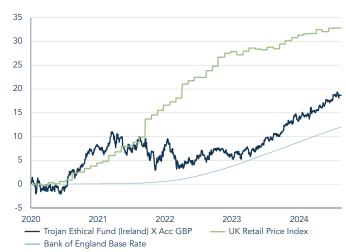


# Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland)

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 31/12/2024



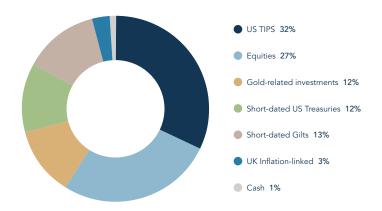
#### Marketing Communication All data as at 31 December 2024 taml.co.uk

FUND SIZE

1.1180 EUR X Acc	1.1031 EUR X Inc	£17m
1.1869 GBP X Acc	1.1729 GBP X Inc	
1.1947 USD X Acc	1.1772 USD X Inc	

## ASSET ALLOCATION

PRICES



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 December 2024	07/10/20 Since Launch	31/12/21 3 year	31/12/23 1 year	30/06/24 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	+18.7%	+7.9%	+8.1%	+3.6%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	+19.5%	+8.5%	+8.0%	+3.5%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+11.8%	+2.7%	+6.4%	+2.7%
Bank of England Base Rate	+12.0%	+11.9%	+5.2%	+2.5%
UK Retail Price Index	+32.8%	+23.0%	+3.1%	+0.9%
Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2020*	2021	2022 2023	2024
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Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc GBP	-0.8%	+10.0%	-4.9%	+4.9%	+8.1%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	-0.8%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+8.0%
Trojan Ethical Fund (Ireland) X Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	-0.9%	+8.9%	-6.5%	+3.2%	+6.4%

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.

# December Commentary

Your Fund (X Acc GBP) returned -0.0% during the month.

Santa never came. The traditional seasonal stock market rally failed to materialise, and we eked out a flat return for December in a falling market. For the calendar year the Fund returned +6.6%.

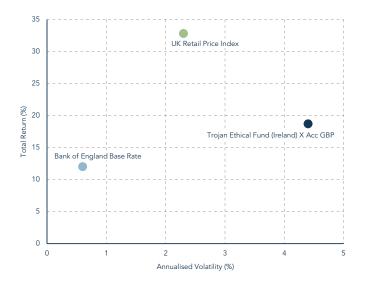
After a couple of dull years, Unilever, the Fund's largest equity holding, performed well, justifying our patience. We believe there is more to come from Unilever despite the modest re-rating in the shares' valuation. Other strong performers included Alphabet, Visa and American Express. The card payment companies have been a theme for the Fund for the past five years, as they have continued to benefit from the shift from cash and cheque to card and online payments. Procter & Gamble also performed well. The detractors were our other staples businesses, especially Nestlé, which remains in the doghouse. The shares have de-rated to 16x earnings and offer a 4% yield. By historic standards this valuation looks better than fair to us and in some respects the shares feel about as unloved as Unilever was two years ago. Good prices and good news rarely come together.

Finally, the Fund's holding in gold bullion performed strongly, up +29% in sterling terms. We continued to reduce the holding into strength. The precious metal has benefitted from simmering geopolitical risk and record central bank demand. February 2025 will be the 20-year anniversary of the Fund's holding in bullion and since then it is up +838% in sterling terms. We continue to view gold as essential portfolio insurance.

In our opinion the outlook for prospective equity returns is low, with long term equity valuations stretched by historic standards and bond yields retesting recent highs. Stock markets have been buoyed by the AI narrative for two years and value-insensitive index buying. It will be hard to exceed investor expectations in 2025 and that is before we add the unpredictability of a Trump presidency into the mix!



## **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	+18.7%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-7.2%
Best Month	+3.6%
Worst Month	-2.9%
Positive Months	+66.0%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+4.4%

<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 Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited, 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

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

#### Administrator

Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) 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) 0.94%

#### 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

Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited

Auditor Grant Thornton

Depositary

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

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

Invesco Physical Gold	8.4%
Alphabet	4.1%
Unilever	3.6%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.6%
Visa	3.5%
Nestlé	3.1%
Microsoft	2.3%
VeriSign	1.7%
Experian	1.5%
Mastercard	1.1%
Total Top 10	32.9%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.0%
US TIPS	31.7%
Short-dated Gilts	13.5%
Short-dated US Treasuries	12.2%
UK Inflation-linked	3.0%
Cash	0.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
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Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



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Minimum Investment £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar, € Euro, \$ SGD 1,000

#### Bloomberg

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### 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%



#### Important Information

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