



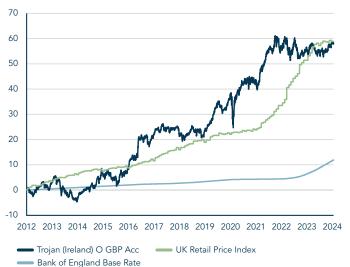
## Trojan Fund (Ireland)

Marketing Communication
All data as at 29 February 2024

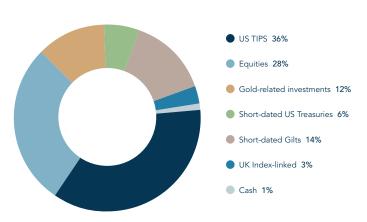
The Fund seeks to achieve growth in capital, ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The Fund employs a long-term, long only approach and has the flexibility to invest across a broad range of asset classes, most commonly a combination of high-quality developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold related investments and cash.

# PRICES FUND SIZE 1.5781 GBP O Acc 1.5522 GBP O Inc 1.6345 USD O Acc 1.6032 USD O Inc 1.3811 EUR O Acc 1.3581 EUR O Inc

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 13/02/2012 TO 29/02/2024



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 29 February 2024	13/02/2012 Since launch	28/02/2014 10 years	28/02/2019 5 years	28/02/2021 3 years	28/02/2023 1 year	31/08/2023 6 months
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP	+57.8%	+61.2%	+28.0%	+12.6%	+2.9%	+1.6%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+38.1%	+42.8%	+19.7%	+7.7%	+1.2%	+0.8%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc USD¹	+63.5%	+67.8%	+30.9%	+13.3%	+3.1%	+1.6%
Bank of England Base Rate	+11.9%	+10.8%	+8.3%	+7.3%	+5.0%	+2.6%
UK Retail Price Index	+58.8%	+48.7%	+32.6%	+27.7%	+3.7%	+0.4%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP	-0.1%	-3.5%	+8.2%	+2.9%	+11.8%	+3.9%	-3.0%	+10.3%	+7.2%	+11.8%	-3.9%	+2.5%	+0.1%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	-0.6%	-4.0%	+7.8%	+2.1%	+10.2%	+2.6%	-4.3%	+8.7%	+6.2%	+10.9%	-5.6%	+0.8%	-0.2%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc USD¹	+0.0%	-3.9%	+7.8%	+2.4%	+11.6%	+5.0%	-1.6%	+11.9%	+7.7%	+11.8%	-3.6%	+2.9%	+0.1%

Source: Lipper

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

NB: Prior to its conversion on 29 March 2019 the Fund was a feeder fund called the Trojan Feeder Fund (Ireland).

## February Commentary

Your Fund (O Acc GBP) returned -0.5% during the month.

Whilst the UK market is down this year, the S&P 500 has made new alltime highs. For the first time since 1971, it has posted a weekly gain in 16 out of the past 18 weeks. This latest winning streak began in the autumn with expectations for numerous interest rate cuts in 2024. But even as expectations for easier monetary policy have fallen, stocks have continued to rise. Whether it's Nvidia's earnings, or the volte-face in optimism surrounding the US economy, investors seem predisposed to be bullish. Bank of America's Global Fund Manager Survey in February captures the mood. 90% of respondents expect the economy to experience either a soft or no landing in 2024, whilst only 4% expect higher interest rates.

We would suggest that investors face greater uncertainty than this. On a recent podcast, credit strategist Jim Reid pointed out that the next few months represent something of a 'snipers' alley' when it comes to recession

risk. This is due to the lagged effect of monetary policy, with the risk today much greater than this time a year ago. On the flip side, there is also the risk that rates remain higher than markets expect. Not only should this impact on the cost of capital for equities but a more sustained, restrictive environment for rate increases the risk of a worse outcome for the economy.

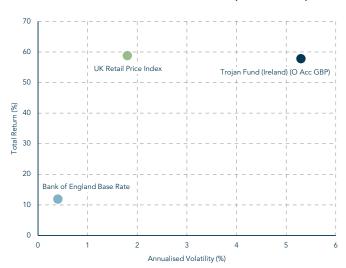
In spite of optimism at the market level, we are starting to find pockets of opportunity. We added this month to the Fund's holding in Heineken. The business continues to contend with macroeconomic headwinds in endmarkets such as Nigeria and Vietnam, whilst management recently unnerved the market by issuing a wide range of guidance for the year ahead (1-9% earnings growth). This uncertainty (or honesty) has caused a further de-rating in the shares, offering longer-term investors the chance to add. We remain confident in the strength of the management team and the business's ability to grow its cash flows attractively over the long run.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hedged. Differences in interest rates may contribute to differences in performance between share classes.





#### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (13/02/2012)



Source: Lipper

#### RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis since launch (13/02/2012)	Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP
Total Return	+57.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-10.1%
Best Month	+4.9%
Worst Month	-4.7%
Positive Months	+60.4%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+5.3%

- <sup>2</sup> Measures the worst investment period
- <sup>3</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

iShares Physical Gold	6.4%
Invesco Physical Gold	5.3%
Unilever	3.9%
Visa	3.3%
Nestlé	2.8%
Diageo	2.7%
Microsoft	2.3%
Heineken	2.2%
Alphabet	1.9%
Becton Dickinson	1.9%
Total Top 10	32.7%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.8%
US TIPS	36.1%
Short-dated Gilts	13.8%
Short-dated US Treasuries	6.5%
UK Index-linked	3.4%
Cash	0.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset, holdings subject to change.	

#### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**







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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

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

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**Fund Manager** Sebastian Lyon Assistant Fund Manager Charlotte Yonge

£ Sterling, \$ US Dollar\*, Currency \*Hedged shareclass € Euro\*, \$ SGD\*

Launch Date 13 February 2012

#### 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)

## Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares) 0.12%

#### **Benchmarks**

For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our website

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

Auditor Grant Thornton

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 250,000

(An initial charge of 5% applies, which may be waived)

#### Bloomberg

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#### **Ongoing Charges**

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.09%





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