



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 30 April 2020

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The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Income Fund is to seek to achieve income with the potential for capital growth in the medium term (3 to 5 years). Its investment policy is to invest at least 80% of its assets in UK and overseas equities, including investment trusts and real estate investment trusts and equity-related securities. At least 60% of its assets will be invested in UK equities and equity-related securities. A maximum of 30% of its assets may also be invested in overseas equities and equity-related securities.

Prices 127.46p

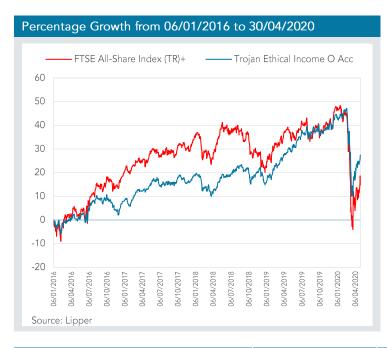
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'O' income shares

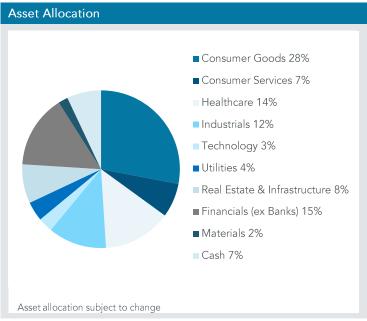
Dividend Yield 3.05%

'O' accumulation shares

Fund Size £203m

'O' income shares





Total Return to 30 April 2020	06/01/16 Since launch	30/04/17 3 years	30/04/19 1 year	31/10/19 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+27.5%	+12.9%	-2.4%	-7.9%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+14.8%	-7.5%	-16.7%	-17.0%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	-11.0%

Source: Lipper #from 6 January 2016 \*© FTSE International Limited 2020.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

## **April Commentary**

Your Fund delivered a total return of +5.7% in April, a month in which markets stabilised following the declines of February and March. Over the month, the return of the FTSE-All Share Index (TR) was +4.9%.

Amid the uncertainties created by COVID-19, two themes stand out to us. Firstly, the digitalisation trend is broadening and accelerating. Companies that can embrace the digital shift and still earn attractive economics are likely to see their competitive positions enhanced by current conditions. Meanwhile, those companies whose products and services actually enable this shift are likely to become even more valuable assets.

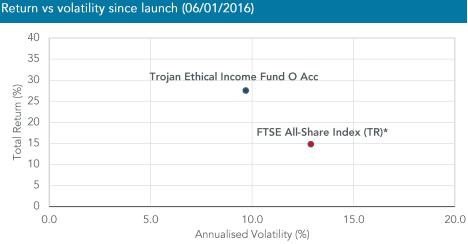
Considering this trend in the context of the Fund's holdings, we note from recent results that AJ Bell and IntegraFin welcomed record

customer numbers to their online savings platforms as finance continues the march to online. Digitisation is an unmistakeable force that is impacting all sectors of your Fund's portfolio, whether that be retail, healthcare, or property. History would strongly suggest society does not return to previous analogue habits, and we invest accordingly.

The second theme relates to UK dividends. So far this year, 40 FTSE 100 companies have taken action to reduce their dividend in some form. In certain cases, dividends will be reinstated at prior levels, but for many of these companies, and thus the market as a whole, the days of making unaffordable dividend payments are over. Whilst this is painful to income accounts in the short term, we believe that dividends should be conservatively paid out of growing cash flow

after prudent reinvestment for growth and full servicing of financial obligations. With that in mind, we expect a substantially lower level of market dividend payments to emerge from this period of dislocation. We also maintain a realistic hope that tempered dividend pay-out ratios should lead to improved future free cash flow and income growth.

So far this year, your Fund has been better insulated from the capital and income erosion endured by the UK market, and we continue to use short-term volatility to upgrade the portfolio's aggregate return on capital and free cash flow growth profile. Such moves will have a dampening effect on this year's dividend versus recent history, but we believe they place the Fund in a better position to compound capital and income growth into the future.



Source: Lipper

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+27.5%	+14.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%
Best Month	+5.7%	+6.4%
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+62.7%	+60.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+9.7%	+12.9%

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

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
Unilever	5.1
RELX	4.6
Reckitt Benckiser	4.3
Colgate-Palmolive	4.0
Nestlé	3.6
National Grid	3.6
GlaxoSmithKline	3.4
Compass	3.3
AstraZeneca	3.1
Roche Holding	3.1
Total Top 10	38.1
35 other holdings	54.9
Cash & Equivalent	7.0
Total	100.0

Holdings subject to change

## **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 and Link Fund Administrators Ltd (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) on 0345 608 0950.

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UCITS

# Investment Manager

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Currency £ Sterling

**Launch Date** 06 January 2016

#### Benchmarks

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

## Ongoing Charges

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%

# Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

## Dividend Pay Dates

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

Net Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares) 3.05%

# Authorised Corporate Director

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110

#### ISIN

GB00BYMLFL45 (O Inc), GB00BYMLFK38 (O Acc) GB00BYMLFR07 (S Inc), GB00BYMLFQ99 (S Acc)

#### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

# Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

#### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

#### Bloomberg (O shares)

TEIFOAC\_LN (O Acc), TEIFOIN\_LN (O Inc)

## SEDOL (O shares)

BYMLFK3 (O Acc), BYMLFL4 (O Inc)

#### Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

#### Important Information

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