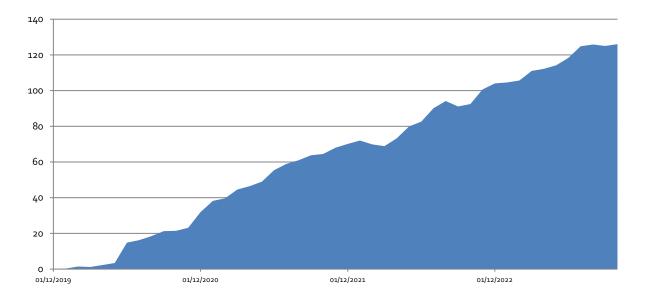


RIO STOCK TRADING USD

RIO Stock Trading USD reported a gain of 0.43% during September. This was in stark comparison to the accounts benchmark the Dow Jones which fell 3.96%; RIO's trading strategy again proving its worth as it resulted in not only the banking of gains, but importantly it had limited the potential loss.



As September opened, I immediately took action to limit the downside risk by reducing exposure to equities. Importantly, all stocks sold during September were sold profitably, with the gains banked. The reduction in exposure was proven to be justified by mid-month as the US market sold off, our detailed research had led me to the conclusion that the market would fall back. The talking of profits and the limiting of risk remains an essential part of the Stock Trading investment strategy.

US Markets: The Dow industrials had cooled 2.4% from August 1st through August 31st. But September was even more brutal, the carnage continued and had pushed the market down a further 3.96%. The Nasdaq finished down 5.8%, which was its worst performance since the 8.7% loss in the final month of 2022. Meanwhile, the bears pushed down the S&P500 4.9%.

Strict adherence to our tried and tested trading strategy has helped add to this investments positive performance, statistically, year to date, the stock trading account has recorded eight consecutive gains and one loss. The net gain produced in that period is 10.50%, whilst the Dow Jones has gained just 0.86% in the same period. This would be a compelling reason to invest, it is rare for money managers to so dramatically outperform the benchmark return, most draw level at best. This is no one-off, the account has outperformed the market over the one, two and three year period also, 17.41%, 37.40% and 86.06% compared to 14.65%, -0.99% and 20.61%.

That says it all! But just in case that's not enough reason, since its launch in December 2019 RIO Stock Trading has delivered a net gain 126.03% that's an average annual return of 33.60%.

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