



Trojan Fund

All data as at 31 January 2024

**FUND SIZE** 

taml.co.uk

**PRICES** 387.78p

313.08p

£5,431m

'O' accumulation shares

'O' income shares

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2001 TO 31/01/2024

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

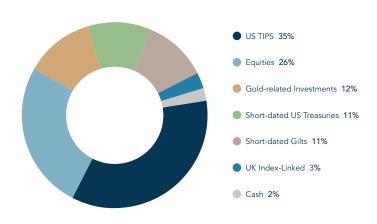
growth in capital (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The policy is to invest globally in

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.



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 January 2024	31/05/01 Since Launch	31/01/14 10 years	31/01/19 5 years	31/01/21 3 years	31/01/23 1 year	31/07/23 6 months
Trojan Fund O Inc	+329.4%	+70.1%	+30.9%	+11.7%	+2.4%	+2.1%
Bank of England Base Rate	+60.2%	+10.4%	+7.9%	+6.9%	+4.9%	+2.7%
UK Retail Price Index	+117.6%	+50.0%	+33.9%	+28.6%	+5.2%	+1.3%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+226.5%	+71.2%	+30.4%	+27.5%	+1.9%	+1.1%

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	2024 YTD
	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	+12.1%	-3.8%	+2.7%	+0.5%

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

# January Commentary

Your Fund returned +0.5% during the month compared to -1.3% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Company earnings reports are a closely watched barometer of the health of the economy and January saw several businesses reporting their numbers. Procter & Gamble (P&G) is a particularly good gauge of economic health as their products touch millions of people around the world. The owner of Head & Shoulders shampoo, Pampers nappies and Ariel washing pods, reported organic sales growth in the US of 5%, with 4% of volume growth. Even more impressively, P&G achieved this sales growth with four percentage points of operating profit margin

P&G's growth reflects what the company calls "irresistible superiority", which refers to a continuous focus on improving their products to meet evolving consumer needs. The update to their Charmin Ultra-Soft toilet roll caught our eye. P&G have optimised the sheets to have patented curvy edges to reduce tearing. Such innovations appear small, but cumulatively contribute to significant growth

over the years, as P&G can charge more for their products and gain market share.

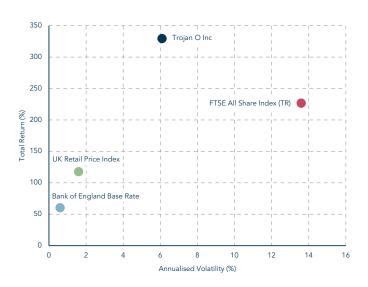
The second element to P&G's strong results is their success in raising prices to offset raw material cost inflation. Prices have risen by an average of 5% each year since the start of Covid. P&G's pricing power and ability to drive operational efficiencies has resulted in operating margins above 2019 levels.

P&G also emphasise that they are not complacent about the challenges the world is facing. The recent attacks by Houthi rebels on maritime traffic in the Red Sea highlight the risk that geopolitics will test the "immaculate disinflation" currently being seen in the US. Shipping rates from Asia to Europe are reported by Bank of America to have increased more than 300% over the last month, as ships are rerouted to avoid the Suez Canal. It is more important than ever, in an environment like this, to own businesses with demonstrable pricing power and operational resilience.





# 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	+329.4%	+226.5%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+65.8%	+58.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.1%	+13.6%

- <sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period
- <sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns
- Source: Lipper Past performance is not a guide to future performance

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

iShares Physical Gold	6.3%
Invesco Physical Gold	5.2%
Unilever	3.8%
Visa	3.1%
Nestlé	3.0%
Diageo	2.4%
Microsoft	2.2%
Alphabet	1.9%
Becton Dickinson	1.8%
Procter & Gamble	1.7%
Total Top 10	31.4%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.2%
US TIPS	35.4%
Short-dated US Treasuries	11.0%
Short-dated Gilts	10.5%
UK Index-Linked	3.4%
Cash	2.1%
Total	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

#### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**







Signatory of:





### **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 Waystone Management (UK) Limited, the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director, (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) at <a href="https://www.waystone.com">www.waystone.com</a>. 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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Assistant Fund Manager	Charlotte Yonge
Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	31 May 2001

Dividend Pay Dat 30 September (int	erim), 31 March (final)
Historic Dividend	Yield
('O' Inc shares)	0.25%
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<b>Dealing</b> Daily at noon Fel: 0345 608 0950	
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<b>Bloomberg</b> CFTROJA_LN (O Acc), CFTF	ROJI_LN (O Inc)
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'O' (ordinary) shares:	





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