



## Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 30 April 2022

The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund is to provide capital growth (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). Its investment policy is to invest across a broad range of asset classes. Whilst asset allocation will vary, in general, the investment universe will comprise high-quality, developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold related investments, cash and money market instruments (such as treasury bills). The portfolio will be constructed with input from both top-down analysis (looking at an economy as a whole) and bottom-up analysis (study of individual securities). The Fund will invest in accordance with the parameters of its Ethical Exclusion Criteria.

**Prices** 130.44p

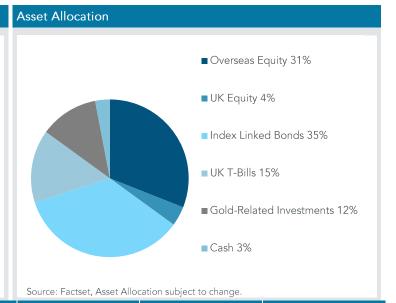
'O' accumulation shares

130.18p

'O' income shares

**Fund Size** £681m

## Percentage Growth from 22/03/2019 to 30/04/2022 UK Official Bank Base Rate FTSE All-Share Index (TR)\* Trojan Ethical O Acc - UK Retail Price Index 40 30 20 10 -10 -20 -30



30/04/2019 22/03/19 30/04/21 31/10/21 Total Return to 30 April 2022 Since launch 3 years 1 year 6 months Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc +30.4%+28.8% +6.3% +1.4% **UK Official Bank Base Rate** +1.1% +1.0% +0.2% +0.2% +12.2% **UK Retail Price Index** +13.5% +7.4% +3.7% FTSE All-Share Index (TR)\* +18.3% +14.1% +8.7% +3.1% 2021 2022 YTD **Discrete Calendar Annual Returns** 2019<sup>#</sup> 2020 Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc +7.1% +10.9% -0.4% +10.1%

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Source: Lipper

#### **April Commentary**

Your Fund returned -0.4% during the month compared to +0.3% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

The subdued returns above belie a high level of volatility. The UK stock market remains supported by a high exposure to energy and commodities, but elsewhere the picture is less benign. The MSCI World Index was down -8.3% and the Nasdaq Composite fell -13.2% in local currency during April. Investors are struggling to reconcile a world of high historical valuations and tightening monetary conditions. The stimulus put in place just over two years ago, in the teeth of the pandemic, is being reversed. Moreover, inflationary pressures are looking less transitory by the day, with the tragic events in Ukraine prolonging those forces further into 2022 and beyond. Inflation's corrosive

effects on savings are being felt across asset

During April, several companies held in the Fund reported financial results for the first three months of 2022. Understandably, these results were particularly scrutinised to understand how companies are coping with higher inflation and volatile conditions.

The Fund's consumer staples holdings reported reassuring revenue growth, with price rises largely offsetting cost inflation. As an example, Procter and Gamble reported +5% price growth combined with +3% volume growth. The price growth, together with continued volume growth, demonstrates the value that consumers continue to see in P&G's premium-priced products.

Our technology holdings also continued to deliver exceptional growth as the world

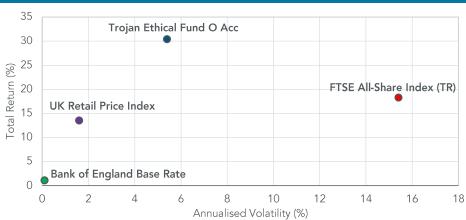
digitises further. Microsoft, a company held in the Fund since inception, reported revenue growth of +18% in the quarter, well ahead of their cost growth. The company's progress was broad-based, as Microsoft Office 365 revenue grew +17%, while the cloud infrastructure business grew +46%.

There is a chance that the exceptional rates of growth at these companies could slow due to factors outside of their control. As discount rates rise, we continue to have a keen eye on valuations and corporates' ability to offset inflationary pressures. Our view is that the Fund's franchises are sufficiently strong to adapt to changing market conditions and continue to grow their businesses over the coming years. We are mindful of exuberance in parts of the market and aim to avoid the risk of overpaying.

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Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+30.4%	+18.3%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+67.6%	+62.2%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.4%	+15.4%

Source: Lipper 1. Measures the worst investment period 2 Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Invesco Physical Gold	8.5
Microsoft	5.1
Alphabet	4.3
Visa	4.3
WisdomTree Physical Gold	3.3
Medtronic	3.0
American Express	2.7
Unilever	2.4
Nestlé	2.3
Mastercard	2.2
Total Top 10	38.1
6 Other equity holdings	8.8
Index-Linked Bonds	34.7
UK T-Bills	15.6
Cash	2.8
Total	100.0
Source: Factset, holdings subject to change	

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#### Fund information

A copy of the latest Prospectus and the KIID for each class (in English) upon which you should base your investment decision is available from Link Fund Solutions Ltd, the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director at www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

Currency

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds **UK UCITS** 

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Fund Manager Charlotte Yonge

Launch Date 22 March 2019

Ongoing Charges (capped)

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1 02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%

£ Sterling

### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

#### Dividend Pay Dates

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

#### **Authorised Corporate Director**

Link Fund Solutions Limited

GB00BJP0XY24 (O Inc), GB00BJP0XX17 (O Acc) GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), GB00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)

For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our website

Historic Dividend Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares)

### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

#### SEDOL (O shares)

BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1 (O Acc) BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3 (S Acc)

#### Pricina

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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