



# Trojan Ethical Fund

All data as at 28 February 2021

Asset Allocation

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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 116.65p

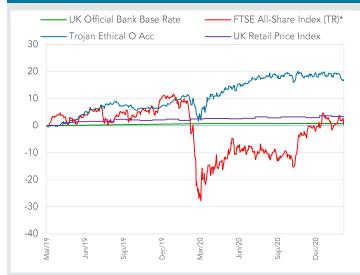
'O' accumulation shares

116.42p

'O' income shares

Fund Size £280m

# Percentage Growth from 22/03/2019 to 28/02/2021



# Overseas Equity 34% UK Equity 7% Index Linked Bonds 31% Gold Related Investments 11% UK T-Bills 13%

Cash 4%

Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 28 February 2021	22/03/19 Since launch		31/08/20 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+16.7%	+8.4%	-1.4%
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+0.8%	+0.1%	+0.0%
UK Retail Price Index	+3.4%	+0.9%	+0.4%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+0.3%	+3.5%	+12.0%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.1%	+10.9%	-1.9%

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Source: Lipper

# February Commentary

Your Fund returned -1.9% during the month compared to +1.2% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR). Six months ago investors favoured the reliability of consistent profitability and growth, but, for now, markets continue to prefer the riskon, 're-opening trade'. Today, value-orientated stocks and cyclical companies are finding favour. Over the longer term, these sectors have tended not to generate attractive returns for shareholders; they are often structurally challenged and were among the most severely hit in the market falls of a year ago. Such sectors include energy, cruise lines and cinemas. A number of cyclical companies have larger enterprise values today (once debt and new equity are added) than prevailed prior to the pandemic. We carefully select our equities to generate returns consistently over the cycle and they tend to lag during periods of recovery and reflation

Sentiment seems to have travelled from one side of the boat to the other. We have experienced this before in 2003, 2009 and 2013. In such periods of market rotation the conservative, well-financed and defensive are replaced for the cyclical and geared. But excellent businesses do not die and such moments of unpopularity can provide excellent opportunities. Some of our best long-term investments have been made at such times.

During February, bond yields moved higher as investors anticipated the reopening of the economy in the second half of the year. We have been aware of the asymmetric risk in the bond market and have preferred to eschew

conventional bonds for Index-Linked, which have benefited from rising inflation expectations. We have also kept our duration\*of linkers relatively short at 4-5 years. Despite yields surging, our long-term view remains that interest rates can only rise so far and that monetary and fiscal stimulus will remain accommodative as we exit this crisis with multi-decade high government and corporate debt levels. Index-linked and gold will have a key role to play as negative real yields

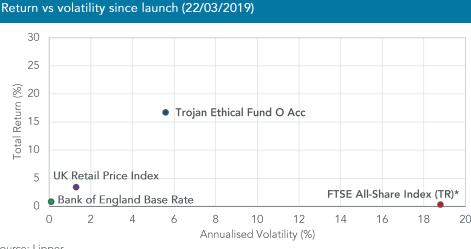
If there is a lesson from 2020, we prefer to look somewhat dull, as opposed to the excitement of high volatility in both directions.

\*Duration is a measure of sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates

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Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+16.7%	+0.3%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.0%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+65.2%	+56.5%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.6%	+18.8%

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Invesco Physical Gold	7.1
Microsoft	4.9
Alphabet	4.7
Visa	4.5
Medtronic	4.0
WisdomTree Physical Gold	3.6
Unilever	3.3
Nestlé	3.1
American Express	2.8
Becton Dickinson	2.3
Total Top 10	40.3
9 other equity holdings	11.3
Index-Linked Bonds	31.5
UK T-Bills	12.7
Cash	4.2
Total	100.0

Source: Factset, holdings subject to change

Source: Lipper 1. Measures the worst investment period <sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

### **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.

#### Structure

Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS

## Investment Manager

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Fund Manager Charlotte Yonge

Currency £ Sterling

**Launch Date** 22 March 2019

## Ongoing Charges (capped)

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

#### Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

#### **Dividend Pay Dates**

30 September (interim), 31 March (final)

#### Authorised Corporate Director

Link Fund Solutions Limited

#### ISIN

GB00BJP0XY24 (O Inc), GB00BJP0XX17 (O Acc) GB00BJP0Y054 (S Inc), GB00BJP0XZ31 (S Acc)

#### Renchmarks

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

Net Yield (historic 'O' Inc shares) 0.06%

#### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### Registra

Link Fund Administrators Limited

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

#### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

## SEDOL (O shares)

BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1 (O Acc) BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3 (S Acc)

#### Pricing

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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