



All data as at 31 July 2024

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# Trojan Ethical Fund

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** 

137.57p

'O' accumulation shares

135.45p

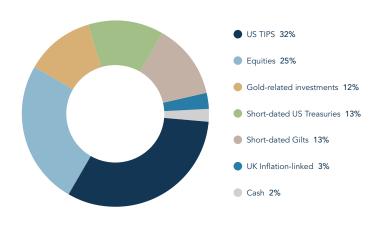
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fund size £826m

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 31/07/2024



#### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 July 2024	22/03/19 Since Launch	31/07/19 5 years	31/07/21 3 years	31/07/23 1 year	31/01/2024 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+37.6%	+27.9%	+7.7%	+7.7%	+4.0%
Bank of England Base Rate	+10.6%	+10.3%	+9.6%	+5.4%	+2.6%
UK Retail Price Index	+35.9%	+33.8%	+26.8%	+3.5%	+2.5%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+40.8%	+32.4%	+27.1%	+13.5%	+12.3%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.2%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+4.7%

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

### July Commentary

Your Fund returned +0.3% during the month compared to +3.1% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

In our latest Investment Report N°81, we discuss the recent focus on election outcomes and their impact (or lack of it) on markets - see link. For all the noise and distraction presented by politics in recent months, corporate earnings and valuations are more important in generating long term returns for investors. Valuations remain high, which explains our continued defensiveness, with less than 30% of the portfolio in equities, although we remain poised to deploy the Fund's liquidity when opportunities present themselves.

July offered plenty of opportunity to hear from the Fund's holdings. The outcome was a mixed picture, with many companies close to the consumer struggling to grow. After a year of rising prices in 2023, as companies sought to offset rising inflation, comparisons have become harder and consumer demand has slowed. Pent up savings have now been spent and higher interest rates are at last beginning to bite. Nestlé struggled to grow earnings in the first half, while the valuation for the company is close to 10-year lows. In contrast our largest

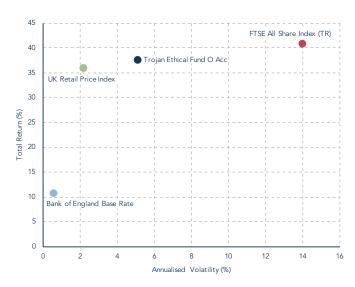
holding, Unilever, released positive interim results. While organic revenue growth was slightly weaker than expected, the Company surprised on profitability. A year into his tenure, the new Chief Executive, Hein Schumacher, is beginning to deliver on his strategy. A focus on improving gross margins is allowing Unilever to significantly increase investment into marketing its brands, driving higher organic growth and stronger operating margins. We suspect there is more to come after a few years of lacklustre performance and believe we will be rewarded for our patience.

During July the gold price surged to a new all-time-high, in US dollars, to over \$2,480 per troy ounce. We used this strength to reduce our holding. This action brings our weighting back down to 12% of the portfolio.





#### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (22/03/2019)



Source: Lipper

#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (22/03/19)	Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+37.6%	+40.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+67.2%	+62.5%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.1%	+14.0%

<sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

Source: Lipper Past performance is not a guide to future performance

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.8%
Unilever	3.9%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.4%
Nestlé	3.3%
Visa	3.0%
Alphabet	2.7%
Microsoft	2.3%
Experian	1.6%
American Express	1.5%
Procter & Gamble	1.2%
Total Top 10	31.6%
6 Other Equity holdings	5.1%
US TIPS	31.7%
Short-dated Gilts	13.5%
Short-dated US Treasuries	12.9%
UK Inflation-linked	3.1%
Cash	2.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

#### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative

#### **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 Waystone Management (UK) Limited, the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director, (Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) at <a href="https://www.waystone.com">www.waystone.com</a>.

Dividend Ex Dates

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

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Fund Manager	Charlotte Yonge
Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	22 March 2019

Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares)	1.43%
Benchmarks	
refer to the 'use o	tion on the benchmarks used pleas of benchmarks' section in the fund of available from our <u>website</u>
Registrar Link Fund Admini	strators Limited
Auditor	
Ernst & Young LLI	D

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SEDOL BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX' BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3	
Bloomberg TROETOA LN (O Acc) TRO	DETOI LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges (cappe	ed)
	1.02%
'O' (ordinary) shares:	110270





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