	2.46	7.15	0.98	0.33	2.80	0.25	

### PERFORMANCE FOR CALENDER YEARS (%)



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