



# Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 31 July 2021

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.

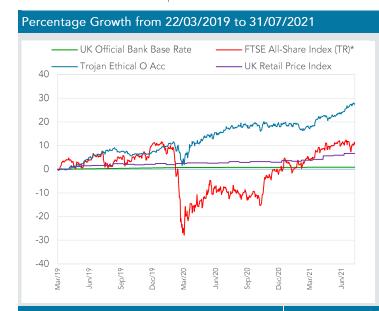
**Prices** 127.74p

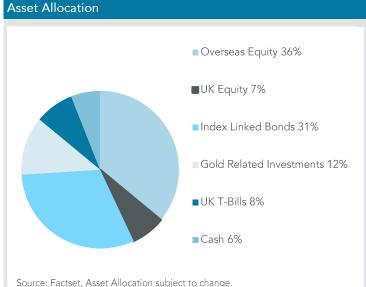
'O' accumulation shares

127.49p

'O' income shares

**Fund Size** £414m





Total Return to 31 July 2021	22/03/19 Since launch		
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+27.7%	+9.3%	+7.7%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+0.9%	+0.1%	+0.0%
UK Retail Price Index	+6.7%	+3.3%	+3.2%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+10.8%	+26.6%	
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	+7.4%

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Lipper

## July Commentary

Your Fund returned +2.7% during the month compared to +0.5% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

July produced a deluge of corporate earnings announcements and almost all came in well ahead of Payments companies, American expectations. Express and Visa, were robust, benefitting from both recovery and the secular tailwinds of retail moving online and cards replacing cash. Amex card spend by US consumers is now 10% above 2019 levels. The recovery should not stop there, with worldwide travel and entertainment spend still only expected to reach 80% of 2019 levels by the end of this year. Amex shares are up over +40% (in USD) since the beginning of the year.

In staples, the results were more mixed and dependent on categories. Nestlé's first half figures were resilient with strong growth from pet food and coffee in particular. Pets are not just for pandemics as Purina grew at double digits. The 2018 license agreement with Starbucks for their 'drink at home' coffee business continued to confound the sceptics with +17% growth (note that growth rate is for Starbucks branded coffee sold by Nestlé). Unilever was the single disappointment. Having benefited from 'pantry loading' last year, it was not so surprising that revenue lagged the strong figures of 2020. A common theme in these results is that the US economy is coming out of the pandemic stronger, Europe is considerably more sluggish and emerging markets remain mixed. Travel retail may be the last area to recover from the pandemic, which affects payments and spirits companies like Diageo. There

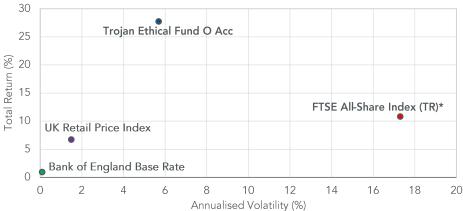
is a broad consensus (from the companies) that travel will not fully recover, to 2019 levels, until the middle of the decade. Investors may be anticipating a return to normality a little too soon.

Finally, Alphabet's figures were exceptionally strong with earnings benefiting from +57% revenue growth. Search and YouTube growth was over 65%. Expanding margins helped earnings grow even faster. In fact, the share price, up >50% this year, has failed to keep up with cash flow growth. What continues to surprise investors is the ability of companies, like Alphabet and Microsoft, to grow at such high rates - perhaps elephants can gallop after

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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	+27.7%	+10.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.0%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+67.9%	+64.3%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.7%	+17.3%

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Invesco Physical Gold	8.2
Microsoft	5.7
Alphabet	5.7
Visa	4.5
Medtronic	4.0
WisdomTree Physical Gold	3.4
Unilever	3.3
American Express	3.1
Nestlé	3.1
Agilent Technologies	2.1
Total Top 10	43.2
8 other equity holdings	11.4
Index-Linked Bonds	31.5
UK T-Bills	8.0
Cash	5.9
Total	100.0

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change

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

### **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

### Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds **UK UCITS** 

## Investment Manager

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**Fund Manager** Charlotte Yonge Currency £ Sterling

22 March 2019 Launch Date

# Ongoing Charges (capped)

1.02% 'O' (ordinary) shares: '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)

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

0.06% Net Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares)

### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

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)

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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