



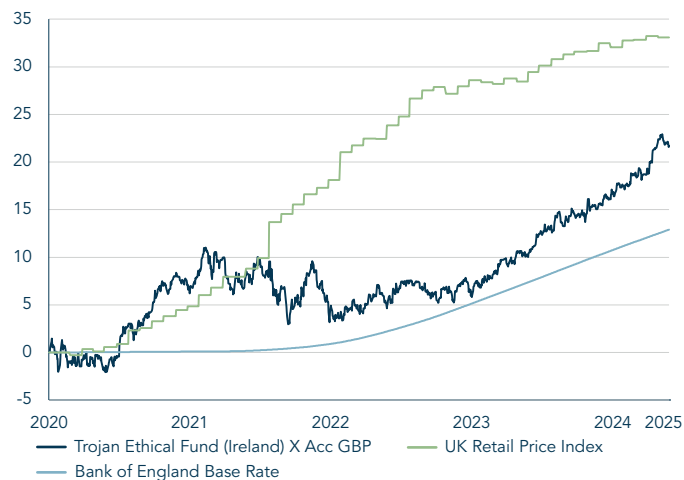
# Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland)

**Marketing Communication**  
All data as at 28 February 2025  
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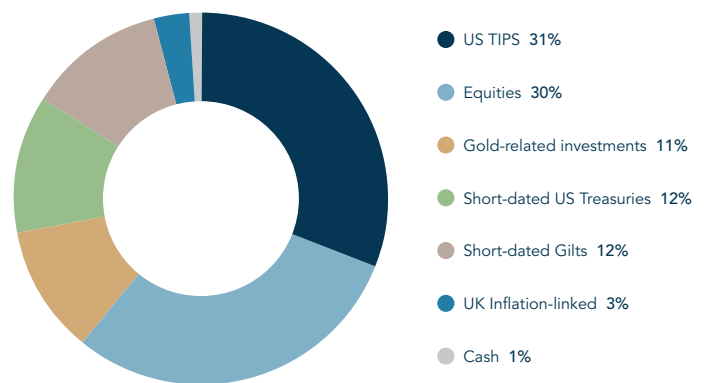
The investment objective of the Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) is to provide capital growth (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). Its investment policy is to invest across a broad range of asset classes. Whilst asset allocation will vary, in general, 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.

PRICES		FUND SIZE
1.1427 EUR X Acc	1.1186 EUR X Inc	£17m
1.2171 GBP X Acc	1.1932 GBP X Inc	
1.2241 USD X Acc	1.1967 USD X Inc	

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 07/10/2020 TO 28/02/2025



## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 28 February 2025	07/10/20 Since Launch	28/02/22 3 year	29/02/24 1 year	31/08/24 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	+21.7%	+12.5%	+10.6%	+5.3%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	+22.4%	+13.2%	+10.5%	+5.1%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+14.3%	+6.9%	+8.8%	+4.3%
Bank of England Base Rate	+12.9%	+12.7%	+5.1%	+2.4%
UK Retail Price Index	+33.1%	+22.3%	+2.8%	+0.5%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	-0.8%	+10.0%	-4.9%	+4.9%	+8.1%	+2.5%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	-0.8%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+8.0%	+2.5%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	-0.9%	+8.9%	-6.5%	+3.2%	+6.4%	+2.2%

Source: Lipper

\*from 7 October 2020

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

**Past performance is not a guide to future performance.**

## February Commentary

Your Fund (X Acc GBP) returned -0.6% during the month.

Last month marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of holding gold bullion within Troy's Multi-Asset Strategy. Over the past two decades, despite many sceptics, the gold price has risen +901% or 12.2% per annum. This compares with the MSCI World Equity index return for the same period of +11% p.a. and +7% p.a. for the FTSE All Share Index (source: Bloomberg, all figures are for sterling returns).

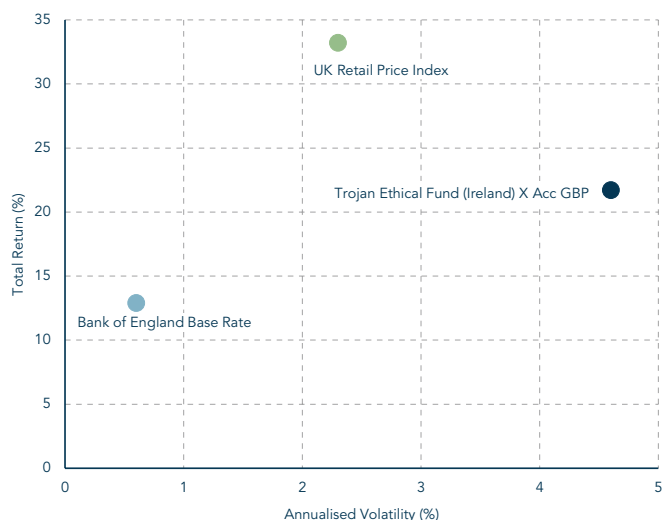
Back in early 2005, at \$424oz., gold had been dull for decades. A prolonged period of positive real interest rates during the 1980s and 1990s, led to few reasons to hold bullion, as a world of 'sound money' prevailed. By the mid-2000s the world was changing. US interest rates had been slashed to 1% after the recession that followed the dotcom bust. With hindsight, this marked the beginning of unorthodox monetary policy. We entered an era of zero interest rates and quantitative easing (QE) after the global financial crisis. Real interest rates collapsed and we witnessed ongoing [debasement](#) of currencies.

The Covid pandemic led to a new chapter in unorthodox policy, which included not only QE but aggressive fiscal stimulus. The result was the growth in monetary aggregates (i.e. M2) and the inflation that followed in 2022 and 2023. Yet the key development regarding gold was the breakdown in its correlation with real interest rates in 2022, with the freezing of Russia's foreign exchange reserves after the invasion of Ukraine. Consequently, central banks around the world have reappraised their reliance on dollar-based reserves and added to their gold, driving up the price from \$2,000oz. to almost \$3,000oz. We have modestly decreased the holding of gold bullion into this recent strength. The shifting tides in geopolitics indicate we are entering a new post-war era. Since 1989, and the fall of the Berlin Wall, the world economy has benefitted from globalisation and a period of 'guns to ploughshares'. It would appear those trends are now, regrettably, in reverse.

Gold has provided the portfolio with essential portfolio insurance and diversification in a crisis-prone world. Please find Troy's recent insights paper on Gold [here](#).



## RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (07/10/2020)



Source: Lipper

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	7.4%
Visa	3.8%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.8%
Alphabet	3.6%
Unilever	3.5%
Nestlé	2.9%
Experian	2.2%
Microsoft	2.1%
VeriSign	1.9%
Agilent	1.4%
<b>Total Top 10</b>	<b>32.7%</b>
9 Other Equity holdings	8.4%
US TIPS	31.4%
Short-dated US Treasuries	11.8%
Short-dated Gilts	11.4%
UK Inflation-linked	2.9%
Cash	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis since launch (07/10/20)	Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP
Total Return	+21.7%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-7.2%
Best Month	+3.6%
Worst Month	-2.9%
Positive Months	+65.4%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+4.6%

<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 MANAGER AWARDS



## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



## FUND INFORMATION

A copy of the latest Prospectus (in English) and the KIIDs / KIDs for each class (in English) upon which you should base your investment decision, is available from Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited, 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

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### Fund Manager

Charlotte Yonge

### Currency

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

### Launch Date

7 October 2020

### Administrator

Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited  
Tel: (+353) 1 400 5300

### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

### Dividend Pay Dates

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

### Dividend Yield

(\*X' Inc GBP shares) 1.73%

### 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](#)

### Registrar

Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited

### Auditor

Grant Thornton

### Depository

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 1,000

### Bloomberg

TROEXGA\_ID (X Acc GBP), TROEXGI\_ID (X Inc GBP)

### ISINs

IE00BMC49P13 (GBP X Inc), IE00BMC49N98 (GBP X Acc)  
IE00BMC49T50 (USD X Inc), IE00BMC49S44 (USD X Acc)  
IE00BMC49M81 (EUR X Inc), IE00BMC49L74 (EUR X Acc)  
IE00BMC49R37 (SGD X Inc), IE00BMC49O20 (SGD X Acc)

### Ongoing Charges (capped)

\*X' shares: 1.00%



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