



# Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 31 December 2021

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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.

## Prices

**130.94p**

'O' accumulation shares

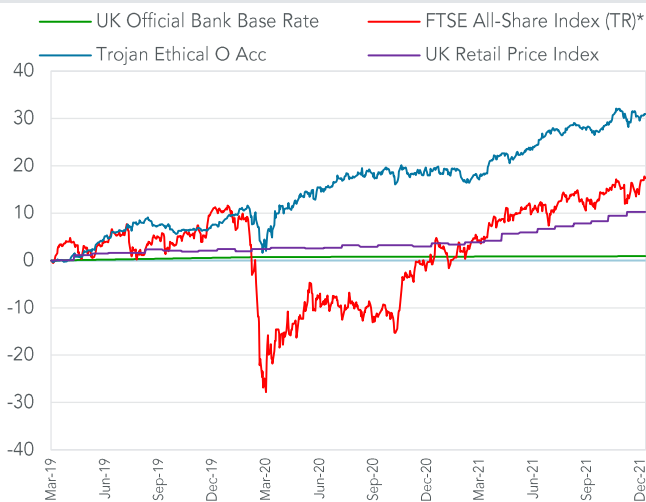
**130.69p**

'I' income shares

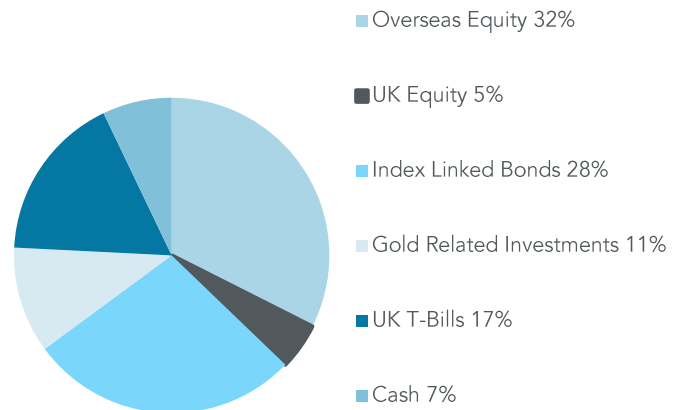
## Fund Size

**£557m**

### Percentage Growth from 22/03/2019 to 31/12/2021



### Asset Allocation



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 31 December 2021	22/03/19 Since launch	31/12/21 1 year	30/06/21 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+30.9%	+10.1%	+5.3%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+0.9%	+0.1%	+0.1%
UK Retail Price Index	+10.3%	+6.4%	+3.4%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+17.3%	+18.3%	+6.5%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	+10.1%

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#from 22 March 2019

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Source: Lipper

### December Commentary

Your Fund returned +0.9% during the month compared to +4.7% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Over the calendar year 2021, your Fund returned 10.1% compared to 18.3% for the FTSE All Share Index. The Fund's return was achieved with less than 50% equity exposure throughout the year.

Careful equity selection continued to drive returns with the strongest contribution to performance coming from Alphabet (+67%) and Microsoft (+54%). Both companies continued to deliver strong revenue and profit growth. Despite these robust returns, Microsoft ended the year on a similar price to earnings valuation<sup>#</sup> to the start of the year, while Alphabet's price to earnings valuation fell. Nestlé performed strongly during the year with a total return of (+23%).

American Express (+38%) was a strong contributor to returns as the share price performance reflected increased consumer spending, a rebound in worldwide travel and entertainment spend from

depressed levels seen in 2020 and a more favourable backdrop for consumer credit conditions as expected write-downs failed to materialise.

Ironically perhaps, in the second year of a pandemic, one of the few stocks to detract from performance was a medical device company. Medtronic (-9%) failed to perform but it should recover once demand normalises for hospital procedures. Gold (-3%) also failed to shine in 2021. Its performance must be seen in the context of a strongly rising equity market, as well as two very strong years for the gold price, rising from just over \$1200 start-2019 to over \$2000 in August 2020. We believe gold will continue to offer unique protection against fiat currency debasement.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, our choice of Index-Linked over conventional bonds proved propitious. Nominal yields\* rose but this was more than offset by future inflation expectations

rising. As a result, our index-linked bonds contributed positively.

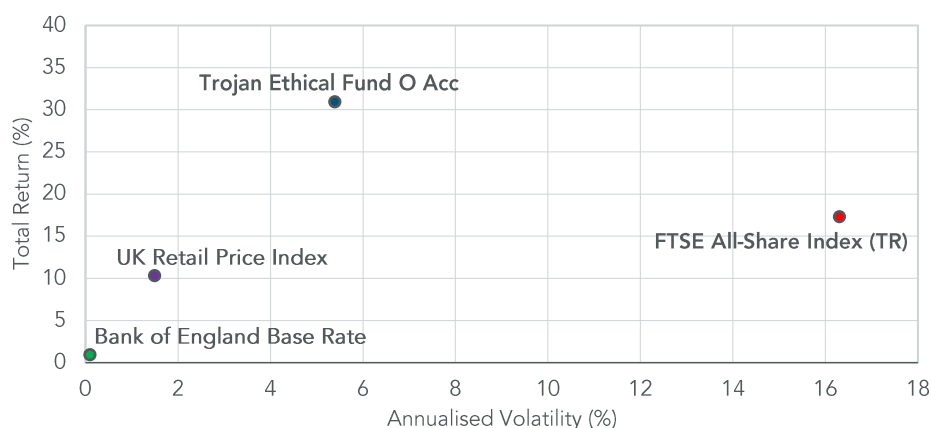
As we ended the year, November's inflation figures made uncomfortable reading. UK RPI reached +7.1% (year over year), the highest since 1991, while the US CPI was +6.8%, a level not seen since 1982. We remain firmly in an era of financial repression and negative real interest rates\*\*. We do not necessarily expect these inflationary forces to be transitory and expect the investment environment to become more challenging as a result.

\*A bond's nominal yield, depicted as a percentage, is calculated by dividing all the annual interest payments by the face, or par, value of the bond.

\*\*Where the rate of interest is below the rate of inflation.

#Price to earnings is calculated by dividing the company's share price by its earnings per share.

## Return vs volatility since launch (22/03/2019)



Source: Lipper

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+30.9%	+17.3%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.0%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+69.7%	+63.6%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.4%	+16.3%

Source: Lipper 1. Measures the worst investment period<sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns**Past performance is not a guide to future performance**

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Invesco Physical Gold	8.0
Microsoft	5.7
Alphabet	5.4
Visa	4.3
WisdomTree Physical Gold	2.9
Nestlé	2.9
Medtronic	2.8
Unilever	2.7
American Express	2.5
Mastercard	2.1
<b>Total Top 10</b>	<b>39.1</b>
6 other equity holdings	9.0
Index-Linked Bonds	27.7
UK T-Bills	17.1
Cash	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change

## 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](http://www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk).

<b>Structure</b> Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS		<b>Dividend Ex Dates</b> 1 August (interim), 1 February (final)		<b>Dealing</b> Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950	
<b>Investment Manager</b> Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: <a href="mailto:busdev@taml.co.uk">busdev@taml.co.uk</a>		<b>Dividend Pay Dates</b> 30 September (interim), 31 March (final)		<b>Registrar</b> Link Fund Administrators Limited	
<b>Fund Manager</b> Charlotte Yonge		<b>Authorised Corporate Director</b> Link Fund Solutions Limited		<b>Auditor</b> Ernst & Young LLP	
<b>Currency</b> £ Sterling		<b>ISIN</b> GB00BJP0XY24 (O Inc), GB00BJP0XX17 (O Acc) GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), GB00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)		<b>Depositary</b> The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited	
<b>Launch Date</b> 22 March 2019		<b>Benchmarks</b> For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our <a href="#">website</a>		<b>SEDOL (O shares)</b> BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1 (O Acc) BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3 (S Acc)	
<b>Ongoing Charges (capped)</b> 'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.02% 'S' (charity) shares: 0.77%		<b>Net Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares)</b> 0.00%		<b>Pricing</b> "O" share class prices published daily in the FT	

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