



Trojan Fund

All data as at 30 April 2023

taml.co.uk

**PRICES** 390.02p

314.89p

**FUND SIZE** £6,429m

'O' accumulation shares

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2001 TO 30/04/2023

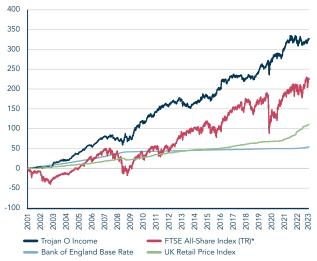
The investment objective of the Trojan Fund is to seek to achieve

growth in capital (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index),

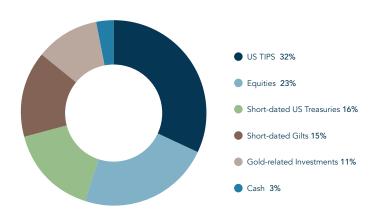
government and public securities (such as sovereign debt and treasury

bills), corporate bonds, equities and equity-related securities, private equity, precious metals, cash, cash equivalents and deposits.

over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The policy is to invest globally in



### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 30 April 2023	31/05/01 Since Launch	30/04/13 10 years	30/04/18 5 years	30/04/20 3 years	30/04/22 1 year	31/10/22 6 months
Trojan Fund O Inc	+326.7%	+56.1%	+31.4%	+15.3%	-1.4%	+3.3%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+54.2%	+6.6%	+4.3%	+3.0%	+2.6%	+1.8%
UK Retail Price Index	+110.8%	+47.2%	+31.3%	+25.5%	+9.7%	+3.1%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+226.6%	+80.7%	+24.1%	+45.2%	+6.0%	+12.5%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2001#	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	+0.6%	+4.1%	+15.4%	+10.3%	+15.9%	+12.0%	+6.1%	+1.1%	+11.6%	+14.4%	+8.5%	+2.1%
Trojan Fund O Inc	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD	
	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	+12.1%	-3.8%	+2.6%	

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2023 #from 31 May 2001

Source: Lipper

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# **April Commentary**

Your Fund returned +0.9% during the month compared to +3.4% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Through April most companies reported their much-anticipated first quarter's earnings. The results have been a particular focus for markets as the debate on whether we are headed for recession intensifies. Commentators from both sides of the debate were able to find evidence that they were correct. UPS, a courier company that is not owned by the Fund, disappointed, which some view as a leading indicator for weakness in the wider economy. On the other side, Procter & Gamble, which is held in the Trojan Fund and manufactures cleaning and personal care products, reported strong organic sales growth, with profit margins

Whether individual company results beat or missed expectations perhaps ignores the more interesting point that consumers and businesses overall appear to be in rude health, with little visible impact from ever-higher interest rates. Several companies raised prices by double-digit percentages, with volumes remaining relatively unchanged compared to a year earlier. In the US these severe price

rises, needed to offset cost pressures and staff wage rises, are incompatible with the Federal Reserve's (Fed) goal to tame inflation.

Despite these and other signs of inflationary pressures, the market currently expects the Fed to begin cutting interest rates in late summer, with multiple rate cuts expected by the end of January 2024. On the back of this expectation for looser monetary policy, equities have started the year strongly. We are concerned that if the Fed begins to reduce rates substantially, it will not be good news for stock markets. Lower rates can likely only be justified by an inflation-fighting Fed if inflation no longer poses a problem. We expect that for inflation to fall much further, we will need to see slower growth, weaker business profits and higher unemployment. At present markets seem to be pricing in a seamless return to low and stable inflation, with minimal negative impact to earnings. Earnings in the US are forecast to be broadly flat over the next 12 months. This leaves substantial room for disappointment; the Fund's cautious asset allocation reflects this





### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (31/05/2001)



Source: Lipper

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (31/05/01)	Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+326.7%	+226.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+66.2%	+58.9%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.2%	+13.7%

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

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

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# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Gold Bullion Securities	5.3%
Invesco Physical Gold	4.4%
Unilever	3.8%
Visa	3.0%
Nestlé	3.0%
Diageo	2.5%
Microsoft	1.8%
Becton Dickinson	1.7%
Alphabet	1.6%
Procter & Gamble	1.5%
Total Top 10	28.7%
7 other Equity Holdings	5.7%
US TIPS	32.3%
Short-dated US Treasuries	15.8%
Short-dated Gilts	14.7%
Cash	2.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**



## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



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### **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. The Trojan Fund is closed to new direct investments, but is still available to new investors through major fund platforms.

Dividend Ex Dates

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Fund Manager	Sebastian Lyon
Assistant Fund Manager	Charlotte Yonge
Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	31 May 2001

Historic Dividen	d Yield
('O' Inc shares)	0.25%
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<b>Dealing</b> Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950	
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<b>SEDOL</b> B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373	( O Inc)
Bloomberg CFTROJA_LN (O Acc), CFTR	ROJI_LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges	
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.01%
	0.76%

Tel: 0345 608 0950





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