



# Trojan Fund (Ireland)

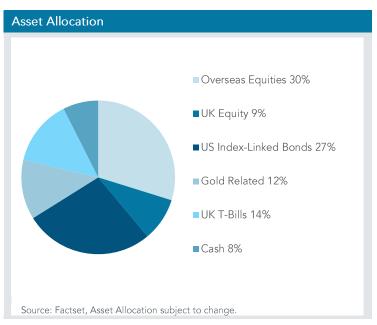
All data as at 31 July 2020

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The Fund seeks to achieve growth in capital, ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The Fund employs a long-term, long only approach and has the flexibility to invest across a broad range of asset classes, most commonly a combination of high-quality developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold related investments and cash.

Prices		<b>Fund Size</b>
1.4174 GBP O acc	1.3958 GBP O inc	£383m
1.4591 USD O acc	1.4328 USD O inc	
1.3035 EUR O acc	1.2835 EUR O inc	
1.4974 SGD O acc	1.4895 SGD O inc	





Total Return to 31 July 2020	13/02/2012 Since launch	31/07/15 5 years	31/07/17 3 years	31/07/19 1 year	31/01/20 6 months
Trojan Fund (Ireland) (O Acc GBP)	+41.7%	+35.3%	+14.7%	+5.7%	+4.1%
UK Official Bank Rate	+4.2%	+2.4%	+1.7%	+0.5%	+0.1%
UK Retail Price Index	+23.0%	+13.2%	+7.3%	+1.1%	+0.7%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2012#	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Trojan Fund (Ireland) (O Acc GBP)	-0.1%	-3.5%	+8.2%	+2.9%	+11.8%	+3.9%	-3.0%	+10.3%	+6.1%

Source: Lipper

## Past performance is not a guide to future performance

NB: Prior to its conversion on 29 March 2019 the Fund was a feeder fund called the Trojan Feeder Fund (Ireland).

# **July Commentary**

Your Fund (O Acc GBP) returned +1.1% during the month.

July 2020 marked a new all-time high for the gold price in dollar terms and the yellow metal has been an important contributor to the Fund's performance. Gold is an alternative currency, which resides outside the financial system and which is supply-constrained. It therefore offers an appealing alternative to fiat currencies, which can be printed ad infinitum. This characteristic is currently being put to the test in an unprecedented experiment, as policymakers worldwide ease monetary policy even further in order to manage the current crisis.

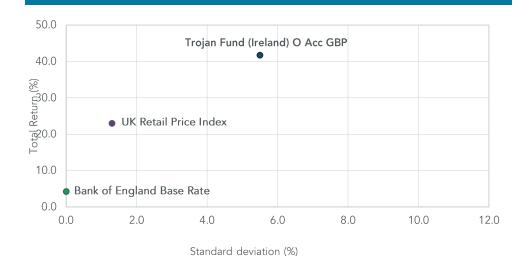
The immediate upshot of this has been nominal yields falling to the floor, both at the short end of the yield curve, thanks to interest rate cuts, and at the longer end thanks to asset purchases. The potential second-order effect of recent central bank and government policy is that inflation is more of a risk, particularly as fiscal stimulus puts this money to work in the real economy. Since mid-March breakeven rates of inflation have risen to reflect this.

The combination of these two factors means that real yields have fallen and in the case of the US 10-year bond, have fallen to -1%, the lowest on record. Whilst positive real yields create an opportunity cost to owning gold, gold provides

a unique store of value when real yields are negative. Given high levels of indebtedness worldwide, policymakers can ill-afford to allow real yields to rise.

Additionally, rising geopolitical tensions and dollar weakness have also contributed to gold's recent strength. Whilst we do not expect the latter to persist (at least versus sterling), geopolitics seem unlikely to become more benign. Such concerns have been critical in driving investor and central bank demand for gold. Together with negative real yields, they provide a backdrop which supports gold's continued ascent over the long term.

## Return vs volatility since launch (13/02/2012)



Risk analysis since launch (13/02/2012)	Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP
Total Return	+41.7%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-10.1%
Best Month	+4.9%
Worst Month	-4.7%
Positive Months	+61.4%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.5%

Source: Lipper<sup>1</sup> 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	7.7
Microsoft	5.4
Unilever	3.8
Alphabet	3.7
Nestlé	3.4
Diageo	2.9
Philip Morris	2.8
Visa	2.6
Franco-Nevada	2.4
Invesco Physical Gold ETC	2.3
Total Top 10	37.0
17 other holdings	40.7
UK T-Bills	14.1
Cash	8.2
TOTAL	100.0

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change

# Fund information

A copy of the latest Prospectus (in English) and the KIIDs for each class (in English and German) upon which you should base your investment decision, is available from Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Ltd, the Fund's Administrator and Registrar (Authorised and Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland) on (+353) 1 400 5300.

#### Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Funds (Ireland) plc UCITS authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland

#### Investment Manager

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 Currencies
 £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar\*,

 \*Hedged shareclass
 € Euro\*, \$ SGD\*

 Fund Launch Date
 13 February 2012

#### Benchmarks

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>

## **Ongoing Charges**

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.13%

#### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

#### **Dividend Pay Dates**

30 September (interim) 31 March (final)

#### Historic Fund Yield ('O' Inc GBP)

0.04%

#### Administrator

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## Minimum Investment

f Sterling, \$ US Dollar, € Euro, \$ SGD 250,000

(An initial charge of 5% applies, which may be waived)

#### Dealing

Daily at 11am (UK) Tel: (+353) 1 400 5300

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

# Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

#### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin branch

#### Bloomberg

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#### ISIN

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