



All data as at 30 November 2023

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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.

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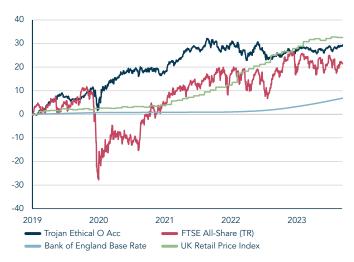
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fund size £794m

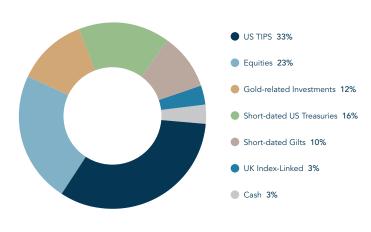
'O' accumulation shares

O' income share

### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 30/11/2023



#### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 30 November 2023	22/03/19 Since Launch	30/11/20 3 years	30/11/22 1 year	31/05/23 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+29.4%	+9.5%	+3.9%	+1.4%
Bank of England Base Rate	+6.8%	+6.0%	+4.6%	+2.6%
UK Retail Price Index	+32.6%	+28.7%	+5.4%	+0.7%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+21.6%	+27.3%	+1.8%	+1.6%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.2%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+3.6%

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2023

#from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

## November Commentary

Your Fund returned +1.2% during the month compared to +3.0% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

November saw a reversal in interest rate expectations in both the UK and US on the back of lower inflation. The move in the bond market was most pronounced in the US, with the 10-year Treasury yield falling from 5% in October to 4.3% at the end of November. The unwinding of extreme short positions is likely an important driver behind the magnitude of this change. Real yields have fallen as a result, which has driven a positive contribution from our index-linked bonds this month.

During past couple of months, we have added to our holding in Nestlé. Its share price has suffered recently at the hand of a number of sector-wide pressures, namely (and until recently) higher bond yields, along with the quite separate issue of weight-loss drugs, and investor concern about how widespread adoption of these drugs might impact on consumer eating habits. The shares have de-rated sharply from 27x at the start of last year (when we were taking profits) to 19x today. We have increased our holding in Nestlé from below 2% of the Fund at the end of August to 3.3% end-November. As ever, with such episodes of

weakness, there is never just one catalyst; usually there is a confluence of factors which combine to create a gloomy narrative that can run away from the facts. The concerns over weight-loss drugs seem to have captured the market's imagination in particular, even though a cool-headed appraisal suggests a negligible impact. Our analysis of the drugs, which do represent a major medical breakthrough, suggests several gating factors to widespread adoption, namely cost and patient compliance given side-effects. Meanwhile, in the most relevant market of the US, Nestlé's sales to categories which might be exposed are probably a single-digit % of the group. In our view, this represents the opportunity to add to exposure to a well-managed consumer goods company with strong long-term growth drivers, in the form of coffee and pet care in particular (a combined c. 40% of group sales).





#### 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	+29.4%	+21.6%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+64.3%	+60.7%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.3%	+14.6%

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

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

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

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.9%
Nestlé	3.3%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.2%
Microsoft	3.1%
Unilever	3.0%
Visa	3.0%
Alphabet	2.2%
Becton Dickinson	1.7%
Experian	1.4%
Procter & Gamble	1.2%
Total Top 10	31.1%
5 Other Equity holdings	3.9%
US TIPS	32.8%
Short-dated US Treasuries	16.0%
Short-dated Gilts	9.7%
UK Index-Linked	3.2%
Cash	3.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**





#### **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.

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

Dividend Ex Dates

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Fund Manager	Charlotte Yonge
Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	22 March 2019

Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares)	0.08%
Benchmarks	
refer to the 'use o	tion on the benchmarks used please of benchmarks' section in the fund t, available from our <u>website</u>
Registrar Link Fund Admini	istrators Limited
Auditor	
Ernst & Young LL	D

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ISIN	
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BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3	
Bloomberg TROETOA LN (O Acc) TRO	DETOI LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges (cappe	d)
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.02%
'S' (charity) shares:	0.77%





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