

Trojan Fund

The investment objective of the Trojan Fund is to seek to achieve growth in capital (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The policy is to invest globally in government and public securities (such as sovereign debt and treasury bills), corporate bonds, equities and equity-related securities, private equity, precious metals, cash, cash equivalents and deposits.

PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2001 TO 31/12/2023



All data as at 31 December 2023

FUND SIZE

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Cash 3%

Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 December 2023		31/05/01 nce Launc		31/12/13 10 years		/12/18 years		12/20 vears	31/1 1 y	2/22 ear	30/06 6 mo	
Trojan Fund O Inc		+327.3%		+68.0%	+	31.8%	+1	0.8%	+2.	7%	+2.2	2%
Bank of England Base Rate		+59.4%		+9.9%	-	+7.5%	+6	5.4%	+4.	8%	+2.0	5%
UK Retail Price Index		+116.6%		+48.9%	+	32.1%	+2	7.7%	+4.	7%	+0.2	2%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*		+230.8%		+68.2%	+	37.7%	+2	8.1%	+7.	9%	+5.2	2%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2001#	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	+0.6%	+4.1%	+15.4%	+10.3%	+15.9%	+12.0%	+6.1%	+1.1%	+11.6%	+14.4%	+8.5%	+2.1%
Trojan Fund O Inc	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	+12.1%	-3.8%	+2.7%	

PRICES

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

December Commentary

Your Fund returned +1.7% during the month compared to +4.5% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

We often talk of the nature of bull markets and bear markets. Bull markets are characterised by *"climbing the stairs and falling down the lift"*. Big price falls occur in bull markets. Historic examples include the 1987 crash in the case of equities or 1994 in the case of a material bond market correction.

Bear markets tend to be marked by gradual falls in prices with sharp squeezes higher. These outsized jumps in share prices are usually the effect of investors who <u>short</u> the market (or individual equities) buying back stock when there is little liquidity. As a result, and somewhat paradoxically, this means that the largest upward price moves tend to occur during bear markets, not bull markets.

After a more than forty-year bull market in bonds, which peaked in the summer of 2020, the bond market is behaving true to the bear market playbook. Bond yields ground higher (prices fell) for most of 2023, with the US 10-year Treasury yield peaking at 5% in October - a yield not seen since 2007. Since then, we

have experienced a counter-trend move, as the yields fell back to 4%. This has supported other asset classes temporarily, but it may be a bear market trap to suck in the unwary. The price action experienced over the past couple of months makes it more (not less) likely that the 1981-2020 bull market for bonds is over, with all the implications that this entails.

With the interest rate cycle peaking, and talk of interest rate cuts in 2024, we can see the temptation to embrace duration in nominal bonds. We continue to prefer index-linked bonds, given our view that inflation will remain structurally higher than has been the norm over the past couple of decades. With this backdrop, nominal bond yields are likely to exhibit volatility and we do not expect a return towards zero over the long run.



RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (31/05/2001)

Source: Lipper

100

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Bank of England Base Rate

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Annualised Volatility (%)

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16

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RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis since launch (31/05/01)	Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+327.3%	+230.8%
Max Drawdown ¹	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+65.7%	+59.0%
Annualised Volatility ²	+6.1%	+13.7%

¹ Measures the worst investment period

² Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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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 Waystone Management (UK) Limited, the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director, (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) at <u>www.waystone.com</u>. **The Trojan Fund is closed to new direct investments, but is still available to new investors through major fund platforms.**

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Currency	£ Sterling					
Launch Date	31 May 2001					

Waystone Management (UK) Limited Tel: 0345 608 0950 **Dividend Ex Dates** 1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

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

Historic Dividend Yield ('O' Inc 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 Limited

Auditor Ernst & Young LLP

Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT B

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iShares Physical Gold	6.2%
Invesco Physical Gold	5.1%
Unilever	3.7%
Nestlé	3.0%
Visa	2.9%
Diageo	2.3%
Microsoft	2.0%
Alphabet	1.9%
Becton Dickinson	1.8%
Procter & Gamble	1.6%
Total Top 10	30.6%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.2%
US TIPS	34.8%
Short-dated US Treasuries	11.8%
Short-dated Gilts	10.4%
UK Index-Linked	3.3%
Cash	2.9%
Total	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

FUND MANAGER AWARDS



Principles for Responsible Investment

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



Signatory of:



Dealing Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

ISIN

GB0034243732 (O Inc), GB00B01BP952 (O Acc) GB00B05M9T27 (S Inc), GB00B05M9S10 (S Acc)

SEDOL B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373 (O Inc)

Bloomberg

CFTROJA_LN (O Acc), CFTROJI_LN (O Inc)

Ongoing Charges	
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.01%
'S' (charity) shares:	0.76%

Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT





Important Information

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