



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 31 January 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

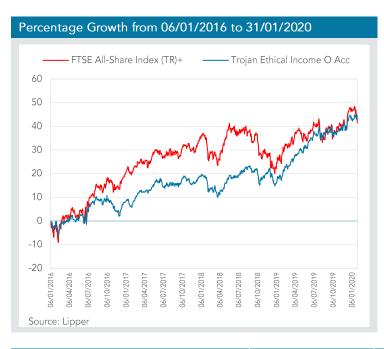
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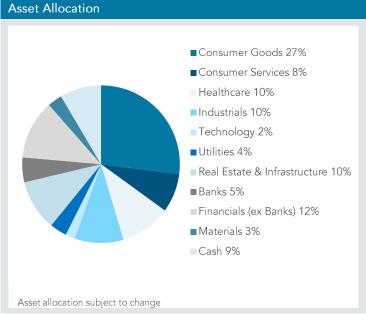
'O' accumulation shares

128.76p

'O' income shares

Dividend Yield Fund Size
2.7% £206m
'O' income shares





Total Return to 31 January 2020	06/01/16 Since launch		31/01/19 1 year	31/07/19 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+43.4%	+34.8%	+20.6%	+3.6%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+41.4%	+18.4%	+10.7%	+0.1%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	+0.1%

Source: Lipper #from 6 January 2016

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

### January Commentary

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The Fund produced a return of +0.1% during January, preserving capital in a month when the FTSE All-Share Index (TR) fell -3.2%. The exuberance that followed December's decisive general election outcome seems to have faded when exposed to the cold analysis of the New Year. Over the Fund's reporting year, which ended on the 31st January, it delivered a total return of +20.6%, well ahead of the UK equity market which returned +10.7%.

As indicated in the July factsheet, ongoing changes to the portfolio have resulted in a reduction in the final dividend, which has been provisionally set at 1.6608p (O income). This will be paid, as usual, on

March 31<sup>st</sup>. As a consequence the full-year dividend for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January is - 2.7% below that of last year.

Over the past eighteen months, we have sold a handful of investments where our expectations for future returns had deteriorated. Despite seemingly attractive yields, these stocks offered little hope of dividend growth. The capital has been reinvested in shares with a lower starting yield but where the prospects for growth in capital and income are far greater. We have always been clear that we would not pursue yield at the expense of capital. By making these changes now, after a period of strong investment performance, we

believe that the portfolio can continue to

January also saw us make a modest change to the Ethical Exclusion Criteria to which the fund adheres (outlined in full overleaf). The allowable percentage of turnover generated by companies from fossil fuels has been reduced from 33% to 10%. Similarly the limit with respect to high interest rate lending has been cut from 25% to 10%. Investors were notified of the proposed change to the criteria in December. Although this enhancement has not precipitated any changes to the portfolio, we do believe the new limits better reflect investors' expectations.

### **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 pomography or adult entertainment.

Fossil Fuels – (a) derives more than 10% 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 10% 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	5.2
Compass	4.1
Colgate-Palmolive	3.7
Reckitt Benckiser	3.6
RELX	3.5
National Grid	3.5
Lloyds	3.4
GlaxoSmithKline	3.4
Procter & Gamble	3.1
Nestlé	3.1
Total Top 10	36.6
34 other holdings	54.9
Cash & Equivalent	8.5
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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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	

### **Dividend Pay Dates**

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

Dividend Yield 2.75%

### **Authorised Corporate Director**

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110

### ISIN

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

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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