



# Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 31 March 2024

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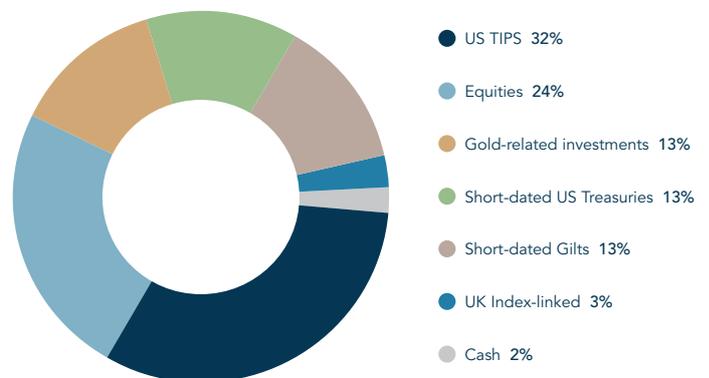
The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund is to provide capital growth (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). Its investment policy is to invest across a broad range of asset classes. Whilst asset allocation will vary, in general, the 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		FUND SIZE
134.58p	132.50p	£824m
'O' accumulation shares	'O' income shares	

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 31/03/2024



## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 March 2024	22/03/19 Since Launch	31/03/19 5 years	31/03/21 3 years	31/03/23 1 year	30/09/2023 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+34.6%	+34.7%	+13.9%	+5.7%	+5.6%
Bank of England Base Rate	+8.7%	+8.7%	+7.8%	+5.1%	+2.7%
UK Retail Price Index	+33.7%	+33.6%	+28.3%	+3.8%	+0.7%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+30.3%	+31.6%	+26.1%	+8.4%	+6.9%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.2%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+2.4%

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#from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

## March Commentary

Your Fund returned +2.1% during the month compared to +4.8% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

We have held an exposure to gold in the Fund since inception. It has provided essential portfolio insurance and diversification. Since last November, bullion has been flirting with its all-time high of c.\$2050/oz reached during the summer of 2020.

In March, the gold price surged to new highs in all major currencies, closing the month at \$2230/oz, a rise of +8% over the month. Many have been surprised by this strength in the price of bullion. After all, inflation has been falling and interest rates have stayed high (an opportunity cost for holding zero-yielding gold). Bonds yielding less than 0%, hitherto seen as a support for gold buying (and once amounting to \$18tn in value back in 2020) have disappeared like a melting snowman in the sun of tighter monetary policy.

We believe the dynamic has changed, which supports these higher prices. Firstly, central bank buying has been highly supportive since the invasion of Ukraine two years ago. Secondly, geopolitical risks remain elevated, whether it is the

worsening relations between major powers or the deterioration of conditions in the Middle East. Finally, as we approach the presidential election, there is an awareness of ever-increasing government debt levels in the United States. The fiscal position is on an unsustainable path. Politicians seem oblivious to Herb Stein's words; "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop." Gold is beginning to reflect the probability inflation will be sticky as central banks choose easier monetary policy over a burgeoning interest expense.

This is no bubble. Western investors have been reducing exposure to gold over the past three years, as gold ETCs (Exchange Traded Commodities) have suffered material outflows. Debasement is alive and well.



## RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (22/03/2019)



Source: Lipper

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	9.3%
Nestlé	3.6%
Visa	3.3%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.3%
Unilever	3.2%
Alphabet	2.4%
Microsoft	2.3%
Becton Dickinson	1.7%
Experian	1.6%
American Express	1.4%
<b>Total Top 10</b>	<b>32.1%</b>
5 Other Equity holdings	4.3%
US TIPS	32.2%
Short-dated Gilts	13.0%
Short-dated US Treasuries	13.0%
UK Index-linked	3.1%
Cash	2.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+34.6%	+31.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+65.0%	+61.7%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.2%	+14.3%

<sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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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 Waystone Management (UK) Limited, the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director, (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) at [www.waystone.com](http://www.waystone.com).

<b>Structure</b>	Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: busdev@taml.co.uk
<b>Fund Manager</b>	Charlotte Yonge
<b>Currency</b>	£ Sterling
<b>Launch Date</b>	22 March 2019
<b>Authorised Corporate Director</b>	Waystone Management (UK) Limited Tel: 0345 608 0950

<b>Dividend Ex Dates</b>	1 August (interim), 1 February (final)
<b>Dividend Pay Dates</b>	30 September (interim), 31 March (final)
<b>Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares)</b>	1.46%
<b>Benchmarks</b>	For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our <a href="http://www.waystone.com">website</a>
<b>Registrar</b>	Link Fund Administrators Limited
<b>Auditor</b>	Ernst & Young LLP
<b>Depository</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

<b>Dealing</b>	Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00BJP0XY24 (O Inc), GB00BJP0XX17 (O Acc) GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), GB00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)
<b>SEDOL</b>	BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1 (O Acc) BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3 (S Acc)
<b>Bloomberg</b>	TROETO LN (O Acc) TROETI LN (O Inc)
<b>Ongoing Charges (capped)</b>	'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%
<b>Pricing</b>	"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative



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