



# Trojan Fund (Ireland)

Marketing Communication
All data as at 30 April 2024

The Fund seeks to achieve growth in capital, ahead of inflation (UK Retail Price Index), over the longer term (5 to 7 years). The Fund employs a long-term, long only approach and has the flexibility to invest across a broad range of asset classes, most commonly a combination of high-quality developed market equities, developed market government bonds, gold related investments and cash.

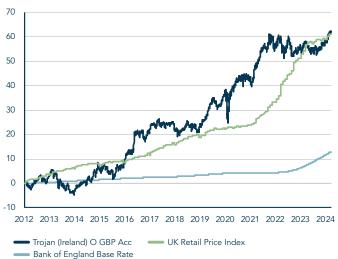
# PRICES

1.5939 GBP O Inc 1.6461 USD O Inc fund size £559m

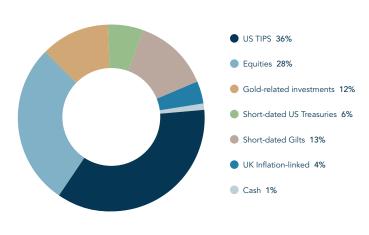
1.6205 GBP O Acc 1.6784 USD O Acc 1.4151 EUR O Acc

1.3915 EUR O Inc

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 13/02/2012 TO 30/04/2024



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 30 April 2024	13/02/2012 Since launch	30/04/2014 10 years	30/04/2019 5 years	30/04/2021 3 years	30/04/2023 1 year	31/10/2023 6 months
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP	+62.1%	+62.9%	+27.5%	+8.9%	+2.6%	+4.7%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+41.5%	+44.2%	+19.2%	+4.2%	+1.0%	+4.0%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc USD¹	+67.8%	+69.7%	+30.1%	+9.6%	+2.8%	+4.8%
Bank of England Base Rate	+12.9%	+11.7%	+9.1%	+8.2%	+5.2%	+2.6%
UK Retail Price Index	+60.9%	+49.8%	+32.9%	+27.2%	+2.7%	+1.4%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP	-0.1%	-3.5%	+8.2%	+2.9%	+11.8%	+3.9%	-3.0%	+10.3%	+7.2%	+11.8%	-3.9%	+2.5%	+2.7%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR¹	-0.6%	-4.0%	+7.8%	+2.1%	+10.2%	+2.6%	-4.3%	+8.7%	+6.2%	+10.9%	-5.6%	+0.8%	+2.3%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc USD <sup>1</sup>	+0.0%	-3.9%	+7.8%	+2.4%	+11.6%	+5.0%	-1.6%	+11.9%	+7.7%	+11.8%	-3.6%	+2.9%	+2.8%

Source: Lipper

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.

NB: Prior to its conversion on 29 March 2019 the Fund was a feeder fund called the Trojan Feeder Fund (Ireland).

# April Commentary

Your Fund (O Acc GBP) returned +0.4% during the month.

There are times in markets where the path ahead appears relatively straightforward and other occasions where the range of potential outcomes seems very wide. Today feels more like the latter than the former. War in Europe and the Middle East, sticky inflation, a record global election year and higher interest rates that are not reflected in equity valuations all give us pause for thought. The pace of technological change has also accelerated with the growing role of Al across industries. With so much uncertainty it is reassuring that several companies we hold in the Fund are continuing to operate exceptionally well in this rapidly changing environment.

Alphabet's research has led to many of the Al advancements we see today. They continue to deliver strong results across its major business units, including cloud services where it is benefiting from demand for Al applications. Microsoft, a company the Fund has held since inception, is also a significant beneficiary of the growth in Al. Their Azure cloud computing service and the integration of Al into Microsoft Office through Copilot have both helped growth accelerate as

businesses around the world choose Microsoft as their trusted Al partner. 60% of the Fortune 500 already use Office Copilot. Microsoft grew their Azure cloud revenue +31% compared to a year earlier, an impressive feat when Azure is estimated to already have over \$70bn of annual revenue.

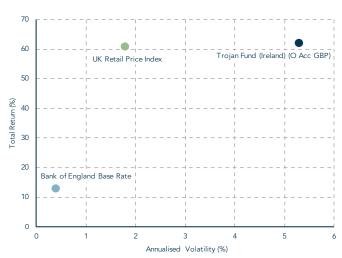
Unilever, held since inception, is less impacted by Al but has seen an improvement in execution since Hein Schumacher became CEO in July last year. Unilever's most recent results were reassuring. Organic sales increased +4.4%, with a healthy balance of both volume and price growth. Robust organic sales growth across both emerging and developed markets suggests the business is navigating a weaker consumer and volatile commodity prices well.

During April we took some profits from our gold holding, following a strong move higher in its price. We retain a healthy holding as we believe that gold provides essential portfolio insurance and will remain a coveted store of value in an increasingly uncertain world. For those interested, the recently published investment report discusses gold in more detail.





#### RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE LAUNCH (13/02/2012)



Source: Lipper

#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (13/02/2012)	Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP
Total Return	+62.1%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-10.1%
Best Month	+4.9%
Worst Month	-4.7%
Positive Months	+61.0%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+5.3%

<sup>2</sup> Measures the worst investment period

<sup>3</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns

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#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT BONDS)

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iShares Physical Gold	6.2%
Invesco Physical Gold	6.0%
Unilever	4.2%
Visa	3.1%
Nestlé	2.7%
Diageo	2.5%
Alphabet	2.3%
Heineken	2.3%
Microsoft	2.2%
Becton Dickinson	1.8%
Total Top 10	33.3%
7 Other Equity holdings	6.6%
US TIPS	36.0%
Short-dated Gilts	13.39
Short-dated US Treasuries	6.0%
UK Inflation-linked	3.5%
Cash	1.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset, holdings subject to change.	

#### **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**







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A copy of the latest Prospectus (in English) and the KIIDs / KIDs for each class (in English and German) 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

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**Launch Date** 13 February 2012

#### 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)

# Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares) 0.12%

# Benchmarks

For more information on the benchmarks used please refer to the 'use of benchmarks' section in the fund information sheet, available from our website.

#### Registrar

Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited

#### Auditor

Grant Thornton

#### Depositary

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

# Dealing

Daily at 11am (UK) Tel: (+353) 1 400 5300

Minimum Investment £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar, € Euro, \$ SGD 250,000

(An initial charge of 5% applies, which may be waived)

### Bloomberg

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#### SINs

IE00B6127M75 (GBP O Inc), IE00B757JT68 (GBP O Acc)
IE00B6SBBX64 (USD O Inc), IE00B7483W12 (USD O Acc)
IE00B54VKZ87 (EUR O Inc), IE00B6T42S66 (EUR O Acc)
IE00BGM16B55 (SGD O Inc), IE00BGM16C62 (SGD O Acc)

#### **Ongoing Charges**

'O' (ordinary) shares: 1.09%





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