



# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

All data as at 31 March 2022

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**Fund Size** 

£362m

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.

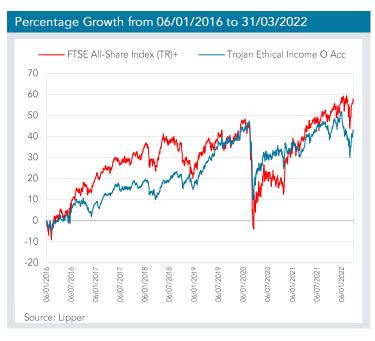
Prices
143.18p
121.30p
'O' accumulation shares
Historic Dividend

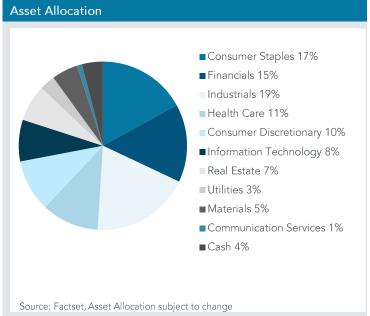
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Yield

2.4%







Total Return to 31 Mar 2022	06/01/16 Since launch		31/03/19 3 years	31/03/21 1 year	30/09/21 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+43.2%	+27.6%	+13.3%	+6.2%	+0.4%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+56.8%	+25.8%	+16.8%	+13.0%	+4.7%

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%	-5.2%

Source: Lipper #from 6 January 2016

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# March Commentary

Your Fund delivered a total return of +3.1% during the month, compared with +1.3% from the FTSE All-Share Index (TR). This return belies a volatile period with the VIX 'volatility' index setting a new 12-month high. Elevated geopolitical risk, rapidly rising energy prices and hawkish language from the Federal Reserve conspired to drive markets sharply lower in the early days of the month. However, equities made a robust recovery to finish the month in positive territory.

While US crude oil prices have retrenched towards \$100 per barrel (WTI¹) in the last few weeks, and tentative signs of de-escalation have emerged from Ukraine, the risks to investors have by no means disappeared. Reassuringly, UK corporates are generally in good shape and meetings we have had during the month with our portfolio companies support this view.

Croda, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals for the pharmaceutical and beauty industries, is successfully passing on cost inflation through pricing, demonstrating the vital functionality and high value of its products. Customers such as L'Oreal and Unilever are turning to Croda's biobased formulations to meet their own sustainability goals and to ensure their products remain relevant to consumers. We also had meetings with International Public Partnerships and 3i Infrastructure. Both infrastructure trusts have in-built inflation linkages across a number of their underlying assets and so are also able to protect investor returns in real terms.

In meetings with world-leading testing company Intertek and the UK pizza brand Domino's, both companies emphasised their respective returns to growth in recent quarters. Intertek stands to benefit from the re-opening of economies as companies seek help in meeting sustainability

goals and fortifying supply chains postpandemic. At Domino's, the resolution of a longrunning dispute with its franchisees has enabled both store openings to recommence and a system-wide approach to pricing to be implemented. Both Intertek and Domino's have strong balance sheets and well covered dividends, giving plenty of optionality to their management teams to either invest further or return surplus cash to shareholders.

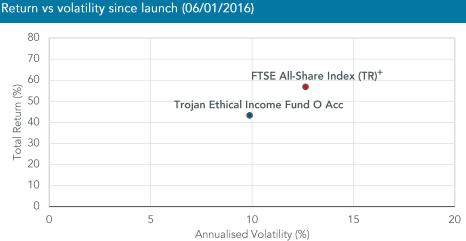
In short, the Fund's companies are in good shape despite the complex current environment. Near-term impacts may vary by business, but we are confident that the portfolio is resilient and capable of growing dividends, which will ultimately be reflected in the capital and income returns received by our investors.

<sup>1</sup>West Texas Intermediate

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Risk analysis since launch (06/01/16)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+43.2%	+56.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%
Best Month	+6.5%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+63.5%	+62.2%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+9.9%	+12.6%

Source: Lipper 1. Measures the worst investment period <sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

Top 10 holdings	% Fund
RELX	6.4
Reckitt Benckiser	4.7
Experian	4.6
Paychex	4.5
Unilever	4.2
Nestlé	3.7
American Express	3.2
Compass Group	3.1
National Grid	2.8
Croda International	2.8
Total Top 10	40.0
32 other holdings	56.1
Cash & Equivalent	3.9
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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Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS

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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 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)

Historic Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares) 2.41%

## Authorised Corporate Director

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110

#### 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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