# **RIO Smart Money**

### 1 July 2024

MANAGER COMMENTS



RIO Smart Money has recorded a return of 1.42% in the second quarter of 2024. It is well known that Smart Money has recorded consistent gains quarter on quarter, but more importantly, since inception, the account has registered a return of over 41%. The account has continually traded NIO stock and today we are currently reevaluating its short-term potential. The main stock traded during the second quarter was BYD. BYD is now the world's largest EV manufacturer, but a closer look shows that BYD is not resting on its laurels, they have already overtaken Tesla in EV production; BYD is looking to become a front runner in battery innovation and is renowned for its Blade Battery technology, which top automakers, including Tesla and Ford, utilise.

The EV Market - Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD turned in impressive June sales numbers. It might beat Tesla again in the quarterly race to sell the most all-electric cars. BYD reported June sales volume on Monday. It sold about 340,000 passenger vehicles, up 35% year over year. Whichever company wins the quarter, solid deliveries are helping both stocks early on Monday. BYD was up 0.6% in overseas trading. Tesla shares were up 1.7% in premarket trading at \$201.20 a piece, while S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average futures were both up about 0.30%.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide medium to long term capital appreciation. The investment offers a diversified and broad exposure to companies around the world who are leading a revolution in the electric vehicle sector. This is a high-risk investment, and the asset allocation will include multi cap exposure. Many private investors have increasingly looked for exposure to investments which may traditionally have been out of reach for most. An investment of this type will not be for everyone – by its nature it may be illiquid, and investors may have to wait to potentially see the forecasted returns.

Not all stocks acquired will be held long term, it is envisaged that most will be actively traded. RIO Smart Money will hold a maximum of eight researched and specially selected stocks, within the EV sector. These stocks are considered by some as green, and with the US and other countries pushing hard to reduce carbon emissions it bodes well for the industry.

Although the account is actively traded, in line with the terms and conditions, RIO Smart Money may elect to buy and hold investments should it be deemed that the market favours such a change.

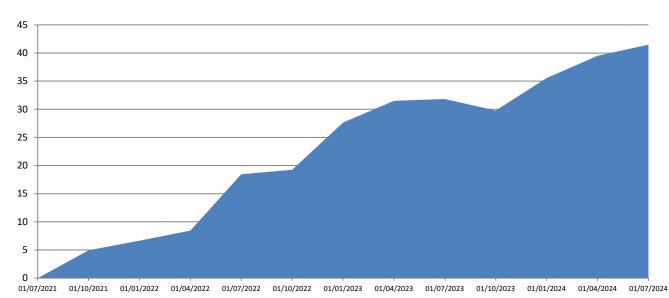
#### INFORMATION

NAV	141.48
Launch Date	July 2021
Investment Manager	William Gray
Currency	USD
Minimum Investment	20,000
Establishment Charge	0.00
Annual Management Fee	0.00%
Administration Fee	0.00%
Performance Fee	20.00%
Dealing Frequency	Quarterly

#### 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. He is perhaps best known for being among the first in the investment industry to correctly predict the arrival of the bull market in gold.

PERFORMANCE	YTD	3m	6m	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr	S/L
	4.37	1.42	4.37	7.32	19.42	41.48	-	41.48



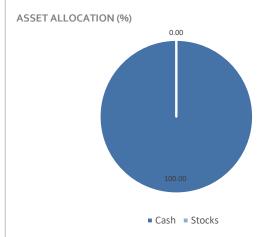
CUMMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (Since Launch)

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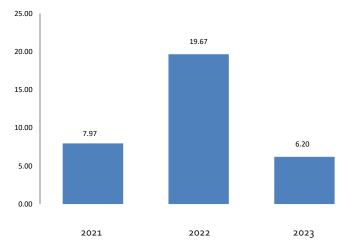


The risk/reward calculation is a division of net profit (the reward) by the price of your maximum risk. Any investor should determine their acceptable risk, but it is always best to be more conservative with risk than aggressive with reward.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE FIGURES (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024
January		-	-	-
February		-	-	-
March		1.69	3.04	2.91
April		-	-	-
May		-	-	-
June		9.23	0.24	1.42
July		-	-	
August		-	-	
September	4.96	0.65	-1.56	
October	-	-	-	
November	-	-	-	
December	1.62	7.04	4.45	

PERFORMANCE FOR CALENDER YEARS (%)



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