



All data as at 30 September 2022

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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.

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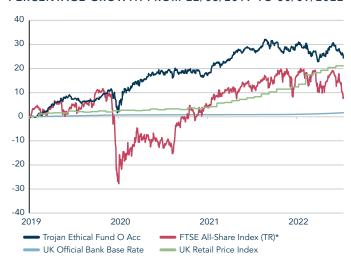
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fund size £749m

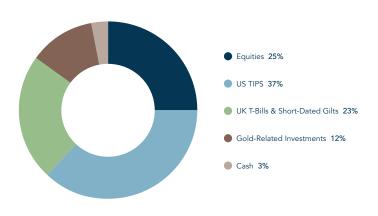
'O' accumulation shares

O' income share

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 30/09/2022



#### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 30 September 2022	22/03/19 Since launch	30/09/19 3 years	30/09/21 1 year	31/03/22 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+24.4%	+15.8%	-2.5%	-5.0%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+1.7%	+1.3%	+0.8%	+0.6%
UK Retail Price Index	+21.1%	+18.6%	+11.9%	+6.7%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+8.1%	+2.4%	-4.0%	-8.3%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-5.0%

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2022

#from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

## September Commentary

Your Fund returned -2.9% during the month compared to -5.9% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

September saw heightened volatility in currency markets as the sell-off in equities pushed investors towards safe-haven currencies and the value of sterling in US dollars declined from \$1.16 to \$1.12. The relatively modest overall decline hides a significant intra-month decline, with cable diving below \$1.04 at one point after the new government's mini-budget. While some of the currency weakness is UK-specific, much of the decline reflects broad dollar strength against most global currencies.

Our strategy currently invests in several US dollar-denominated assets. To manage currency risk, we <a href="hedge">hedge</a> a significant portion of the dollar exposure back to sterling. At the end of September the Fund's net exposure to the dollar was 21.5%. At a time when most asset classes are declining, the dollar

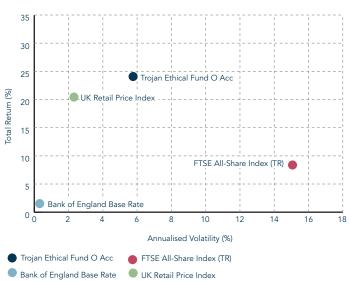
provides a valuable offset. The Fund's dollar exposure has contributed +5% to returns this year. A more detailed explanation of how we view this aspect of the Fund can be found in Special Paper 9.

The Fund also added to its short-dated gilt holdings in September. Gilts were caught up in a broad sell-off that particularly impacted some pension funds with long-dated or levered gilt holdings. Towards the end of September, a gilt with a maturity of less than one year offered a yield over +4.5%. We consider this good value for a low-risk asset that offers a guaranteed positive return if held to maturity. Although the extreme volatility is disconcerting, we stand ready to take advantage of opportunities such as these when they arise.





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



#### RISK ANALYSIS

Source: Lipper

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+24.4%	+8.1%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+64.3%	+59.5%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.9%	+15.4%

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

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

Source: Lipper Past performance is not a guide to future performance

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.8%
Microsoft	3.7%
WisdomTree Physical Gold	3.1%
Visa	2.9%
Alphabet	2.5%
Unilever	2.4%
Agilent Technologies	2.3%
Nestlé	2.0%
Becton Dickinson	1.9%
Mastercard	1.8%
Total Top 10	31.3%
5 Other equity holdings	6.0%
US TIPS	37.2%
UK T-Bills & Short-Dated Gilts	22.9%
Cash	2.6%
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

**Dividend Pay Dates** 

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Launch Date	22 March 2019

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Benchmarks For more information on the refer to the 'use of benchma information sheet, available	rks' section in the fund
Historic Dividend Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares)	0.00%

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Link Fund	Administrators Limited
Auditor	
Ernst & Yo	ung LLP
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