



# Trojan Fund

# All data as at 30 April 2020

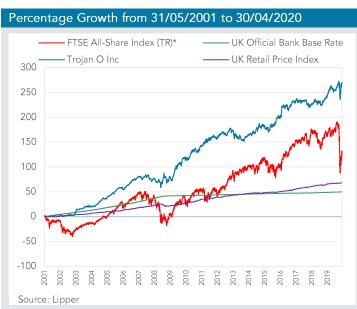
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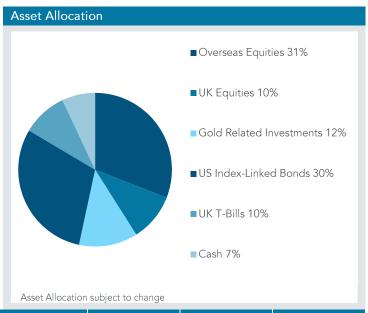
The investment objective of the Trojan Fund is to seek to achieve growth in capital (net of fees), ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The policy is to invest globally in government and public securities (such as sovereign debt and treasury bills), corporate bonds, equities and equity-related securities, private equity, precious metals, cash, cash Fund Size equivalents and deposits.

**Prices** 

338.26p 'O' accumulation shares 274.49p 'O' income shares

£4,662m





Total Return to 30 April 2020	31/0 Since la	5/01 unch	30/04/1 10 year		30/04/15 5 years		04/17 years	30/04/ <sup>.</sup> 1 <b>y</b> e		31/10/19 6 months	
Trojan Fund O Inc	+27	0.1%	+70.29	6	+30.9%		+12.6%		%	+4.6%	
UK Official Bank Base Rate	+4	9.7%	+5.19	6	+2.5%	+	-1.7%	+0.7	%	+0.3%	
UK Retail Price Index	+6	8.0%	+31.39	6	+13.4%	+	-8.1%	+1.5	%	+0.8%	
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+12	4.9%	+63.49	6	+4.8%		-7.5%	-16.7	%	-17.0%	
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2001#	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Trojan Fund O Inc	+0.6%	+4.1%	+15.4%	+10.3%	+15.9%	+12.0%	+6.1%	+1.1%	+11.6%	+14.4%	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	<b>2020</b> YTD	
	+8.5%	+2.1%	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+3.1%	

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Lipper

## **April Commentary**

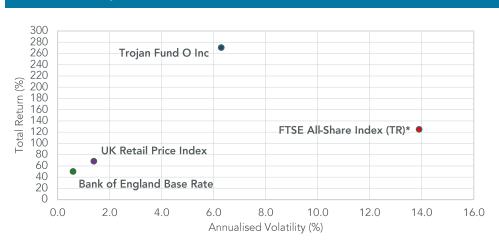
Your Fund returned +4.9% during the month compared to +4.9% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR). It is far too early to have any clarity on the economic effects of Covid-19 but the start of the quarterly reporting season has provided us with some very early indications. Most of the Fund's longstanding holdings demonstrated resilience and the sustainability of their business models has been underlined. Some of our companies such as Nestlé, Procter & Gamble and Colgate have benefited from what is described in the UK as 'panic buying' and in the US, less dramatically, as 'pantry loading'. With demand brought forward for staples like

coffee and pet food, this growth is likely to abate in the coming year.

many companies, these multinationals have dealt with multiple crises in the recent past, emerging robustly from the Asian crisis, hyperinflation in certain markets and even wars. Many have the experience and resources to adapt their supply chains and routes to market. Despite Nestlé closing 98% of its Nespresso shops during the lockdown, online sales of the brand rose by +60% and the brand's overall sales were up +8% during the quarter. This is testament to the resilience of the brand and the strength of a business model which can adapt.

We are convinced that while some companies may not recover from the economic impact of Covid-19, others will emerge stronger. Microsoft's quarterly figures highlighted its continued growth in all divisions and, in contrast to many companies suspending buybacks, the company stepped up its share repurchase programme. Chief Executive, Satya Nadella remarked in the earnings call "We've seen two years' worth of digital transformation in two months". Of the many changes brought on by the virus, we expect that the digitisation of working practices is here to stay.

# Return vs volatility since launch (31/05/2001)



Source: Lipper

Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
+270.1%	+124.9%
-13.7%	-45.6%
+8.9%	+9.9%
-4.7%	-15.1%
+66.5%	+58.1%
+6.3%	+13.9%
	+270.1% -13.7% +8.9% -4.7% +66.5%

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

Top 10 holdings (excluding government bonds)	% Fund
Gold Bullion Securities	7.6
Microsoft	5.3
Alphabet	3.8
Unilever	3.7
Nestlé	3.5
Diageo	3.2
Philip Morris	3.2
Visa	2.9
British American Tobacco	2.9
Medtronic	2.7
Total Top 10	38.8
12 other holdings	44.7
UK T-Bills	9.5
Cash	7.0
TOTAL	100.0

Holdings subject to change

## **Fund Manager Awards**





## 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 and Link Fund Administrators Ltd (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) on 0345 608 0950. The Trojan Fund is closed to new direct investments, but is still available to new investors through major fund platforms.

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Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UCITS

## Investment Manager

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Assistant Fund Manager Charlotte Yonge

Currency £ Sterling

Launch Date 31 May 2001

# Ongoing Charges

'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
Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### ISIN

0.56%

GB0034243732 (O Inc), GB00B01BP952 (O Acc) GB00B05M9T27 (S Inc), GB00B05M9S10 (S Acc)

#### Benchmarks

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

#### Dealing

Daily at noon Tel: 0345 608 0950

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators Limited

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP

### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

## Bloomberg

CFTROJA\_LN (O Acc), CFTROJI\_LN (O Inc)

## SEDOL

B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373 ( O Inc)

#### Pricina

"O" share class prices published daily in the FT

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