



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 28 February 2019

The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Income Fund is to provide income with the potential for capital growth in the medium term. Its investment policy is to invest substantially in UK and overseas equities. Trojan Ethical Income Fund may also invest in fixed interest securities, indices, deposits, collective investment schemes and money market instruments. The Fund will invest in accordance with the parameters of its ethical investment criteria. Any comparisons against indices are for illustrative purposes only.

**Prices** 122.01p

'O' accumulation shares

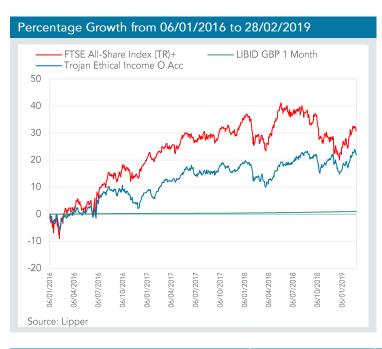
111.15p 'O' income shares

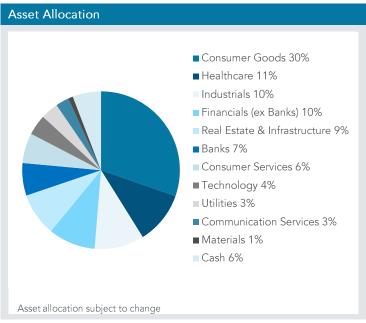
**Dividend Yield** 

**Fund Size** 

'O' income shares

3.2% £93m





Total Return to 28 February 2019	06/01/16 Since launch		28/02/18 1 year	31/08/18 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+22.0%	+23.4%	+7.3%	-0.1%
LIBID GBP 1 Month*	+1.0%	+1.0%	+0.5%	+0.3%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+30.7%	+30.4%	+1.7%	-3.7%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+5.6%

<sup>\*</sup>London Inter Bank Bid Rate

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Lipper

# February Commentary

Your Fund produced a return of +2.7% during the month, compared to +2.3% for All-Share FTSE Index

Despite the unyielding political fog, the UK market has found some support since the beginning of the year, with many domestically-focussed stocks ramping up double-digit share price returns in the year to date. Having already risen with this tide, Dairy Crest, the maker of Cathedral City cheddar, advanced another +30% in February on the news it had accepted a 620p per share cash offer from Canadian dairy giant Saputo (a 27% premium to the thirty-day average price).

Dairy Crest has been held in the Fund since launch and more broadly in our income mandates since 2010, and for all that time has been under the stewardship of the same CEO. The company has never been a huge holding, reflecting its small market capitalisation and that its margins are influenced by volatile dairy prices. However, a shrewd management team have demonstrated a consistent ability to manage margins through the dairy cycle.

Management have always taken a longterm view, something that resonated with us. They invested heavily in building a state of the art creamery, and consequently have the highest margins amongst their peers, meaning they could continue to invest at a level above the competition. With investment they have driven innovation, exploiting the by-products of dairy production to make ingredients for the infant milk formula market.

Hefty capital expenditure and dairy price volatility have not led to a smooth ride for the share price in recent periods. However, we remained confident that the market was undervaluing the long-term potential of the company's assets and have ultimately been proved correct. The challenge of finding a new home for the proceeds of the deal is one that is a welcome one and has been made easier by recent market volatility.

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

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### **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 mean 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 antipersonnel 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

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
Unilever	4.9
GlaxoSmithKline	4.5
Lloyds	4.4
Compass	4.3
Colgate-Palmolive	3.7
National Grid	3.6
Reckitt Benckiser	3.6
Procter & Gamble	3.5
Nestlé	3.5
RELX	3.1
Total Top 10	39.1
34 other holdings	55.0
Cash & Equivalent	5.9
Total	100.0

Holdings subject to change

Source: Troy Asset Management Limited

#### **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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Fund Manager	Hugo Ure			
Currency	£ Sterling			
Launch Date	06 January 2016			

# **Ongoing Charges** 'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.13% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.88% Dividend Ex Dates 1 August (interim), 1 February (final) **Dividend Pay Dates** 30 September (interim), 31 March (final) Dividend Yield 3.18% **Authorised Corporate Director** Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110 GB00BYMLFL45 (O Inc), GB00BYMLFK38 (O Acc)

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# 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

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