

OUR FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY  
PILLARS - IDENTIFYING  
GLOBAL BEST-IN-CLASS BUSINESSES



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & PHILOSOPHY

To achieve long-term growth in capital and income in a focused portfolio of high quality listed businesses from around the world. We invest in best in class businesses for their quality, strategic competitive edge and value.

## FUND COMMENTARY

May was again a strong month for equity markets, as outstanding earnings from technology companies sustained enthusiasm for the AI trade throughout the month. There is currently an acute shortage of many types of semiconductor given the strong level of demand for AI chips. South Korean semiconductor companies delivered particularly strong results; while the US market and the Japanese market, which has a number of interesting automation companies, were also strong.

Oil prices have fallen 20% from their end of April peak, driven by growing market confidence that the conflict in Iran can be resolved and that Iranian supply can gradually return to market. Higher energy prices have already begun to weigh on global growth, particularly in emerging markets which are heavily dependent on energy imports.

The best performers in the Fund in May were companies which serve the semiconductor industry. Cadence Design Systems is a leading semiconductor designer, while ASML is the leading equipment provider. Both companies are well placed to benefit from spend by an industry which has grown much larger to provide the computing power for AI. Safran and GE Aerospace, our jet engine manufacturers, rebounded well as sentiment improved over the Iran war and expectations of global travel volumes recovered.

Detractors from performance in May included Netflix, which is currently absorbing higher content creation costs. Its new advertising tier is however expanding well, with 60% new subscribers choosing an ad-supported plan where available. Stryker, the medical device manufacturer, was also weak following an earlier cyberattack. Operational disruption does appear to have been quickly contained.

During the month we added a new name to the Fund, KLA, which has high market share in process control and yield management systems within the semiconductor industry. We also brought Keyence, the Japanese leader in factory automation, back into the Fund after its results showed that it is starting to benefit from AI-related automation. It has also taken new steps towards a more shareholder-friendly balance sheet policy. We exited Visa and Accenture to fund these purchases. We still very much like Visa's business model but have exposure already through our holding in Mastercard. We are no longer convinced that Accenture will be a beneficiary of AI deployment.

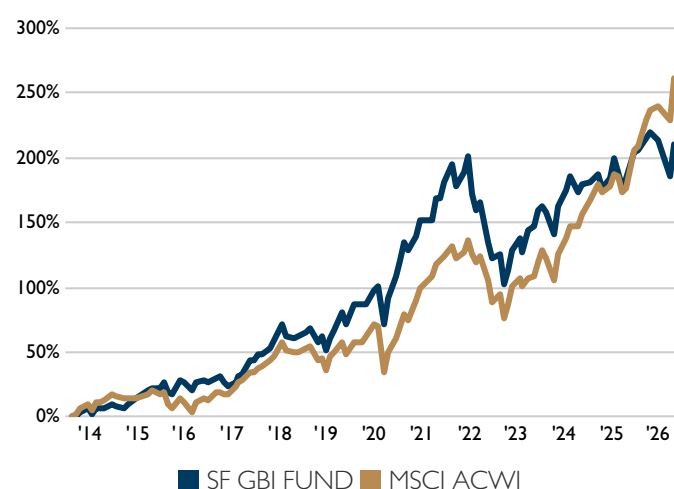
## FUND RATINGS<sup>2</sup>



## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Invest for sustainable growth
- Fundamental research driven
- Particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet strength, return on invested capital, free cash flow, ability to grow dividends each year
- Bottom-up approach to identify exceptional businesses
- Global orientation, with emerging market exposure
- High conviction concentrated portfolio
- Predominantly larger capitalisation businesses, also consider exceptional medium-sized ones
- Buy to hold and disciplined selling
- No benchmark orientation, no active trading, no leverage, no hedging

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>



## CLASS E USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Since Inception
SF GBI FUND	1.5	0.3	5.2	26.8	17.3	146.0	214.4
Annualised	-	-	-	8.2	3.2	9.4	9.4
MSCI ACWI	5.2	12.1	30.3	82.9	72.0	233.7	280.8
Annualised	-	-	-	22.3	11.5	12.8	11.0

## CLASS E USD CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
SF GBI FUND	10.2	5.4	22.8	-27.1	19.9
MSCI ACWI	22.3	17.5	22.2	-18.4	18.5

<sup>1</sup> Performance prior to 23 February 2016 is simulated using the performance of the B share class. Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Northern Trust, Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31/05/26. Third parties (including Bloomberg) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions. All performance is net of fees.

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### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

Alphabet	8.8
Broadcom	7.4
ASML	7.2
L'Oreal	5.0
S&P Global	4.6
Eaton	4.6
Cadence Design Systems	4.3
Mastercard	4.1
Microsoft	4.0
Amazon	4.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.9</b>

### SECTOR ALLOCATION (% OF FUND)

Technology	31.4
Financials	16.0
Industrials	13.7
Communication	12.5
Discretionary	9.9
Health Care	7.4
Staples	5.0
Materials	4.0
Cash	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN BY LISTING (% OF FUND)

United States	75.6
Europe	17.5
Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan	6.7
Cash	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES<sup>1</sup> (% OF FUND)

North America	43.7
Emerging Markets	27.5
Europe	21.3
Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan	7.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	977.0
Number of holdings	26
Operating Margin	33.4%
Return on Invested Capital	22.2%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	0.8
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a)*	13.8%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a)*	17.4%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>4</sup> Growth (p.a)*	11.7%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>5,6</sup>	1.0%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>	27.9
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>6</sup>	2.9%
PEG Ratio <sup>7</sup>	2.4



**CAROLYN BELL**  
LEAD PORTFOLIO MANAGER



**GERRIT SMIT**  
CHAIRMAN - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE



**PRANDHANA NAIDU**  
DEPUTY PORTFOLIO MANAGER

#### ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES

<sup>1</sup> Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund derive their revenues.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

<sup>2</sup> Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation. <sup>3</sup> Earnings Per Share. <sup>4</sup> Dividend Per Share. <sup>5</sup> This is the weighted-average dividend yield of the underlying holdings, stated gross of withholding taxes and costs, and not the Dividend Yield of the Fund itself. <sup>6</sup> Estimated 12 months forward. <sup>7</sup> Weighted portfolio Trailing P/E Ratio and EPS projections applied.

Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

## OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2025)

Our assessment confirms:

- The Fund meets the needs of the target market.
- The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate.
- The Fund provides fair value to customers.

## INVESTOR PROFILE

The Fund is appropriate for all investor types, including those with only a basic knowledge of funds, it is compatible with investors who do not need a capital guarantee (investors must be prepared to accept fluctuations in the value of capital, including the ability to bear 100% capital loss) and looking for capital growth. Due to the volatility of markets, investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of potentially higher returns. This is a long term investment. Investors should have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years. The recommended holding period does not provide any guarantee that the objective will be achieved. This product is eligible for all distribution channels (e.g. investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services).

The fund is unlikely to be appropriate for those who:

- Are looking for full capital protection or full repayment of the amount invested, and those who want a guaranteed return
- Have no risk tolerance
- Who are unwilling to accept price fluctuations (volatility) in the value of the fund
- Do not intend to invest for the long term

## RISK PROFILE

The Fund is not guaranteed and your investment is at risk. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. The Fund may enter into derivative agreements with counterparties, and consequently there is a risk that a counterparty may fail to meet its obligations. This may lead to delays in the Fund receiving amounts due to it, receiving less than is due or receiving nothing. As the Fund has exposure to overseas securities, movements in exchange rates may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease. The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities which are subject to various risks including fluctuations in market prices, adverse issuer or market information and the fact that equity and equity related securities are subordinate in the right of payment to other corporate securities, including debt securities. The value of equity securities varies with the performance of the respective issuers and movements in equity markets generally. As a result, the Fund may suffer losses if it invests in equity of issuers where performance falls below market expectations or if equity markets in general decline or the Fund has not hedged against such a general decline. The Fund may hold a relatively small number of stocks (approximately 20 to 30 positions) as compared to many other funds. This may make the Fund's performance more volatile than would be the case if it had a more diversified investment portfolio. For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the prospectus and supplement sections entitled 'Risk Factors'.

## FUND INFORMATION

Total Net Assets	\$1,876.4m
Comparative Index	MSCI All Country World Index \$ TR
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	USD
Currencies Available	GBP, USD, EUR, CHF
Inception Date	16 August 2013
Range of Holdings	20-30 Stocks
Income Paid	N/A
Type of Payment	N/A
Ex Dividend	N/A
Payment Date	N/A
Pricing	Daily by 11pm (IRE)
Dealing	Daily by 12pm (IRE)

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Active Share <sup>1</sup>	86.9%
Ex Post Tracking Error	6.3%
12 Month Turnover	37.4%
Beta (Realised)*	1.02
Beta (Predicted)**	0.96

## USD E (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Price	\$261.34
ISIN	IE00BDB5NR23
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SSRI)	5
Annual Management Fee	0.50%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF) <sup>2</sup>	0.55%
Min Initial Investment (USD)	50,000,000
Registered For Sale	UK, CH, SA

<sup>1</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the comparator index (MSCI ACWI \$ TR) ie. a portfolio that is identical to the comparator index would have 0% active share.

<sup>2</sup> The OCF is the Annual Management Fee plus additional fund expenses as a percentage of the assets of the fund. This gives an indication of annual expenses. This figure may vary over time. It excludes portfolio transaction costs

\*Based on past 5 years of Fund performance vs benchmark

\*\*Predicted Beta based on FactSet Global Equity Medium Horizon Risk Model. Predicted beta is an estimate based on current portfolio holdings and model assumptions. Estimates are not a measure of realised risk and may differ significantly from future actual outcomes.

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