

# **Trojan Ethical Income Fund**

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.

### All data as at 30 April 2023

FUND SIZE

£311m

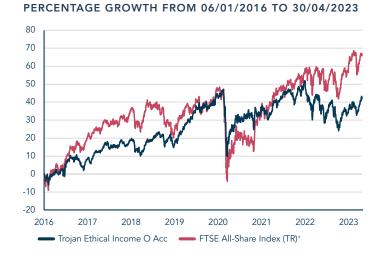
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PRICES 142.26p 117.41p 'O' accumulation shares 'O' income shares

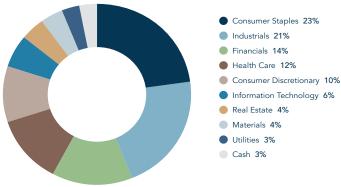
2.6% 'O' income shares

\*historic dividend yield

YIELD\*



### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 30 April 2023	06/01/ Since La		30/04/18 5 years		4/20 ears	30/04/22 1 year		31/10/22 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+42.3		+22.5%	,	.6%	-0.9%		+9.3%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)⁺	+66.7	%	+24.1%	+45	.2%	+6.0%		+12.5%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	-6.0%	+12.1%	-11.2%	+6.2%
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#from 6 January 2016

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lippe

# April Commentary

Your Fund returned +3.6% during the month compared to +3.4% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR)

After weakness caused by the US regional banking crisis in March, April saw equity markets rally, led by cyclical sectors such as Real Estate, Energy, and Financials. Despite your Fund having relatively little exposure to these sectors, good performance from some of the largest holdings such as Unilever and Reckitt meant that it participated well in a strong month for equity returns.

April saw 19 of the Fund's holdings update the market with their latest numbers. The unique challenges of the past few years have been fascinating to follow through the lens of company results. The Fund's largest exposure, Consumer Staples, provides a good example. One of the commonly cited qualities of the sector is the pricing power bestowed by selling small-ticket, essential, repeat-purchase items with strong brands. However, with western economies generally experiencing low inflation for much of the 2010s, this pricing power has rarely been tested in recent times. As inflation ramped up rapidly in 2021 and 2022, Consumer Staples businesses started increasing

prices to combat rising input costs. Even with double-digit price increases, volumes have been reassuringly resilient - testament to the staying power of their brands. Many Consumer Staples have a history of successfully operating in emerging markets and hence have an established track record of managing periods of higher inflation which has no doubt contributed to their performance in recent times.

Despite record pricing, gross margins<sup>1</sup> across the sector have fallen as input cost inflation outpaced what could be passed on to customers. However, encouragingly there may be early signs that these cost pressures are starting to normalise. In its most recent results, Procter & Gamble saw both volume trends and gross margins improve sequentially. Further softening in input costs should enable the rate of pricing to moderate from its current levels and return these companies to more 'normal' patterns of volume vs price.

The continued resilience of these businesses should be hugely reassuring for investors and is one of the reasons why Consumer Staples remain core to your Fund.

<sup>1</sup> Gross margin measures a company's gross profit compared to its revenues as a percentage



### **RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (06/01/2016)**



Source: Lipper

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (06/01/16)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+42.3%	+66.7%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%
Best Month	+6.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+63.2%	+62.1%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+10.3%	+12.8%

<sup>2</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>3</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

Source: Lipper

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### 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.

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## Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

**Dividend Pay Dates** 30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

Historic Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares) 2.57%

#### Benchmarks

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

Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

Auditor Ernst & Young LLP

# Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

RELX	7.0%
Unilever	7.0%
Reckitt Benckiser	5.7%
Compass Group	4.1%
Nestlé	3.9%
Experian	3.5%
Bunzl	3.4%
Novartis	3.3%
GSK	3.3%
National Grid	3.1%
Total Top 10	44.3%
32 Other Holdings	52.4%
Cash & Equivalent	3.3%
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**

| Principles for | Responsible | Investment



Signatory of:

NET ZERO ASSET MANAGERS INITIATIVE



# Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

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#### ISIN

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

SEDOL BYMLFK3 (O Acc), BYMLFL4 (O Inc)

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

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

### Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT





#### Important Information

Please refer to Troy's Glossary of Investment terms <u>here</u>. Fund performance data provided is calculated net of fees with income reinvested unless stated otherwise. All performance and income data is in relation to the stated share class, performance of other share classes may differ. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Overseas investments may be affected by movements in currency exchange rates. Investments in mid and smaller cap companies are higher risk than investments in larger companies. The value of an investment and any income from it may fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested. The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the fund's price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. Any reference to benchmarks are for comparative purposes only. Tax legislation and the levels of relief from taxation can change at any time. Any change in the tax status of a Fund or in tax legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund or its ability to provide returns to its investors. The tax treatment of an investment, and any dividends received, will depend on the individual circumstances of the investor and may be subject to change in the future. The yield is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Any objective will be treated as a target only and should not be considered as an assurance or guarantee of performance of the Fund or any part of it. Neither the views nor the information contained within this document constitute investment advice or an offer to invest or to provide discretionary investment management services and should not

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