



# Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland)

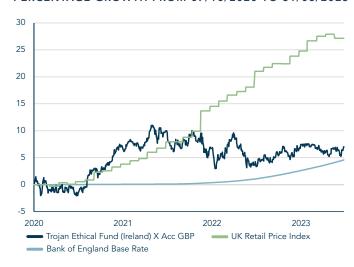
All data as at 31 August 2023

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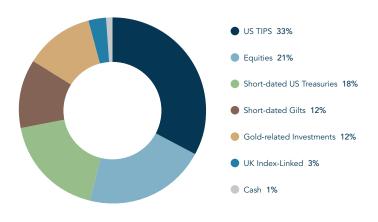
The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) is to provide capital growth (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). Its investment policy is to invest across a broad range of asset classes. Whilst asset allocation will vary, in general, the investment universe will comprise high-quality, developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold related investments, cash and money market instruments (such as treasury bills). The portfolio will be constructed with input from both top-down analysis (looking at an economy as a whole) and bottom-up analysis (study of individual securities). The Fund will invest in accordance with the parameters of its Ethical Exclusion Criteria.

PRICES		FUND SIZE
1.0299 EUR X Acc	1.0261 EUR X Inc	£7m
1.0706 GBP X Acc	1.0682 GBP X Inc	
1.0708 SGD X Acc	1.0802 SGD X Inc	
1.0778 USD X Acc	1.0720 USD X Inc	

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 07/10/2020 TO 31/08/2023



#### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 August 2023	07/10/20 Since Launch	31/08/22 1 year	28/02/23 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) (X Acc GBP)	+7.1%	-0.3%	+2.3%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+4.6%	+3.9%	+2.3%
UK Retail Price Index	+27.1%	+8.4%	+2.7%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2020*	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) (X Acc GBP)	-0.8%	+10.9%	-4.9%	+2.3%

\*from 7 October 2020 Source: Lipper

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### August Commentary

Your Fund (X Acc GBP) returned +0.3% during the month.

The past 18 months have witnessed a remarkable step up in the cost of capital. Whilst equity markets have not in aggregate moved to reflect the change, bond yields have risen markedly. The yield on the US 10-year Treasury Note rose above 4.3% in August, its highest level since November 2007. This is reflective of an increasingly widespread view that the Fed will be able to leave interest rates higher for longer thanks to the economy's resilience in the face of these higher rates. The narrative has shifted from one where rates are necessarily marching upwards to combat inflation, to one where rates can stabilise at a higher level because economic growth is resilient. The inflation piece of the narrative, as actual inflation is declining, is increasingly taking a back seat.

This is certainly what index-linked bond markets are saying. Both UK and US index-linked markets are reflecting higher nominal yields¹ but similar or slightly lower inflation to the start of the year. This has led real yields² (which are inversely related to prices) to rise. We have taken advantage of this by reinvesting some of our shortest-dated bonds into 3-year index-linked bonds, both UK and US. We have locked in a real yield of c. 2.6% on the US TIPS³ and a real yield of c. 1.6% on the UK index-linked bond. Holding to maturity, these will deliver a return of the real yield, plus whatever inflation turns out to be. This bird-in-the-hand return is particularly attractive at a time when equity markets are expensive. We expect that both economies, but particularly the UK where mortgages are typically fixed for 2-5 years, will be more sensitive to rates than markets expect. And as a result, it is probable that current interest rates can only be justified if inflation stays high. This is not in the price for index-linked bonds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Treasury Inflation Protected Securities



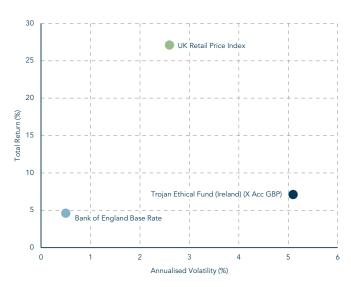
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The nominal yield is the stated interest rate of a bond.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The real yield, unlike the nominal yield, factors inflation into the equation, to give investors a more accurate measure of their return. For example, if a bond lists a 6% nominal yield and the inflation rate is 4%, then the real yield is actually only 2%.





#### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (07/10/2020)



Source: Lipper

#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (07/10/20)	Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP
Total Return	+7.1%
Max Drawdown <sup>4</sup>	-7.2%
Best Month	+3.6%
Worst Month	-2.9%
Positive Months	+58.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>5</sup>	+5.1%

<sup>4</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>5</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Royal Mint Physical Gold       3.0%         Visa       2.9%         Microsoft       2.7%         Unilever       2.3%         Alphabet       2.3%         Becton Dickinson       2.0%         Nestlé       1.9%         Experian       1.4%         Intuit       1.1%         Total Top 10       28.2%         5 Other Equity Holdings       4.3%         US TIPS       32.6%         Short-dated US Treasuries       18.2%         Short-dated Gilts       12.4%         UK Index-Linked       3.0%         Cash       1.3%	,	
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#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**





#### **FUND INFORMATION**

A copy of the latest Prospectus (in English) and the KIIDs / KIDs for each class (in English) 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

Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: busdev@taml.co.uk

 Fund Manager
 Charlotte Yonge

 Currency
 £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar\*,

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

**Launch Date** 7 October 2020

#### Administrator

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited Tel: (+353) 1 400 5300

#### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

#### Dividend Pay Dates

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

#### Dividend Yield

('X' Inc GBP shares) 0.25%

#### 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 (Ireland) Limited

#### Auditor

Grant Thornton

#### 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 1,000

### Bloomberg

TROEXGA\_ID (X Acc GBP), TROEXGI\_ID (X Inc GBP)

#### SINs

IEO0BMC49P13 (GBP X Inc), IEO0BMC49N98 (GBP X Acc)
IEO0BMC49T50 (USD X Inc), IEO0BMC49S44 (USD X Acc)
IEO0BMC49M81 (EUR X Inc), IEO0BMC49L74 (EUR X Acc)
IEO0BMC49R37 (SGD X Inc), IEO0BMC49Q20 (SGD X Acc)

#### Ongoing Charges (capped)

'X' shares: 1.00%





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