

# Trojan Fund

# All data as at 31 March 2021

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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.

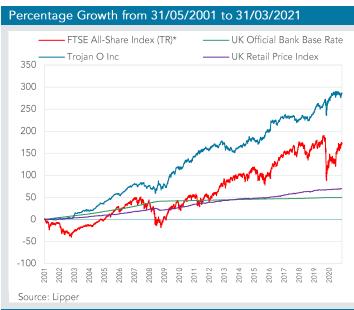
**Prices** 352.19p

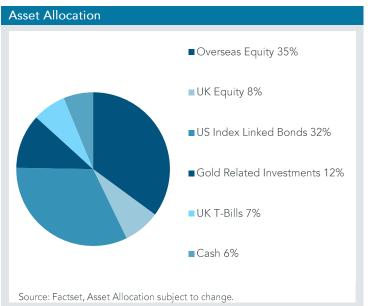
'O' accumulation shares

285.07p 'O' income shares

**Fund Size** 

£5,431m





Total Return to 31 March 2021		/05/01 launch		)3/11 years	31/03 5 y	3/16 ears	31/03/ 3 yea		31/03/20 1 yea		30/09/20 6 months	
Trojan Fund O Inc	+285.3%		+63.0%		+28.4%		+19.2%		+9.3%		+0.2%	
UK Official Bank Base Rate	4	-49.9%	+	-4.8%	+2	.2%	+1.5	5%	+0.1%	, 5	+0.0%	
UK Retail Price Index	4	-69.9%	+2	27.3%	+13	.4%	+6.4	1%	+1.2%	, 5	+0.6%	
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+171.6%		+79.0%		+35.7%		+9.9%		+26.7%	0	+18.5%	
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	<b>2021</b> YTD	
		+2.1%	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	-0.1%	

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Lipper

# March Commentary

Your Fund returned +2.0% during the month compared to +4.0% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Nestlé has been held in the Trojan Fund since 2009. Many companies hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at this time of year and Nestlé recently asked Troy to vote at theirs for the 12th time. Historically, executive remuneration has been a focus for shareholders at AGMs, however, additional topics, such as the environment, are increasingly prioritised. The Nestlé Proxy Statement included a new item to 'Approve the Climate Action Plan' that deserves further attention.

The Nestlé vote follows a recent trend of progressive companies publishing decarbonisation plans and having an annual advisory vote to build shareholder support. The existence of a Climate Action Plan at Nestlé and their confidence to have a vote on it speaks volumes to a corporate culture that has driven their success for over 100 years.

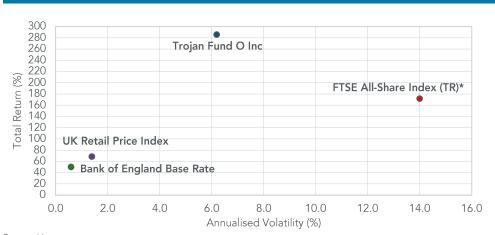
Nestlé's Climate Action Plan stands out as ambitious amongst peers. The company has committed to net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050. Indicative of Nestlé's ambition in this area, 'scope 3' emissions, i.e. those not generated directly by the company but from areas such as sourcing ingredients or managing logistics, have been included in the target. Achieving their goal involves working with over 500,000

farmers, to support them in implementing regenerative agriculture practices.

In the short term Nestlé may endure additional costs as they transition from carbon-intensive practices. In the long term they are investing behind a license to operate in the decades to come. As well as fulfilling their social responsibility, the company is staying one step ahead of regulation that will likely tax companies for GHG emissions in the future.

The Trojan Fund will be voting to support Nestlé's Climate Action Plan. We continue to engage with the companies we hold to encourage progress in this increasingly critical area.

# Return vs volatility since launch (31/05/2001)



Source: Lipper

Risk analysis since launch (31/05/01)	Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+285.3%	+171.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+66.4%	+58.4%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.2%	+14.0%

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

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Gold Bullion Securities	5.9
Microsoft	5.5
Alphabet	4.6
Unilever	4.1
Visa	3.6
Philip Morris International	3.4
Nestlé	3.3
Invesco Physical Gold	3.2
Medtronic	3.0
Diageo	3.0
Total Top 10	39.6
10 Other Equity holdings	14.7
Index Linked Bonds	32.5
UK T-Bills	7.0
Cash	6.2
TOTAL	100.0

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change.

# **Fund Manager Awards**





# **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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**Currency** £ Sterling

Launch Date 31 May 2001

Fund Historic Yield ('O' Inc shares) 0.25%

# Ongoing Charges

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

# Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

# Dividend Pay Dates

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

# Authorised Corporate Director

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 608 0950

### ISIN

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

### 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

### 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

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

### SEDOL

B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373 ( O Inc)

# Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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