



# Trojan Income Fund (Ireland)

All data as at 31 March 2023

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The Fund seeks to provide income with the potential for capital growth in the medium (3 to 5 years) term. The investment policy is to invest at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in UK equities and equity related securities.

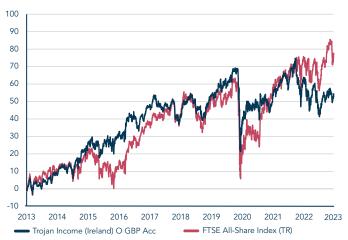
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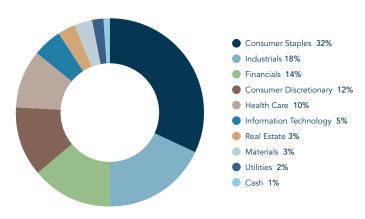
£50m

HISTORIC YIELD 2.8%

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 15/04/2013 TO 31/03/2023



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 31 March 2023	15/04/2013 Since launch	31/03/2018 5 years	31/03/2020 3 years	31/03/2022 1 year	30/09/2022 6 months
Trojan Income Fund (Ireland) (O Acc GBP)	+54.4%	+10.5%	+14.0%	-5.0%	+7.0%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+77.7%	+27.8%	+47.4%	+2.9%	+12.3%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Income Fund (Ireland) (O Acc GBP)	+6.3%	+9.7%	+10.5%	+9.9%	+6.1%	-7.2%	+20.0%	-10.0%	+15.4%	-12.8%	+1.9%

Source: Lipper

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

# March Commentary

The Fund produced a return of +0.3% during the month compared to a return of -2.8% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR), holding up well in a volatile month.

In March, markets witnessed the first major US bank run since the global financial crisis. In order to meet mounting requests from customers for their cash deposits, Silicon Valley Bank was forced to crystalise a \$1.8bn loss on its treasury portfolio, leading to a failed emergency equity raising and the ultimate collapse of the bank. In the ensuing days, other banks, including Signature Bank and Credit Suisse, suffered varying degrees of contagion. It seems that the crisis has been contained for now, but these events unsettled investors, with the FTSE All-Share Banks index drawing down -16.9% in the month.

Your Fund does not hold any banks, despite the sector being the third largest in the UK index. This was to our detriment in much of 2022 as investors focused on the increasing lending margins and profits that rising rates initially support. But we remain wary. Banks are by their very nature extremely levered - shareholders' equity represents just a wafer-thin sliver between the huge loans book and deposit base. Small changes in asset

values can result in large and sudden movements in the equity and thus share prices. The same volatility tends to hold for dividends from the sector too. In periods of stress, capital is retained to shore up balance sheets, and dividends thus often disappear.

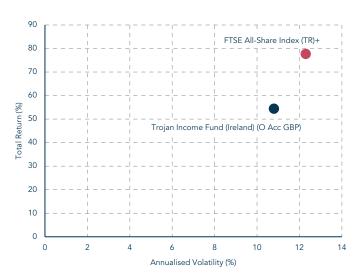
Conversely, we retain our preference for the steady compounders that can underpin the Fund's own resilient dividend growth. By way of example, we recently made a new investment in Roche, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical businesses and leading medical diagnostics company. In our view, Roche has robust intellectual property, an enviable track record of new drug innovation and a high-growth diagnostics business which combine to make it an attractive long-term investment. However, short-term pipeline uncertainty and post-Covid normalisation has resulted in recent share price weakness, meaning that today Roche shares are inexpensive, trading with an earnings yield\* of over 7% and dividend yield of 3.7%. If the company can return to delivering a defensive, mid-to-high single digit earnings growth, as we expect, then this represents an attractive opportunity to embed further resilient dividend growth into the portfolio.

\*A company's earnings yield represents its last 12-month earnings divided by its share price.





#### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH



Source: Lipper

#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (15/04/2013)	Trojan Income Fund (Ireland) <sup>O Acc GBP</sup>	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+54.4%	+77.7%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-28.2%	-35.3%
Best Month	+7.5%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-10.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+58.0%	+58.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+10.8%	+12.3%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period

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#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Unilever	7.5%
RELX	7.4%
Diageo	7.2%
Reckitt Benckiser	6.5%
Compass	4.4%
GSK	3.8%
Bunzl	3.4%
British American Tobacco	3.4%
Experian	3.3%
Nestlé	2.9%
Total	49.8%
31 other holdings	48.7%
Cash & Equivalent	1.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset, holdings subject to change.	

#### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



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#### **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.

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

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#### Administrator

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### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

#### **Dividend Pay Dates**

30 September (interim) 31 March (final)

#### Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares)

#### **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.

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

#### Depositary

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

# Dealing

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

Minimum Investment

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

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

IE00B943NN14 (GBP O Inc), IE00B8255S12 (GBP O Acc) IE00B96BR644 (USD O Inc), IE00B95WTH31 (USD O Acc) IE00B947ZW64 (EUR O Inc), IE00B96MWN96 (EUR O Acc) IE00BGM16D79 (SGD O Inc), IE00BGM16F93 (SGD O Acc)

# Bloomberg

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#### **Ongoing Charges**

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.14%

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





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