



## Trojan Fund (Ireland)

Marketing Communication
All data as at 31 December 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.

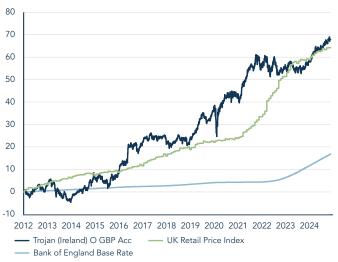
# PRICES 1.6794 GBP O Acc

1.6373 GBP O Inc 1.6909 USD O Inc fund size £544m

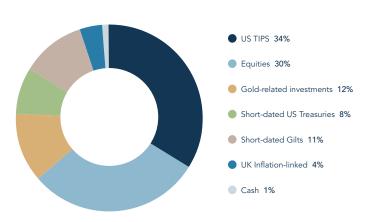
1.7392 USD O Acc 1.4500 EUR O Acc

1.4126 EUR O Inc

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 13/02/2012 TO 31/12/2024



## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation subject to change.

Total Return to 31 December 2024	13/02/2012 Since launch	31/12/2014 10 years	31/12/2019 5 years	31/12/2021 3 years	31/12/2023 1 year	30/06/2024 6 months
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP	+67.9%	+60.8%	+25.8%	+4.9%	+6.5%	+2.7%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	+45.0%	+41.1%	+17.5%	-0.2%	+4.8%	+1.8%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc USD¹	+73.9%	+68.0%	+27.2%	+5.5%	+6.5%	+2.7%
Bank of England Base Rate	+16.8%	+15.1%	+12.2%	+11.9%	+5.2%	+2.5%
UK Retail Price Index	+64.2%	+51.8%	+33.9%	+23.0%	+3.1%	+0.9%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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%	+6.5%
Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc EUR <sup>1</sup>	-0.6%	-4.0%	+7.8%	+2.1%	+10.2%	+2.6%	-4.3%	+8.7%	+6.2%	+10.9%	-5.6%	+0.8%	+4.8%
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%	+6.5%

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).

## December Commentary

Your Fund (O Acc GBP) returned 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 +6.5%.

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' <u>valuation</u>. 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 +24% 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. 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 (13/02/2012)



Source: Lipper

#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since launch (13/02/2012)	Trojan Fund (Ireland) O Acc GBP
Total Return	+67.9%
Max Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-10.1%
Best Month	+4.9%
Worst Month	-4.7%
Positive Months	+61.7%
Annualised Volatility <sup>3</sup>	+5.2%

<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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Invesco Physical Gold	6.7%
iShares Physical Gold	5.9%
Unilever	4.8%
Visa	3.9%
Alphabet	3.3%
Diageo	2.8%
Microsoft	2.4%
Nestlé	2.4%
VeriSign	1.9%
Heineken	1.8%
Total Top 10	36.0%
8 Other Equity holdings	6.5%
US TIPS	33.9%
Short-dated Gilts	11.3%
Short-dated US Treasuries	8.5%
UK Inflation-linked	3.7%
Cash	0.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset, holdings subject to change.	

## **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**







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## FUND INFORMATION

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 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

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Currency \*Hedged shareclass £ Sterling, \$ US Dollar\*, € Euro\*, \$ SGD\*

Launch Date

13 February 2012

## 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)

## Historic Dividend Yield

('O' Inc shares) 0.88%

### 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

Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited

## Auditor

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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### ISINs

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: 1.11%





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