



# Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 31 July 2020

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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 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.

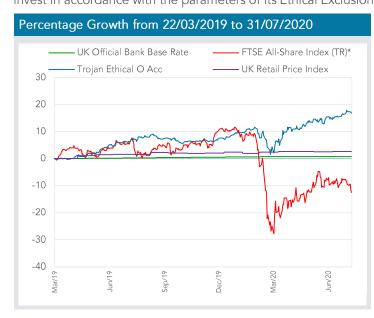
**Prices** 116.85p

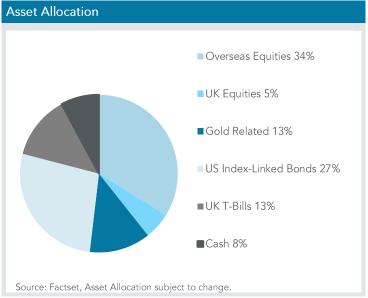
'O' accumulation shares

116.70p

'O' income shares

**Fund Size** £145m





Total Return to 31 July 2020	22/03/19 Since launch			
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+16.9%	+8.6%	+6.4%	
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+0.8%	+0.5%	+0.1%	
UK Retail Price Index	+2.7%	+1.1%	+0.7%	
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	-12.5%	-17.8%	-17.8%	
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2	019#	2020 YTD	
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+	+7.1%		
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#from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

### July Commentary

compared to -3.6% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

July 2020 marked a new all-time high for the gold price in dollar terms and the yellow metal has been an important contributor to the Fund's performance. Gold is an alternative currency, which resides outside the financial system and which is supply-constrained. It therefore offers an appealing alternative to fiat currencies, which can be printed ad infinitum. This characteristic is currently being put to the test in an unprecedented experiment, as policymakers worldwide ease monetary policy even further in order to manage the current crisis.

Your Fund returned +1.5% during the month The immediate upshot of this has been yields are negative. Given high levels of nominal yields falling to the floor, both at the short end of the yield curve, thanks to interest rate cuts, and at the longer end thanks to asset purchases. The potential second-order effect of recent central bank and government policy is that inflation is more of a risk, particularly as fiscal stimulus puts this money to work in the real economy. Since mid-March breakeven rates of inflation have risen to reflect this.

> The combination of these two factors means that real yields have fallen and in the case of the US 10-year bond, have fallen to -1%, the lowest on record. Whilst positive real yields create an opportunity cost to owning gold, gold provides a unique store of value when real

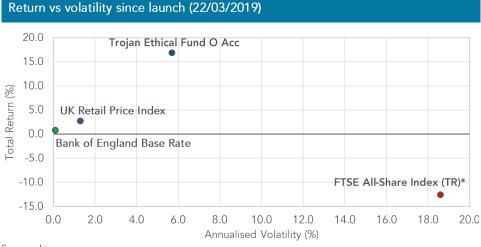
indebtedness worldwide, policymakers can illafford to allow real yields to rise.

Additionally, rising geopolitical tensions and dollar weakness have also contributed to gold's recent strength. Whilst we do not expect the latter to persist (at least versus sterling), geopolitics seem unlikely to become more benign. Such concerns have been critical in driving investor and central bank demand for gold. Together with negative real yields, they provide a backdrop which supports gold's continued ascent over the long term.

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Source: Lipper

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)	
Total Return	+16.9%	-12.5%	
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%	
Best Month	+4.6%	+4.9%	
Worst Month	-2.0%	-15.1%	
Positive Months	+75.0%	+56.3%	
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.7%	+18.6%	

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

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
ETFS Physical Gold	7.8
Microsoft	5.3
Invesco Physical Gold ETC	4.8
Alphabet	4.5
Unilever	4.1
Nestlé	4.1
Medtronic	3.7
Visa	3.7
Colgate-Palmolive	2.6
Agilent Technologies	1.9
Total Top 10	42.3
9 other equity holdings	9.5
Index-Linked Bonds	27.2
UK T-Bills	13.1
Cash	7.9
Total	100.0

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change

### 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.

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Currency f Sterling

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

#### ISINI

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

Net Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares) 0.12%

#### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### Registra

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)

# Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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