



Trojan Fund

All data as at 30 September 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.

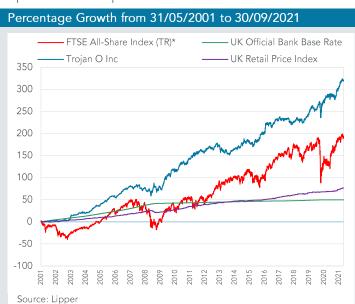
Prices 383.53p

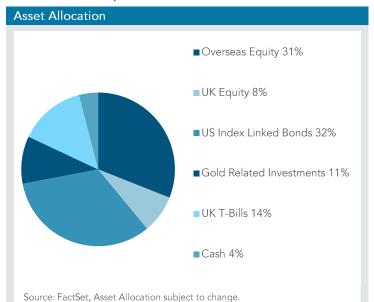
'O' accumulation shares

310.44p 'O' income shares

Fund Size

£5,911m





Total Return to 31/05/01 30/09/11 30/09/16 30/09/18 30/09/20 31/03/21 30 September 2021 Since launch 10 years 5 years 3 years 6 months 1 year Trojan Fund O Inc +319.6% +68.1% +30.2% +26.7% +9.1% +8.9% **UK Official Bank Base Rate** +49.9% +4.5% +2.0% +1.2% +0.1% +0.1% **UK Retail Price Index** +76.5% +29.2% +16.0% +8.2% +4.5% +3.5% FTSE All-Share Index (TR)* +193.2% +119.2% +29.8% +9.5% +27.9% +8.0% Discrete Calendar Annual 2001# 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 Returns 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** YTD

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance

-3.1% +8.9%

+2.1%

+3.2% +12.3%

+4.1%

Source: Lipper

+8.8%

September Commentary

Your Fund returned -1.0% during the month compared to -1.0% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Markets have had a remarkable run in the past 18 months since the pandemic. There has been a marked shift from a buyers' to a sellers' market. A common refrain amongst investment bankers is to "feed the ducks while they are quacking". Judging by the demand for new equity issuance, it appears we have reached a feeding frenzy. Global Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) for the first nine months of 2021 hit a record¹. Secondary offerings were also at new heights. Indigestion often follows.

We have taken the opportunity to reduce your Fund's equity exposure to below 40% over the past two months, amid these ebullient conditions. We decided to sell two longstanding holdings in the Fund.

Berkshire Hathaway has been held in the Fund since the aftermath of the financial crisis over which time it has contributed strongly to performance. After a more challenging year in 2020, the shares have performed well year-to-date, convincingly making new all-time highs. In terms of valuation, the shares have also re-rated and trade on c.1.5x book, towards the upper end of the long-term range. There are several risks which we do not believe are adequately discounted; the most prominent is key-man-risk which is well known but as each year passes this risk, by definition, increases - Warren Buffett just celebrated his 91st birthday. Coupled with this has been disappointing recent capital allocation by Berkshire, evident particularly in the decision to purchase airlines, followed by their untimely sale. Finally, the company's refusal to hold its subsidiary businesses to a higher level of account when it comes to climate disclosures is reflective of a management team that are yet to fully grasp the ESG² nettle. This is likely to impact returns in the years to come.

Our views have evolved on the Fund's tobacco holdings in the past few years following the sale of Altria in 2018. The purchase of 35% of JUUL vaping business for \$12bn was the catalyst for this reappraisal.

For the tobacco sector, the prospects for a re-rating look less likely. This is not simply on account of

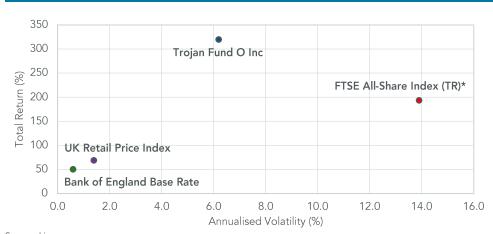
ongoing divestment from the sector by investors. The companies also face the challenge of keeping their cigarette businesses strong enough to fund a transition to reduced risk products, while consumers and regulators are increasingly penalising and eschewing combustible tobacco. This change in business model will be challenging to navigate and it makes future returns much less predictable although we do recognise their role for income generation. Striving for relevance and the cost of reshaping the business will be absorbed by shareholders in the shape of low-return acquisitions like JUUL (since written off by Altria) and more recently in the case of Philip Morris International's (PMI) purchase of the UK inhaler group Vectura. PMI had been one of the best performers in the Fund year to date and we used the strength to sell out of our last tobacco holding.

-3.0% +10.7% +7.4%

¹Source: Refinitiv

²Environmental, Social and Governance

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	+319.6%	+193.2%
Max Drawdown ¹	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+66.8%	+59.0%
Annualised Volatility ²	+6.2%	+13.9%

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

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Gold Bullion Securities	5.7
Microsoft	5.7
Alphabet	5.6
Unilever	3.7
Visa	3.6
Nestlé	3.4
Diageo	3.3
Invesco Physical Gold	3.1
Medtronic	3.0
American Express	2.6
Total Top 10	39.8
8 Other Equity holdings	9.9
Index Linked Bonds	32.7
UK T-Bills	13.6
Cash	4.0
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.**

Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS

Investment Manager

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Fund Manager Sebastian Lyon
Assistant Fund Manager Charlotte Yonge

Currency £ Sterling

Fund Historic Yield ('O' Inc shares) 0.04%

31 May 2001

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)

Benchmark

For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our <u>website</u>

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)

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B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373 (O Inc)

Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

Important Information

Launch Date

Fund performance data provided is calculated net of fees unless stated otherwise. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Overseas investments may be affected by movements in currency exchange rates. The value of an investment and any income from it may fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested. The historic yeld reflects distributions. The yield is not guaranteed and will fluctuate the north as a percentage of the fund's price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary change and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The yield is not guaranteed and will fluctuate the date in the fund's proposed of efficient portfolio management. Neither the views nor the information contained within this document constitute investment and recovers a should be based on information contained in the prospectus, the relevant key investor information document and the latest report and accounts. The investment policy and process of the fund(s) may not be suitable for you are in any doubt about whether the fund's proposed that the fund's proposed the fund's proposed the fund's proposed the fund's proposed that the fund's provided without warranty or liability and may belong to a third party. In line with the fund's proposed that the fund is authorised to invest transferable securities and money market instruments issued or practical authorities, as third country, or a public in the fund is authorised to invest transferable securities and money market instruments. The fund(s) iss'are registered for distribution to the public in the UK but not in any other jurisdiction. The distribution of shares of sub-funds of Trojan Investment Fund ("Shares") in Switzerland is made exclusively to, and directed at, qualified investors", as defined in the Switzerland. The effect or invitation to subscribe for or purchase shares in Singapore is an exem