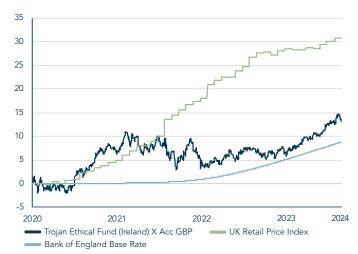


# Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland)

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.

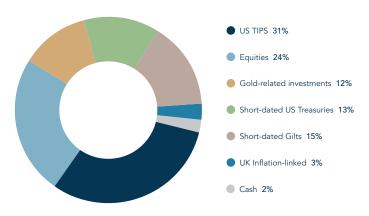
## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 07/10/2020 TO 31/05/2024



## Marketing Communication All data as at 31 May 2024

PRICES		FUND SIZE
1.0775 EUR X Acc	1.0733 EUR X Inc	£16m
1.1325 GBP X Acc	1.1299 GBP X Inc	-
1.1407 USD X Acc	1.1345 USD X Inc	

## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 May 2024	07/10/20 Since Launch	31/05/21 3 year	31/05/23 1 year	30/11/23 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	+13.3%	+10.2%	+5.9%	+4.7%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	+14.1%	+10.9%	+6.0%	+4.8%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+7.8%	+5.3%	+4.3%	+3.9%
Bank of England Base Rate	+8.8%	+8.7%	+5.3%	+2.7%
UK Retail Price Index	+30.8%	+27.5%	+2.6%	+2.0%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2020*	2021	2022 2023	2024 YTD

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024 YID
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	-0.8%	+10.0%	-4.9%	+4.9%	+3.1%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	-0.8%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+3.2%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	-0.9%	+8.9%	-6.5%	+3.2%	+2.5%

Source: Lipper \*from 7 October 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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

# May Commentary

Your Fund (X Acc GBP) returned +0.2% during the month.

Renewed speculation has continued in the equity market, fed in part by the boom in Al-related expenditure. How sustainable this is, remains to be seen. In contrast, the secular bear market in bonds, which began in 2020 when yields troughed during the pandemic, has continued with modestly rising yields (and falling prices) in 2024. It is becoming clear that we have entered a new era of upward yield pressure and a commensurate rising cost of capital. It may take time for equity markets to reflect this change, as valuations for equities remain high by historic levels, but the gravity of higher interest rates is likely to eventually reassert itself. This new regime is the reverse of the 2010s, when benign inflation and low growth meant expectations of interest rate rises were continuously dashed and bond yields ground ever lower.

At the beginning of 2024, the consensus forecast was for no less than six interest rate cuts over the coming year from the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of England. Yet five months on, interest rate cuts haven't been forthcoming. Fewer

cuts, when they eventually arrive, may imply interest rates bottom at a higher level than many expect, with further implications for long-dated bond yields and equities. As a result, we continue to keep the Fund's duration risk low, which served us well in 2022 when we avoided material drawdowns from rising yields. We suspect there is a need to acclimatise to this new environment. Despite easy comparisons from price levels of a year ago, inflation has remained stickier than expected with core levels still stubbornly above central bank targets in the US and the UK. This volatile path of inflation plays into our preference for holding inflation-linked bonds, which offer positive real yields and have outperformed conventional bonds in recent years.



## 35 30 UK Retail Price Index 25 Total Return (%) 20 15 Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP 10 Bank of England Base Rate 5 0 0 1 2 3 4 5 Annualised Volatility (%)

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

Source: Lipper

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (07/10/20)	Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP
Total Return	+13.3%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-7.2%
Best Month	+3.6%
Worst Month	-2.9%
Positive Months	+62.8%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+4.7%

<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 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 Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Ltd, 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

Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street London W1K 4BP Tel: 020 7499 4030 Fax: 020 7491 2445 email: busdev@taml.co.uk

Fund Manager	Charlotte Yonge
Currency *Hedged shareclass	£ Sterling, \$ US Dollar*, € Euro*, \$ SGD*
Launch Date	7 October 2020

Administrator

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) 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) 0.24%

## 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>

Registrar

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

Auditor Grant Thornton

Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin branch

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

XCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)	
Invesco Physical Gold	8.6%
Unilever	3.5%
Nestlé	3.49
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.39
Visa	3.19
Alphabet	2.79
Microsoft	2.39
Experian	1.69
Becton Dickinson	1.69
American Express	1.49
Total Top 10	31.49
5 Other Equity holdings	4.0%
US TIPS	31.49
Short-dated Gilts	15.49
Short-dated US Treasuries	12.5%
UK Inflation-linked	3.19
Cash	2.29
TOTAL	100.09

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



# The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative

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), IE00BMC49Q20 (SGD X Acc)

Ongoing Charges (capped) 'X' shares: 1.00%

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#### Important Information

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