



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 31 December 2021

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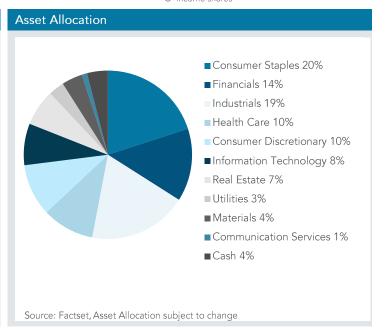
The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Income Fund is to seek to achieve income with the potential for capital growth in the medium term (3 to 5 years). Its investment policy is to invest at least 80% of its assets in UK and overseas equities, including investment trusts and real estate investment 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
150.98p
129.67p
'O' accumulation shares 'O' income shares

Dividend Yield Fund Size 2.0% £353m

'O' income shares





Total Return to 31 December 2021	06/01/16 Since launch		31/12/18 3 years		30/06/21 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+51.0%	+39.8%	+30.6%	+12.1%	+6.1%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+56.0%	+30.2%	+27.2%	+18.3%	+6.5%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	-6.0%	+12.1%

Source: Lipper

#from 6 January 2016

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# **December Commentary**

Your Fund delivered a total return of +4.7% during the month, in line with the +4.7% from the FTSE All-Share Index (TR). For the year as a whole, your Fund generated a robust absolute return of +12.1%, although this was behind the exceptional FTSE All-Share performance of 18.3%. It was a year of distinct phases – Q1 was characterised by a continuation of the late 2020 'vaccine rally', to the stark benefit of more cyclical companies. Market returns were broader for much of the remainder of 2021, with your Fund performing especially well in Q4.

Encouragingly, new additions to the Fund over the past ~18 months have contributed strongly, including Paychex, Diploma and Croda. Of course we purchased these holdings in the expectation they can deliver strong returns over many years, if not

decades, alongside the Fund's existing stalwarts. We remain excited about the prospects for these and more recent additions, such as US exchange CME Group and self-storage leader Big Yellow.

These new investments do not represent a proliferation in the number of holdings and sales have also been made. Most recently we have significantly reduced the portfolio's exposure to the non-life insurance sector, exiting the holding in Lancashire and reducing Hiscox. Whilst both Hiscox and Lancashire are leading companies within the sector, we have concerns around the future growth and returns achievable from natural catastrophe business lines. We believe climate change will have a far-reaching impact on the frequency and severity of claims and that

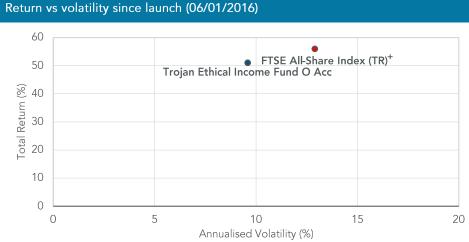
the industry will find it difficult to adjust pricing accordingly.

In 2022, the short-term narrative is likely to remain dominated by inflation. No one knows how strong or persistent it will prove to be but after a period of significant raw material price increases there are clear signs inflation is also spreading to labour markets. In this uncertain backdrop we would highlight three characteristics that are consistent features of the Fund: (i) companies with above-average, sustainable growth, (ii) companies that can pass on all or most of their inflationary pressures, and (iii) avoidance of companies with volatile margins and those that have high capital reinvestment requirements into an inflationary environment. Over any reasonable period of time, we expect these features to stand the Fund in good stead.

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Risk analysis since launch (06/01/16)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)	
Total Return	+51.0%	+56.0%	
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%	
Best Month	+6.5%	+12.7%	
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%	
Positive Months	+64.8%	+63.4%	
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+9.6%	+12.9%	

Source: Lipper 1. Measures the worst investment period  $^2$  Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

Top 10 holdings	% Fund	
RELX	6.2	
Experian	5.4	
Reckitt Benckiser	4.8	
Unilever	4.6	
Paychex	4.2	
Nestlé	3.7	
Domino's Pizza Group	2.7	
Procter & Gamble	2.6	
Compass Group	2.5	
American Express	2.5	
Total Top 10	39.2	
33 other holdings	56.7	
Cash & Equivalent	4.1	
Total	100.0	

Source: Factset. 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.

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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) 1.96%

## **Authorised Corporate Director**

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#### 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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