

# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Income Fund is to seek to achieve income with the potential for capital growth in the medium term (3 to 5 years). Its investment policy is to invest at least 80% of its assets in UK and overseas equities, including investment trusts and real estate investment trusts and equity-related securities. At least 60% of its assets will be invested in UK equities and equity-related securities. A maximum of 30% of its assets may also be invested in overseas equities and equity-related securities.

#### All data as at 30 June 2023

FUND SIZE

£283m

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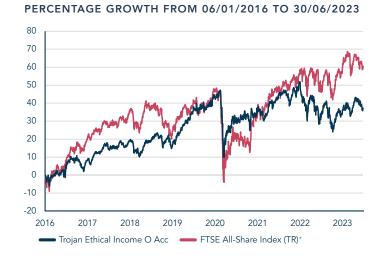
# ASSET ALLOCATION

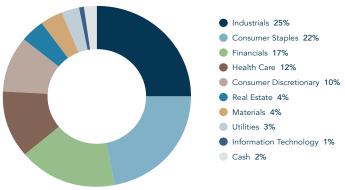
'O' accumulation shares 'O' income shares

113.14p

PRICES

137.09p





YIELD\*

2.7%

'O' income shares

\*historic dividend yield

Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 30 June 2023	06/01/ Since Lau		30/06/18 5 years		6/20 ears	30/06/22 1 year		31/12/22 6 months
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+37.19	%	+15.0%	+4.	9%	+4.8%		+2.3%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)⁺	+60.69	%	+16.5%	+33	.2%	+7.9%		+2.6%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	-6.0%	+12.1%	-11.2%	+2.3%
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# June Commentary

Your Fund returned -1.5% during the month compared to +1.0% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR) in what was a quiet month for portfolio news.

With another inflation surprise, rapidly followed by a larger than expected rate hike from the Bank of England, recessionary concerns came back into full force in the latter part of the month. UK sentiment seems to be hitting new lows as consumers and corporates worry about debt costs. We are not so downbeat.

For one, the UK market is not the UK economy. Your Fund, and the wider UK market, are overwhelmingly international with c.80% of revenues earned overseas. The goings on in the UK hold only minor relevance for the majority of the portfolio, such as global caterer Compass or international distributor Bunzl which make most of their profits in North America. Staples companies like Reckitt or Haleon are even more diverse – selling everyday products across numerous developed and emerging markets. In our view, the indiscriminate reduction of UK holdings by investors in recent years has led to many international businesses becoming enticingly cheaper. If we can buy more of these at discounts to peers listed elsewhere, that is all to the better.

For those companies heavily exposed to the UK economy, periods of declining market confidence are exactly when we sharpen our pencils on buying opportunities. We have spoken before about this potentially being the 'time of the incumbent' – a tougher environment for real growth and a higher cost of capital will favour established strong players over smaller, would-be disruptors. While some businesses may suffer from a tougher UK climate, the strong will fare better and can win share. We are confident we know, and own, some such companies.

And remember, it is never all bad news – amidst the negative headlines, Next plc surprised the market recently with an unscheduled positive update, noting strong demand driving higher than expected profits. If we are facing a downturn, we are reminded of a remark by Next's longstanding CEO during the Global Financial Crisis – 'it's been a recession, not Armageddon'. All past recessions have proven temporary and have typically provided a strong environment for subsequent returns. With the UK market trading at multi-decadal low valuations relative to other markets, we see ample reason for optimism.

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70 FTSE All Share Index (TR) 60 50 Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc Fotal Return (%) 40 30 20 10 0 0 2 4 8 10 12 14 6

Annualised Volatility (%)

**RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (06/01/2016)** 

Source: Lipper

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (06/01/16)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+37.1%	+60.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%
Best Month	+6.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+61.8%	+61.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+10.3%	+12.8%

<sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period

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

Source: Lipper

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#### 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.

Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Inv	estment Funds
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Fund Manager	Hugo Ure

Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	06 January 2016

## Authorised Corporate Director

Link Fund Solutions Limited Tel: 0345 300 2110

#### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

**Dividend Pay Dates** 30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

Historic Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares) 2.67%

#### 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>

Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

Auditor Ernst & Young LLP

## Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

RELX	7.4%
Unilever	6.9%
Reckitt Benckiser	5.6%
Compass Group	4.2%
Experian	3.8%
Nestlé	3.6%
Bunzl	3.5%
GSK	3.4%
CME Group	3.1%
Paychex	3.0%
Total Top 10	44.5%
32 Other Holdings	53.9%
Cash & Equivalent	1.6%
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



Signatory of:



Principles for Responsible Investment

Dealing

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ISIN

GB00BYMLFL45 (O Inc), GB00BYMLFK38 (O Acc) GB00BYMLFR07 (S Inc), GB00BYMLFQ99 (S Acc)

SEDOL BYMLFK3 (O Acc), BYMLFL4 (O Inc)

Bloomberg TEIFOAC\_LN (O Acc), TEIFOIN\_LN (O Inc)

Ongoing Charges (capped) 'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%

#### Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT





#### Important Information

Please refer to Troy's Glossary of Investment terms <u>here</u>. Fund performance data provided is calculated net of fees with income reinvested unless stated otherwise. All performance and income data is in relation to the stated share class, performance of other share classes may differ. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Overseas investments may be affected by movements in currency exchange rates. Investments in mid and smaller cap companies are higher risk than investments in larger companies. 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 yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the fund's price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. Any reference to benchmarks are for comparative purposes only. Tax legislation and the levels of relief from taxation can change at any time. Any change in the tax status of a Fund or in tax legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund or its ability to provide returns to its investors. The tax treatment of an investment, and any dividends received, will depend on the individual circumstances of the investor and may be subject to change in the future. The yield is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Any objective will be treated as a target only and should not be considered as an assurance or guarantee of performance of the Fund or any part of it. Neither the views nor the information contained within this document constitute investment advice or an offer to invest or to provide discretionary investment management services and should not

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