



All data as at 30 April 2023

**FUND SIZE** 

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Trojan Ethical Fund

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** 

128.33p

127.97p

£804m

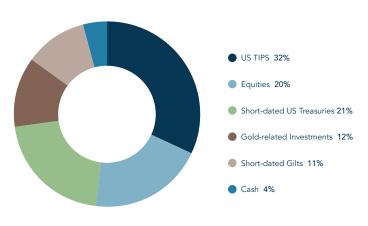
'O' accumulation shares

O' income share

### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 30/04/2023



### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 30 April 2023	22/03/19 Since Launch	30/04/20 3 years	30/04/22 1 year	31/10/22 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+28.3%	+14.4%	-1.6%	+3.2%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+3.7%	+3.0%	+2.6%	+1.8%
UK Retail Price Index	+28.8%	+25.5%	+9.7%	+3.1%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+25.4%	+45.2%	+6.0%	+12.5%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+2.7%

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2023

#from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

# **April Commentary**

Your Fund returned  $\pm 0.8\%$  during the month compared to  $\pm 3.4\%$  for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Through April most companies reported their much-anticipated first quarter's earnings. The results have been a particular focus for markets as the debate on whether we are headed for recession intensifies. Commentators from both sides of the debate were able to find evidence that they were correct. UPS, a courier company that is not owned by the Fund, disappointed, which some view as a leading indicator for weakness in the wider economy. On the other side, Procter & Gamble, which is held in the Trojan Ethical Fund and manufactures cleaning and personal care products, reported strong organic sales growth, with profit margins expanding.

Whether individual company results beat or missed expectations perhaps ignores the more interesting point that consumers and businesses overall appear to be in rude health, with little visible impact from ever-higher interest rates. Several companies raised prices by double-digit percentages, with volumes remaining

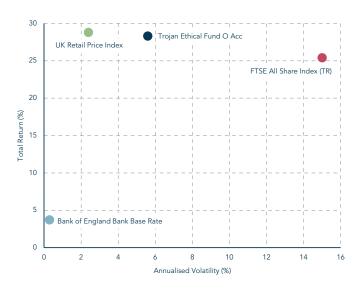
relatively unchanged compared to a year earlier. In the US these severe price rises, needed to offset cost pressures and staff wage rises, are incompatible with the Federal Reserve's (Fed) goal to tame inflation.

Despite these and other signs of inflationary pressures, the market currently expects the Fed to begin cutting interest rates in late summer, with multiple rate cuts expected by the end of January 2024. On the back of this expectation for looser monetary policy, equities have started the year strongly. We are concerned that if the Fed begins to reduce rates substantially, it will not be good news for stock markets. Lower rates can likely only be justified by an inflation-fighting Fed if inflation no longer poses a problem. We expect that for inflation to fall much further, we will need to see slower growth, weaker business profits and higher unemployment. At present markets seem to be pricing in a seamless return to low and stable inflation, with minimal negative impact to earnings. Earnings in the US are forecast to be broadly flat over the next 12 months. This leaves substantial room for disappointment; the Fund's cautious asset allocation reflects this.





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



Source: Lipper

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+28.3%	+25.4%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+65.3%	+61.2%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.6%	+15.0%

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

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

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# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.7%
WisdomTree Physical Gold	3.1%
Visa	2.7%
Microsoft	2.5%
Unilever	2.5%
Nestlé	2.0%
Becton Dickinson	1.9%
Alphabet	1.8%
Experian	1.4%
Procter & Gamble	1.1%
Total Top 10	27.6%
5 Other Equity Holdings	4.0%
US TIPS	31.6%
Short-dated US Treasuries	21.5%
Short-dated Gilts	11.3%
Cash	4.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT





### **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.

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

Dividend Ex Dates

### Structure Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS Investment Manager Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: busdev@taml.co.uk Charlotte Yonge **Fund Manager** £ Sterling Currency 22 March 2019 Launch Date **Authorised Corporate Director** Link Fund Solutions Limited

Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares)	0.08%
Benchmarks	
refer to the 'use of	tion on the benchmarks used please of benchmarks' section in the fund t, available from our <u>website</u>
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Auditor	
Ernst & Young LL	D

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GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), G	B00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)
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BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3	(S Acc)
Bloomberg	
TROETOA LN (O Acc) TR	OETOI LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges (cappe	ed)
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.02%
'S' (charity) shares:	0.77%

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