



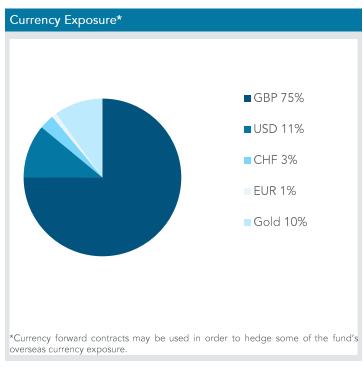
# **Trojan Ethical Fund**

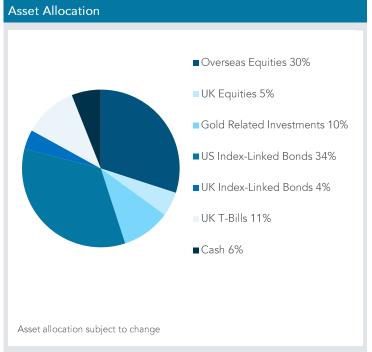
All data as at 31 July 2019

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The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund is to provide capital growth (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Prices 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 Investment Criteria.

Fund Size £65m





Source: Troy Asset Management Limited

### **July Commentary**

The UK stock market continued to display the two-tiered characteristics we described in our latest investment report (N°.60), offering the invidious choice of overvalued quality or cheap 'value' stocks that are cyclically or structurally challenged. To some extent these share price moves have been justified by the resilient earnings profiles of a number of our holdings. Company results for the first half of 2019 continued to demonstrate this backdrop of winners and losers. Retailers, banks and commercial property continue to struggle while staples remain resilient.

Investors coalescing around a small number of successful companies brings its own dangers, particularly as it relates to valuation risk. We have looked to cut exposures in a rising market, acknowledging that the fragility of the current rally in part derives from ample liquidity and ultra-low interest rates.

As part of this we materially reduced our holding in Sage during the month. The shares had surged in 2019, recovering from a managementinduced wobble last year. The Trojan Ethical Fund has held the shares since valuation (26x launch but the prospective earnings) failed to reflect our concerns that Sage may be falling behind its accounting software peers in moving their business into the cloud. We do not doubt the defensive nature of their recurring revenues but a valuation this high must be justified by growth. Following our sale, Sage's shares closed the month down -10% after announcing worse than expected Q3 revenues.

### **Ethical Exclusion Criteria**

The Trojan Ethical Fund will adhere to the following ethical investment criteria.

The present ethical investment criteria mean that the Fund will not invest in any organisation which: Alcohol – derives more than 10% of its total turnover from the sale or production of alcohol.

Armaments - (a) generates more than 10% of its total turnover from strategic military supplies relating to conventional weapons and/or (b) produces key parts of, or provides services for, cluster munitions systems, and/or (c) is alleged to have contravened the convention on anti-personnel mines in the last ten years and which has not addressed the allegations, and/or (d) manufactures products, or provides services, which are all or part of a nuclear weapons system.

Fossil Fuels – (a) derives more than 33% of its total turnover from the refining or extraction of, or generation of power from, fossil fuels and/ or (b) derives more than 10% of its turnover from coal mining activities. Companies whose listing falls within Oil & Gas sector are also excluded.

Gambling – derives more than 10% of its total turnover from gambling (including spread betting). High Interest Rate Lending - derives more than 25% of its total turnover from high interest rate lending (high interest being defined as lending at an annual percentage rate (APR) of over 100%). Pornography – derives more than 3% of its total turnover from pornography or adult entertainment. - makes more than 10% of its total turnover from tobacco products.

### **Government and Public Securities**

Investment in government debt is limited to that issued by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US (commonly known as the "G7"). The Fund will not invest in the securities of any sovereign issuer which is subject to a sanction issued by either the United Nations or the European Union. The Investment Manager would only consider investing more than 35% of the Fund's assets in UK or US government issued transferable securities or approved money market instruments.

### **Gold Related Investments**

The Fund will seek to minimise exposure to gold mined prior to 2012, which is the date after which it can be ascertained that gold has been sourced in compliance with the London Bullion Market Association's Responsible Gold Guidance.

Holdings subject to change Please read the Fund's Ethical Investment Criteria before investing (available at

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
ETFS Physical Gold	8.9
Microsoft	5.1
Medtronic	3.6
Unilever	3.4
Coca-Cola	2.9
Nestlé	2.8
Alphabet	2.8
Visa	2.4
Berkshire Hathaway	2.4
American Express	1.9
Total Top 10	36.2
18 other holdings	46.6
UK T-Bills	11.0
Cash	6.2
Total	100.0

# www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk) 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.

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UCITS

# Investment Manager

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£ Sterling Currency

Launch Date 22 March 2019

Ongoing Charges (capped)

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%

### 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)

## **Benchmarks**

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

### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

# Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

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)

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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