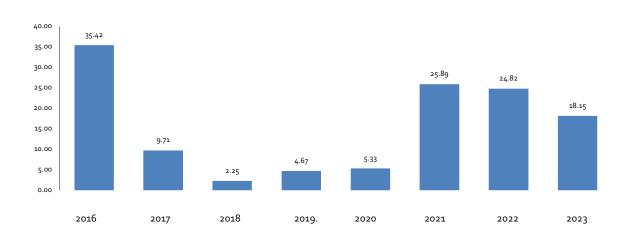
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Performance for calendar year (%)





Stock Trading GBP gained 0.97% during March. This investment has started the year with a perfect trading record, having filed three consecutive gaining months in 2024. How this was achieved? Put simply by active trading and by increasing or lowering the accounts exposure to stock. For example, on the 1st of March, the asset allocation of RIO Stock Trading was 27% in equities and 73% in cash, the weighting, as always, varied throughout the month as I both bought and sold stocks. As the month drew to a close at the end of March, the weighting was 21% in equities and 79% in cash.

Notable Trades during March

I bought Tesco PLC stock on the 6th at 279.60 and sold it on the 27th at 296.70, netting over 6% on the single trade. Anglo-American stock AALL was bought on Thursday the 7th at 1.762.40 and subsequently sold on Friday the 22nd at 1939.39. TUIL stock was bought at 561.50 and then sold on the 20th at 589.90, in all cases both the original capital and profit were moved back to safety (cash).

The performance of Stock Trading has been outstanding, this confirmed by the returns over the three and five year periods namely 80.06% and 113.29%, respectively. The members who had invested in this product at its launch in June 2016, and have remained invested to date have bagged a 235.16% net profit. Stock Trading is an equity based product, and of course a high risk investment. That said, it has an excellent risk/reward ratio, currently this is 8.14:1, this risk/ reward as always analysed over the past 24-months. For those unaware, the risk/reward ratio is a division of the net profit (the reward) by the price of the maximum risk taken.

The Market

Looking back, U.K. stocks traded higher on Thursday, March 29th, while the British pound edged lower against peers after data showed the U.K. economy contracted in the fourth quarter, as initially estimated. According to final Office for National Statistics data, the gross domestic product fell by an unrevised 0.3 per cent after a 0.1 per cent drop in the third quarter.

The statistical office had confirmed a technical recession towards the end of 2023. Consequently, the economy grew only 0.1 per cent in 2023, this was much weaker than the 4.3 per cent expansion seen in 2022.

Looking forward, our analysts have identified a handful of U.K. stocks which have fallen in value and, at present, offer an investment opportunity. Each stock identified is a strong buy, they are all undervalued at the time of writing. These will be added to our stock selection in April.

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