

# Trojan Ethical Income Fund

The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Income Fund is to seek to achieve income with the potential for capital growth in the medium term (3 to 5 years). Its investment policy is to invest at least 80% of its assets in UK and overseas equities, including investment trusts and real estate investment trusts and equity-related securities. At least 60% of its assets will be invested in UK equities and equity-related securities. A maximum of 30% of its assets may also be invested in overseas equities and equity-related securities.

#### All data as at 31 March 2024

FUND SIZE

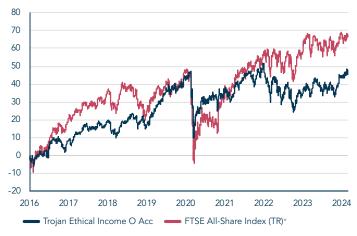
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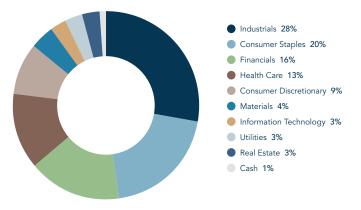
PRICES YIELD\* 147.28p 118.21p 2.8% 'O' accumulation shares 'O' income shares

'O' income shares \*historic dividend yield

PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 06/01/2016 TO 31/03/2024



### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 31 March 2024	06/01	1/16	31/03/	19	31/03/21		31/03/23	:	30/09/23	
	Since L	Since Launch		5 years			1 year		6 months	
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+47.	.3%	+16.6	%	+9.3%		+7.3%		+6.2%	
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)+	+74.	.9%	+30.3	%	+26.1%		+8.4%		+6.9%	
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2016#	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD	
Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	+8.0%	+10.2%	-2.9%	+23.9%	-6.0%	+12.1%	-11.2%	+8.2%	+1.6%	
*© FTSE International Limited 2024									Source: Lippe	

#from 6 January 2016

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# March Commentary

Your Fund returned +1.2% during the month compared to +4.8% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR). Following a soft start to the year, UK equities rallied sharply in March.

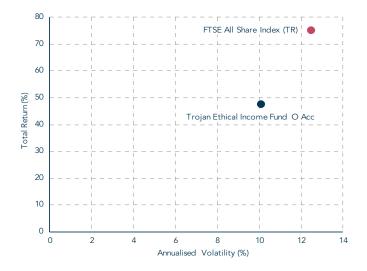
With global GDP remaining robust and inflation sticky, certain cyclical areas of the market were particularly buoyant. This included strong returns from energy and mining stocks, which your fund is excluded from investing in by the Ethical Criteria. Banks, a sector which the fund also avoids, were similarly strong. At the same time, some of the more defensive sectors, such as consumer staples and utilities, underperformed. Reckitt shares declined for a second consecutive month, impacted by market concerns about litigation charges in the US against a minor product line in its Mead Johnson infant formula business. While there is uncertainty over the scale of any potential charges, this is balanced against a notably depressed valuation. We continue to hold the shares, having long been attracted to Reckitt's strong portfolio of brands, the vast majority of which sit outside the Mead Johnson business.

Several more portfolio companies reported full year 2023 results over the period and we have been impressed by their collective resilience and progress. This includes testing and assurance company Intertek which, following an extended period of pandemic-related disruption, delivered strong organic sales growth as well as record earnings in the year. With its robust margins and high incremental returns on capital, Intertek is typical of the high-quality, cash-generative company we like. The growth outlook is healthy, with the company exposed to many positive structural trends, including sustainability accreditation and auditing, renewable energy, and electrification. In a world of increasing regulation, Intertek's globally recognised brand and reputation provide a valuable stamp of quality assurance for thousands of companies and their customers alike.

Intertek's shares had been sluggish, which provided us with opportunities to add to the holding at attractive prices in 2023. Following its recent rally, the shares trade at a c.5% free cash flow yield which supports a c.3% dividend yield, a rating that looks attractive when compared to its historical range. Given the strong quality profile of the business and its ability to grow at a healthy rate, we feel positive about the ability of the shares to compound into the long term.



### **RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (06/01/2016)**



Source: Lipper

## RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis since launch (06/01/16)	Trojan Ethical Income Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+47.3%	+74.9%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-25.4%	-35.3%
Best Month	+6.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-9.1%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+62.2%	+62.2%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+10.1%	+12.5%

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

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

Source: Lipper

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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 www.waystone.com.

2.76%

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 Limited

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Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	06 January 2016

Authorised Corporate Director Waystone Management (UK) Limited

Tel: 0345 608 0950

# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Unilever	7.0%
RELX	6.8%
Reckitt Benckiser	4.7%
Experian	4.5%
GSK	4.2%
Bunzl	3.9%
National Grid	3.3%
Nestlé	3.3%
Novartis	3.3%
LSEG	3.2%
Total Top 10	44.2%
29 Other Equity holdings	54.9%
Cash	0.9%
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



# The Net Zero Asset

#### Signatory of:



# Managers initiative

## Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### ISIN

GB00BYMLFL45 (O Inc), GB00BYMLFK38 (O Acc) GB00BYMLFR07 (S Inc), GB00BYMLFQ99 (S Acc)

SEDOL BYMLFK3 (O Acc), BYMLFL4 (O Inc)

Bloomberg TEIFOAC\_LN (O Acc), TEIFOIN\_LN (O Inc)

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

#### Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

Depositary

Ernst & Young LLP

Registrar

Auditor

**Dividend Ex Dates** 

**Dividend Pay Dates** 

Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares)

Benchmarks

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited



#### Important Information

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