



All data as at 31 January 2025

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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.

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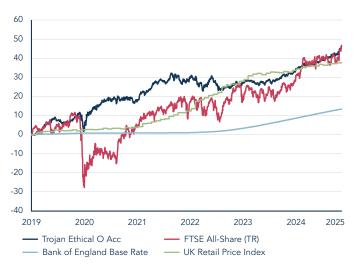
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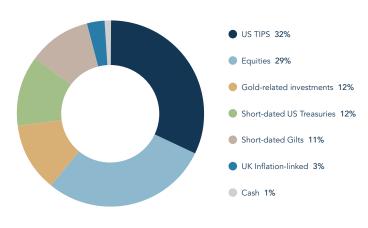
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O' income share

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 22/03/2019 TO 31/01/2025



### ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation is subject to change.

Total Return to 31 January 2025	22/03/19 Since Launch	31/01/20 5 years	31/01/22 3 years	31/01/24 1 year	31/07/24 6 months
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+46.3%	+33.2%	+14.1%	+10.5%	+6.3%
Bank of England Base Rate	+13.4%	+12.6%	+12.3%	+5.2%	+2.5%
UK Retail Price Index	+37.6%	+34.9%	+23.4%	+3.7%	+1.2%
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)*	+46.8%	+37.9%	+25.5%	+17.1%	+4.3%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2019#	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Trojan Ethical Fund O Acc	+7.2%	+10.9%	+10.1%	-4.6%	+5.2%	+7.9%	+3.2%

<sup>\*©</sup> FTSE International Limited 2025 #from 22 March 2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

# January Commentary

Your Fund returned +3.2% during the month compared to +5.5% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Equity markets posted strong returns in January and several indices, including the FTSE All-Share and MSCI World, reached new all-time highs. Such ebullient markets mask volatility in both the technology and political world.

Donald Trump's inauguration on the 20th of January triggered a volley of 45 executive orders in the first 12 days alone. The topics covered by these orders include withdrawing the US from the World Health Organisation and the Paris Agreement on climate change, delaying the ban on TikTok, and declaring a national emergency to deploy the military on the southern border. Trump's stance on the border toughened at the end of the month through the imposition of 25% tariffs on most imports from Canada and Mexico, as well as 10% on Chinese imports. The tariffs cover around 40% of the US's trade and are likely to attract retaliatory action from targeted countries. We expect much of the cost of these tariffs to be borne by consumers and think they drive upside risk to inflation as

prices rise to reflect the elevated cost of imported goods. Perhaps the more significant lesson from the first two weeks of the  $47^{\text{th}}$  Presidency is that we are in a more volatile period where established partnerships and trading relationships are subject to rapid change.

Western businesses focused on artificial intelligence (AI) were also rocked last month by the launch of DeepSeek's R1 model. The new reasoning model offers similar performance to the leading AI tools at a fraction of the cost (both to develop and to use). Our latest investment report explains how our preference for owning the cloud infrastructure providers avoids reliance on a single model being the 'winner'. Both Microsoft and Alphabet should benefit from AI but are not reliant on it for their business to be successful.

The future path of the economy, inflation and monetary policy all appear more fragile. With this backdrop of uncertainty, it is perhaps no surprise that gold reached new highs. We continue to have a significant holding in physical bullion, in the expectation it will protect the Fund should the environment deteriorate.





#### 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	+46.3%	+46.8%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-8.9%	-35.3%
Best Month	+4.6%	+12.7%
Worst Month	-2.9%	-15.1%
Positive Months	+68.6%	+61.4%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+5.0%	+13.6%

<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	8.6%
Alphabet	4.4%
Royal Mint Physical Gold	3.8%
Visa	3.7%
Unilever	3.7%
Nestlé	3.1%
Experian	2.3%
Microsoft	2.3%
VeriSign	1.8%
American Express	1.2%
Total Top 10	35.0%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.3%
US TIPS	31.9%
Short-dated US Treasuries	12.3%
Short-dated Gilts	10.9%
UK Inflation-linked	3.0%
Cash	0.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

#### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**



# **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT**



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# **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>.

1 August (interim), 1 February (final)

Dividend Ex Dates

#### Structure Sub-fund of Trojan Investment Funds UK UCITS 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 £ Sterling Launch Date 22 March 2019 **Authorised Corporate Director** Waystone Management (UK) Limited Tel: 0345 608 0950

Dividend Yield ('O' Inc shares)	1.35%
Benchmarks	
refer to the 'use of	tion on the benchmarks used pleas of benchmarks' section in the fund t, available from our <u>website</u>
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SEDOL	
BJP0XY2 (O Inc), BJP0XX1	(O Acc)
BJP0Y05 (S Inc), BJP0XZ3	(S Acc)
Bloomberg	
TROETOA LN (O Acc) TRO	DETOI LN (O Inc)
Ongoing Charges (cappe	d)
'O' (ordinary) shares:	1.02%
'S' (charity) shares:	0.77%





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