

# Trojan Fund

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

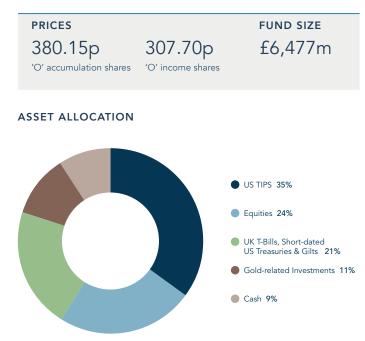
#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH (31/05/2001 TO 31/12/2022)



#### All data as at 31 December 2022

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Source: Lipper



#### Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 December 2022	31/05/01 Since Launch		31/12/12 10 years		31/12/17 5 years				1/12/21 1 year		30/06/22 6 months	
Trojan Fund O Inc	+315	+315.9%		+58.4%		+24.5%		+15.9% -3.8%		+0.2%		
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+52	+52.2%		+5.4%		+3.2%		1.8% +1.5%		+1.1%		
UK Retail Price Index	+105	+105.7%		+45.2%		+28.8%		+12.8%		+5.4%		
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+206	.6%	+88.2%		+15.5%		+7.1%		+0.3%	+	5.1%	
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2001#	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Trojan Fund O Inc	+0.6%	+4.1%	+15.4%	+10.3%	+15.9%	+12.0%	+6.1%	+1.1%	+11.6%	+14.4%	+8.5%	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
	+2.1%	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	+12.1%	-3.8%	

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### December Commentary

Your Fund returned +0.0% during the month compared to -1.4% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

The Fund's return for 2022 was -3.8%. This was the lowest return (just) for the Fund since its inception over 22 years ago. We have suffered only two other down years, of -3.1% and -3.0%, since the Fund was established. This is clearly disappointing to me as the manager, but it should be viewed in the context of there being very few asset classes that generated a positive return in 2022. The US dollar was the one source of protection. The deflation of the 'Everything Bubble', as it has been called, buoyed by a decade of unconventional monetary policy, began at the start of 2022 as those policies began to unwind. We began the year very defensively positioned and we ended the year even more so. Duration was the enemy in 2022, whether it be in bonds or equities. In terms of our performance, our equities detracted, although a number of stocks made positive contributions including Unilever, and Becton Dickinson. The greatest detractors were Microsoft and Alphabet (the best performers of 2020 and 2021). We reduced both holdings materially in the summer's rally, which proved correct in hindsight. In addition to dollar strength, gold held up well, proving its defensive characteristics once more, falling only -0.3% in US dollars and rising +11.6% in sterling terms. A disappointment was inflation-linked bonds, which in a year of double-digit inflation failed to ride to our rescue.

Higher interest rates will slow the economy in 2023. We should prepare for a recession. 2022 was about valuations but 2023 will be about earnings weakness. The bear market's work is not done.



## 350 300 250 200 50 Bank of England Base Rate

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



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#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

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Annualised Volatility (%)

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Risk analysis since launch (31/05/01)	Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+315.9%	+206.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+66.0%	+58.7%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.2%	+13.8%

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

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

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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.** 

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For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

information sheet, available from our website

Link Fund Administrators Limited

**Dividend Ex Dates** 

**Dividend Pay Dates** 

Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares)

Benchmarks

Registrar

Auditor Ernst & Young LLP

Depositary

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

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Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	31 May 2001

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Gold Bullion Securities	6.0%
Unilever	3.6%
Invesco Physical Gold	3.3%
Visa	2.8%
Nestlé	2.8%
Microsoft	2.7%
Diageo	2.6%
Franco-Nevada	1.9%
Alphabet	1.8%
Becton Dickinson	1.7%
Total Top 10	29.2%
7 Other Equity holdings	5.7%
US TIPS	35.5%
UK T-Bills, Short-dated US Treasuries & Gilts	20.9%
Cash	8.7%
Total	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

#### FUND MANAGER AWARDS



#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**







**Dealing** Daily at noon

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

ISIN

GB0034243732 (O Inc), GB00B01BP952 (O Acc) GB00B05M9T27 (S Inc), GB00B05M9S10 (S Acc)

NET ZERO

ASSET MANAGERS INITIATIVE

**SEDOL** B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373 ( O Inc)

#### Bloomberg

CFTROJA\_LN (O Acc), CFTROJI\_LN (O Inc)

Ongoing Charges		
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.01%	
'S' (charity) shares:	0.76%	

Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT





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