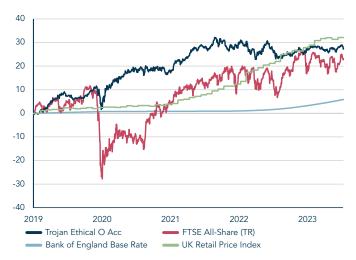


# Trojan Ethical Fund

The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund 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.

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 30/09/2023

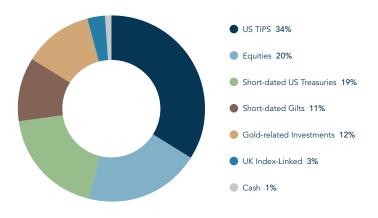


## All data as at 30 September 2023

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PRICESFUND SIZE127.39p127.29p£789m'O' accumulation shares'O' income shares

ASSET ALLOCATION



## Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 30 September 2023	22/03/19 Since Launch	30/09/20 3 years	30/09/22 1 year	31/03/23 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+27.4%	+7.8%	+2.4%	+0.0%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+5.9%	+5.0%	+4.1%	+2.4%
UK Retail Price Index	+32.1%	+28.0%	+8.3%	+2.6%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+23.1%	+39.8%	+13.8%	+1.4%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021 2022	2023 YTD

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+2.0%

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

# September Commentary

Your Fund returned -0.5% during the month compared to +1.8% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

'Higher [interest rates] for longer' is the ongoing market backdrop. The march up in bond yields, which began three years ago, continues at breakneck speed. The United States 10-year Treasury yield has risen to 4.8%, a level not seen since September 2007, prior to the financial crisis. This is a confirmation, if one were needed, that we have returned to a more normal interest rate environment and have (perhaps?) left behind the zero-bound era, which has been so supportive of asset prices over the past decade.

The US 10-year Treasury yield is the most important metric in global finance, dictating the medium to long-term price of credit and the cost of capital for businesses globally. This is signalling the return to more sober times, as debt becomes less affordable and valuations for asset prices begin to normalise. These prevailing tighter monetary conditions make the probability of recession considerably higher, with a greater lag than normal in a post-pandemic economy, buoyed by pent-up savings and ultra-long fixed rate mortgages<sup>1</sup>. The current market consensus is for a soft landing in the U.S. We remain sceptical. This view seems premature as we are witnessing the most aggressive tightening of monetary policy since the 1970s, which only began in early 2022. Traditional economic rules have not been suspended, just delayed. Lags in the impact of monetary policy mean we are only witnessing the effects of interest rates of a year ago (2-3%), not the 5%+ rates put in place by central banks in July and August. While coincident indicators remain solid, leading indicators such as bank loan growth continue to slow.

Stock markets remain vulnerable to falling profits that result from weaker demand, combined with a rising discount rate on those profits. This explains our current defensive positioning.



#### 35 UK Retail Price Index 30 Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc 25 FTSE All Share Index (TR) Fotal Return (%) 20 15 10 Bank of England Bank Base Rate 5 0 0 2 4 14 6 8 10 12 16 Annualised Volatility (%)

**RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (22/03/2019)** 

Source: Lipper

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+27.4%	+23.1%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+63.0%	+61.1%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+5.4%	+14.6%

<sup>2</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>3</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

Source: Lipper Past performance is not a guide to future performance

## 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 at www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

Structure Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS 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	
Launch Date	22 March 2019	

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)

Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares) 0.08%

#### 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

(EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.6%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.0%
Visa	2.9%
Nestlé	2.8%
Microsoft	2.7%
Unilever	2.3%
Alphabet	2.3%
Becton Dickinson	1.9%
Experian	1.4%
Procter & Gamble	1.1%
Total Top 10	29.0%
5 Other Equity Holdings	3.2%
US TIPS	33.6%
Short-dated US Treasuries	19.2%
Short-dated Gilts	10.5%
UK Index-Linked	3.0%
Cash	1.5%
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**





## Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### ISIN

GB00BJP0XY24 (O Inc), GB00BJP0XX17 (O Acc) GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), GB00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)

SEDOL BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1 (O Acc) BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3 (S Acc)

#### Bloomberg

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

## Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT



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