



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 31 December 2019

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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

**143.18p**

'O' accumulation shares

**128.60p**

'O' income shares

### Dividend Yield

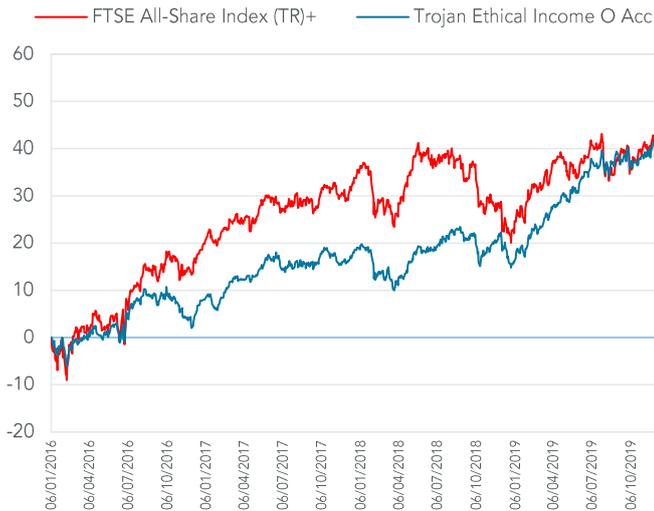
**2.7%**

'O' income shares

### Fund Size

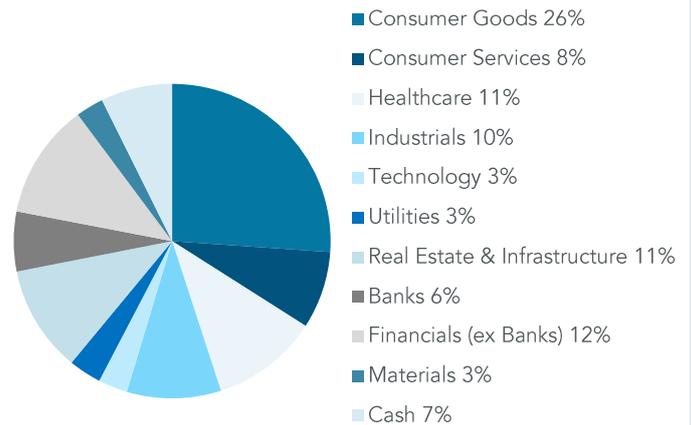
**£189m**

### Percentage Growth from 06/01/2016 to 31/12/2019



Source: Lipper

### Asset Allocation



Asset allocation subject to change

Total Return to 31 December 2019	06/01/16 Since launch	31/12/16 3 years	31/12/18 1 year	30/06/19 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+43.2%	+32.6%	+23.9%	+6.1%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+46.2%	+22.0%	+19.2%	+5.5%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016 <sup>#</sup>	2017	2018	2019
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%

Source: Lipper

<sup>#</sup>from 6 January 2016

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**Past performance is not a guide to future performance**

### December Commentary

Your Fund produced a return of +1.3% during the month, compared to +3.3% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

December was a notable month in UK politics, with the third general election in 5 years resulting in a landslide Conservative majority of 80 parliamentary seats, the largest since 1987. Short term, this provides an incrementally better backdrop for investment in the UK, and equity and currency markets have understandably reflected this view in subsequent movements. A better backdrop notwithstanding, 2020 may well see further volatility in UK assets, particularly

if the government remain insistent that any transition arrangement with the EU will cease at the end of the year, creating a tighter timetable for trade negotiation.

Looking back at 2019, it was a pleasing year for the Trojan Ethical Income Fund, which posted a total return of +23.9% - ahead of the +19.2% of the FTSE All-Share Index (TR) in what was an exceptionally strong year for the market. This can be put down to stock-specific gains within the Fund, such as in the case of WH Smith and Experian, but also due to the fact that market performance was broad-based and not simply led by cyclical companies, which we

consistently seek to avoid. To have achieved this in 2019, having protected capital better than the market in 2018, is a satisfactory outcome.

Turning to 2020 and beyond, we continue to invest selectively in competitively advantaged, resilient, growing companies that can compound free cash flow, and thus dividends per share, well into the future. Some of these quality businesses will inevitably not have the very highest of dividend yields today, but will deliver the compounding value and dividend growth we seek for the long term.

## Ethical Investment Criteria

Trojan Ethical Income Fund will invest based on specific ethical investment criteria as well as adhering to Troy's fundamental stock selection process. For inclusion in the Fund's investible universe, potential investments will be screened against ethical investment criteria using a combination of third party data and the Investment Manager's primary research. The present ethical investment criteria means that the Fund will not invest in any organisation which:

**Tobacco** – makes more than 10% of its total turnover from tobacco products.

**Pornography** – derives more than 3% of its total turnover from pornography or adult entertainment.

**Fossil Fuels** – (a) derives more than 33% of its total turnover from the refining or extraction of, or generation of power from, fossil fuels and/ or (b) derives more than 10% of its turnover from coal mining activities. Companies whose listing falls within Oil & Gas sector are also excluded.

**Armaments** – (a) generates more than 10% of its total turnover from strategic military supplies relating to conventional weapons and/or (b) produces key parts of, or provides services for, cluster munitions systems, and/or (c) is alleged to have contravened the convention on anti-personnel mines in the last ten years and which has not addressed the allegations, and/or (d) manufactures products, or provides services, which are all or part of a nuclear weapons system.

**Alcohol** – derives more than 10% of its total turnover from the sale or production of alcohol.

**Gambling** – derives more than 10% of its total turnover from gambling (including spread betting).

**High Interest Rate Lending** – derives more than 25% of its total turnover from high interest rate lending (high interest being defined as lending at an annual percentage rate (APR) of over 100%).

Source: Troy Asset Management Limited

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
Unilever	5.2
Compass	4.2
Lloyds	4.1
GlaxoSmithKline	3.7
Colgate-Palmolive	3.7
National Grid	3.4
RELX	3.2
Procter & Gamble	3.1
AstraZeneca	2.9
Victrex	2.9
Total Top 10	36.4
33 other holdings	56.3
Cash & Equivalent	7.3
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.

<b>Structure</b> Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UCITS	<b>Ongoing Charges</b> 'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%	<b>Dealing</b> Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950
<b>Investment Manager</b> Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: busdev@taml.co.uk	<b>Dividend Ex Dates</b> 1 August (interim), 1 February (final)	<b>Registrar</b> Link Fund Administrators Limited
<b>Fund Manager</b> Hugo Ure	<b>Dividend Pay Dates</b> 30 September (interim), 31 March (final)	<b>Auditor</b> Ernst & Young LLP
<b>Currency</b> £ Sterling	<b>Dividend Yield</b> 2.75%	<b>Depository</b> The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
<b>Launch Date</b> 06 January 2016	<b>Authorised Corporate Director</b> Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110	<b>Bloomberg (O shares)</b> TEIFOAC_LN (O Acc), TEIFOIN_LN (O Inc)
<b>Benchmarks</b> For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our <a href="#">website</a>	<b>ISIN</b> GB00BYMLFL45 (O Inc), GB00BYMLFK38 (O Acc) GB00BYMLFR07 (S Inc), GB00BYMLFQ99 (S Acc)	<b>SEDOL (O shares)</b> BYMLFK3 (O Acc), BYMLFL4 (O Inc)
		<b>Pricing</b> "O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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