



All data as at 31 July 2022

FUND SIZE

£318m

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# **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.

#### PRICES YIELD\* 139.48p 118.16p 2.5% O' accumulation shares 'O' income shares

'O' income shares \*historic dividend yield

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 06/01/2016 TO 31/07/2022



Trojan Ethical Income O Acc FTSE All-share Index (TR)+

### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change

| Total Return to 31 July 2022       | 06/01/16<br>Since launc |        | 1/07/17<br>5 Years | 31/07/19<br>3 years | 31/07<br>1 ye |        | 31/01/22<br>6 months |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc   | +39.5%                  |        | +21.7%             | +0.8%               | -3.5          | %      | -1.4%                |
| FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+         | +55.4%                  |        | +21.5%             | +9.9%               | +5.5          | %      | -0.1%                |
| Discrete Calendar Annual Returns   | 2016#                   | 2017   | 2018               | 2019                | 2020          | 2021   | 2022 YTD             |
| Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc   | +8.0%                   | +10.2% | -2.9%              | +23.9%              | -6.0%         | +12.1% | -7.6%                |
| *© FTSE International Limited 2022 |                         |        |                    |                     |               |        | Source: Lippe        |

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# July Commentary

Your Fund delivered a total return of +6.6% during the month, compared with +4.4% from the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

For much of the year to date, as rising inflation and interest rates have been absorbed by markets, more lowly valued stocks and commodity companies have enjoyed a period of ascendancy. However, since mid-June the rising probability of a slowing economy has started to shape daily equity market moves and a preference for higher quality and more defensive equities has re-emerged.

In the current inflationary environment, the significant majority of your portfolio's investments are demonstrating real operating resilience. The last week of July saw a flurry of trading statements from some of the largest holdings in the fund, including RELX, GlaxoSmithKline, Reckitt, Unilever, Nestlé, Compass and Croda. Over the year to date these stocks have made up roughly one quarter of the portfolio and, without exception, have demonstrated a compelling combination of pricing power and robust demand.

Unilever released a confident set of results for the first half of 2022, highlighting that they were able to put through substantial product price increases with only a minimal impact on sales volumes. The company, whose failed acquisition efforts in the first months of the year put

significant downward pressure on the share price, are now showing a year to date return ahead of that of the market, a stark reminder to investors of the durability of consumer good stocks. Reckitt and Nestlé have both announced similarly strong results.

But robust performance has not just been the preserve of the staples sector. Compass, the leading outsourced catering company, released a very positive trading statement; despite significant exposure to wage and food cost inflation the company was able to maintain margins whilst increasing its revenue growth guidance. This reflects our expectation that, as a hyperefficient service provider, Compass Group can use the challenging market backdrop to grow its market share. Elsewhere, Croda's role as the supplier of value added and active ingredients to the consumer care and life science sector, has allowed the company to maintain margins while growing sales organically by 17%. A stark demonstration of real pricing power.

Whilst these companies operate very different business models, they all find a place in the portfolio's top 15 holdings because of their resilience. It is this preference for quality and stability that gives us confidence in your portfolio's ability to generate steady cash flow a++nd dividend growth through what may yet become a more challenging environment.





Source: Lipper

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

| Risk analysis since launch<br>(06/01/16) | Trojan Ethical<br>Income Fund O Acc | FTSE All-Share Index<br>(TR) |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total Return                             | +39.5%                              | +55.4%                       |
| Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>                | -25.4%                              | -35.3%                       |
| Best Month                               | +6.6%                               | +12.7%                       |
| Worst Month                              | -9.1%                               | -15.1%                       |
| Positive Months                          | +62.8%                              | +62.8%                       |
| Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>       | +10.3%                              | +12.7%                       |

<sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns Source: Lipper

#### FUND INFORMATION

Structure

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.

| Structure<br>Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds<br>UK UCITS |                 |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Investment Manager   |                 |  |  |  |  |
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| Fund Manager   | Hugo Ure        |  |  |  |  |
| 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 <u>website</u>

| 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)

Historic Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares) 2.47%

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#### ISIN

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

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

| RELX              | 6.7    |
|-------------------|--------|
| Unilever          | 6.5    |
| Reckitt Benckiser | 5.5    |
| Experian          | 4.6    |
| Compass Group     | 4.0    |
| Paychex           | 3.6    |
| Nestlé            | 3.5    |
| Bunzl             | 3.2    |
| National Grid     | 3.2    |
| Procter & Gamble  | 3.0    |
| Total Top 10      | 43.8%  |
| 31 other holdings | 53.5%  |
| Cash & Equivalent | 2.7%   |
| Total             | 100.0% |
|                   |        |

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

Principles for Responsible Investment

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



Signatory of:

NET ZERO ASSET MANAGERS INITIATIVE



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







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