



All data as at 31 August 2024

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Trojan Fund

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 equivalents and deposits.

# PRICES

408.17p

326.09p

fund size £5,115m

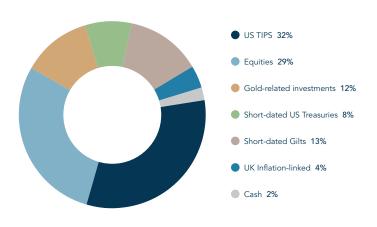
'O' accumulation shares

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### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2001 TO 31/08/2024



### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 August 2024	31/05/01 Since Launch	31/08/14 10 years	31/08/19 5 years	31/08/21 3 years	31/08/23 1 year	29/02/24 6 months
Trojan Fund O Inc	+346.6%	+65.1%	+23.4%	+5.4%	+6.3%	+4.4%
Bank of England Base Rate	+65.1%	+13.4%	+10.7%	+10.1%	+5.4%	+2.7%
UK Retail Price Index	+122.4%	+50.8%	+32.8%	+26.1%	+2.9%	+1.7%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+268.2%	+80.9%	+37.9%	+24.4%	+17.0%	+12.6%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2001#	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	+0.6%	+4.1%	+15.4%	+10.3%	+15.9%	+12.0%	+6.1%	+1.1%	+11.6%	+14.4%	+8.5%	+2.1%
Trojan Fund O Inc	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
	-3.1%	+8.9%	+3.2%	+12.3%	+4.1%	-3.0%	+10.7%	+7.4%	+12.1%	-3.8%	+2.7%	+4.5%

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

### **August Commentary**

Your Fund returned +0.5% during the month in line with the FTSE All-Share Index (TR)

Market participants hoping for a quiet summer would have been disappointed in August. Early in the month the US equity market (S&P 500) fell -6% and Japan's Nikkei index declined -20% over the course of three days, triggered by surprisingly weak US employment data and a much stronger yen. Having weakened against the US dollar for much of the year as the difference in interest rates reached 5%, the yen was bolstered by the Bank of Japan's decision to raise interest rates at the end of July to 0.25%, suggesting it is finally taking steps to normalise interest rate policy. The yen has been used as a cheap currency to borrow in, but the move in interest rates left many investors rushing for the door simultaneously, exacerbating volatility. Markets soon recovered from the fall, but the spike in volatility suggests that markets are more fragile than implied by many share prices making new all-time highs.

Throughout August gold continued its march higher, finishing the month above \$2,500 per troy ounce. Central banks have been a key driver of gold. The first six months saw the fastest rate of central bank buying in over a decade, with over 483 tons of gold purchased. Initial data for July suggests that demand remains high continuing into the second half of 2024. Bank governors around the world continue to see the allure of gold as a long-term store of value, with Governor Adam Glapinski of the National Bank of Poland reiterating recently his plan to increase gold's share of total reserves from 15% to 20%. The largest buyers include Turkey, India, Poland and China according to the World Gold Council. Structural increases in gold's share of reserves provides good long-term support for gold.

The Fund's 12% allocation to gold has been a helpful contributor to returns this year-to-date, with 2.1% of the Fund's performance attributable to gold.





### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (31/05/2001)



Source: Lipper

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (31/05/01)	Trojan Fund O Inc	FTSE All-Share Index (TR)
Total Return	+346.6%	+268.2%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-13.7%	-45.6%
Best Month	+8.9%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-4.7%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+66.3%	+59.5%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.1%	+13.5%

<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	6.4%
iShares Physical Gold	5.8%
Unilever	5.2%
Visa	3.2%
Nestlé	2.9%
Diageo	2.3%
Microsoft	2.3%
Alphabet	2.2%
Heineken	2.1%
American Express	1.5%
Total Top 10	33.9%
8 Other Equity holdings	7.0%
US TIPS	31.7%
Short-dated Gilts	13.3%
Short-dated US Treasuries	8.6%
UK Inflation-linked	3.6%
Cash	1.9%
Total	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**



### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



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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>. The Trojan Fund is closed to new direct investments, but is still available to new investors through major fund platforms.

**Dividend Ex Dates** 

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Currency	£ Sterling
Launch Date	31 May 2001

Dividend Pay Da 30 September (in	ates aterim), 31 March (final)
Historic Dividen	d Yield
('O' Inc shares)	1.02%
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<b>SEDOL</b> B01BP95 (O Acc), 3424373	3 ( O Inc)
Bloomberg	
CFTROJA_LN (O Acc), CFT	TROJI_LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges	
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.03%
	0.78%





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