



# Trojan Fund (Ireland)

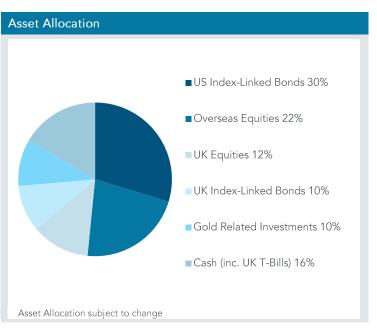
All data as at 31 March 2019

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The Fund seeks to achieve growth in capital, ahead of inflation (UK Retail Prices Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The Fund employs a long-term, long only approach and has the flexibility to invest across a broad range of asset classes, most commonly a combination of high quality developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold and cash.

Prices		<b>Fund Size</b>
1.2563 GBP O acc	1.2376 GBP O inc	£276m
1.2740 USD O acc	1.2516 USD O inc	
1.1746 EUR O acc	1.1571 EUR O inc	
1.3180 SGD O acc	1.3114 SGD O inc	

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Total Return to 31 March 2019	13/02/2012 Since launch	31/03/14 5 years	31/03/16 3 years	31/03/18 1 year	30/09/18 6 months
Trojan Fund (Ireland) (O Inc GBP)	+25.7%	+27.2%	+11.5%	+4.0%	+1.7%
LIBID GBP 1 Month*	+2.7%	+1.8%	+1.0%	+0.5%	+0.3%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+69.6%	+34.5%	+31.3%	+6.4%	-1.8%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2012#	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Trojan Fund (Ireland) (O Inc GBP)	-0.1%	-3.5%	+8.2%	+2.9%	+11.8%	+3.9%	-3.0%	+3.8%

<sup>\*</sup> London Inter Bank Bid Rate

#### Past performance is not a guide to future performance

NB: Prior to its conversion on 29 March 2019 the Fund was a feeder fund called the Trojan Feeder Fund (Ireland).

# March Commentary

The Fund (O Inc GBP) returned +1.9% during the month compared to +2.7% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

During the month we met with the management of A.G. Barr, the makers of IRN-BRU. Three years ago the UK Treasury announced a sugar tax on carbonated soft drinks in its March budget. This, combined with poor weather, caused A.G. Barr's share price to sag. Having sold the Fund's holding at higher levels in 2014, we took the opportunity to repurchase a stake in the

company at a lower valuation. Since then, management has effected an impressive transformation of its portfolio. Previously, the vast majority of its beverages would have been caught by the tax but thanks to a reformulation of its recipes, nearly 100% of the portfolio now contains less sugar than the threshold at which the tax applies.

Such a transformation was not without risk but 2018's results attest to the fact that it has been a resounding success. Revenues grew +6%, with volumes growing more, reflective of management's decision to

ensure consumers kept choosing Scotland's national drink. Having kept a lid on its prices, the company now has substantial scope to close some of the gap versus competitors, a visible tailwind for revenues and margins over the next couple of years. Challenges such as these are not new to A.G. Barr, which has successfully navigated 144 years of uncertainty by listening to its consumers.

N.B. Following an EGM in February 2019, on 29<sup>th</sup> March, the Fund converted from a feeder fund of the Trojan Fund to a directly investing fund.

Source: Lipper

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2019.

Top 10 holdings

bonds)

Microsoft

Coca-Cola

Unilever

(excluding government

Gold Bullion Securities

British American Tobacco

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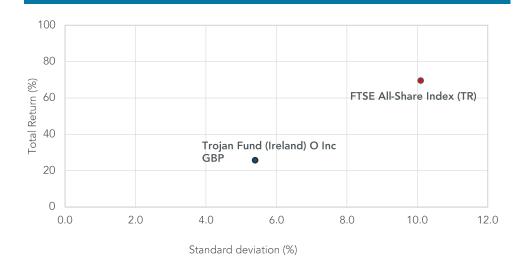
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# Return vs volatility since launch (13/02/2012)



Risk analysis since launch (13/02/2012)	Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Inc GBP	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+25.7%	+69.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-9.8%	-18.7%
Best Month	+4.9%	+6.8%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-6.8%
Positive Months	+58.8%	+61.2%
Annualised Volatility	+5.4%	+10.0%

Source: Lipper <sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period © FTSE International Limited 2019.

Nestlé	2.5
Philip Morris	2.4
Procter & Gamble	2.4
Berkshire Hathaway	2.1
Sage	2.0
Total Top 10	32.3
19 other holdings	51.1
Cash & Equivalent	16.6
TOTAL	100.0

Holdings subject to change

## **Fund** information

A copy of the latest Prospectus (in English) and the KIIDs for each class (in English and German) upon which you should base your investment decision, is available from Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Ltd, the Fund's Administrator and Registrar (Authorised and Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland) on (+353) 1 400 5300.

#### Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Funds (Ireland) plc UCITS authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland

# Investment Manager

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Sebastian Lyon Charlotte Yonge Assistant Fund Manager £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar\*, Currencies \*Hedged shareclass € Euro\*, \$ SGD\* Fund Launch Date 13 February 2012

# **Ongoing Charges**

'O' (ordinary) shares 1.13%

## Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

# **Dividend Pay Dates**

30 September (interim) 31 March (final)

# Fund Yield Historic ('O' Inc GBP share)

0.36%

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#### Minimum Investment

£ Sterling, \$ US Dollar, € Euro, \$ SGD 250,000

(An initial charge of 5% applies, which may be waived)

# Dealing

Daily at 11am (UK) Tel: (+353) 1 400 5300

# Registrar

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

## Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

# Depositary

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited

## Bloomberg

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