GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND

STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND

USD E SHARE CLASS | 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC GROWTH | QUALITY MANAGEMENT | EFFICIENCY | FREE CASH FLOW GENERATION

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term growth in capital and income by developing a portfolio of equities and equity related instruments issued by or in connection with high quality listed companies from around the world.

FUND COMMENTARY

September was seasonally weak, although the decline was milder than usual. The dominant macro theme was the rise in bond yields: the US 10-Year and 30-Year reached two-decade highs, with the 10-Year exceeding 5% for the first time since 2007 and the 30-Year rising above 5.6%. The Fed increased the federal funds rate by 25 basis points, its first hike in more than three years. Despite tighter financial conditions, economic growth remained resilient, with second-quarter US GDP revised up to 2.2% and both Services and Manufacturing PMI data remaining in expansionary territory. Together, these indicators strengthened confidence in the US growth outlook and reinforced expectations of interest rates remaining higher for longer.

The AI trade was volatile during the month. It initially dropped as concerns intensified over the technology and the potential need to slow AI development, but later recovered amid excitement about Meta's Muse agent and its implications for broader agentic adoption. This reignited support for the AI investment cycle. At the opposite end, the prospect of widespread adoption of agentic tools weighed on certain subscription and marketplace platform stocks that could be disadvantaged by the shift.

The strongest contributors during the month were ASML, West Pharmaceutical Services and Eaton. ASML shares gained after key foundry partners validated adoption of its high-NA EUV machines, the most advanced lithography systems. West continued to benefit from healthy demand for packaging components used in injectable medicines, including the growing use of GLP-1 drugs. Eaton remains well positioned to benefit from data-centre infrastructure demand and announced a bolt-on acquisition that will expand its European footprint.

Stryker, AJ Gallagher and S&P Global were the largest detractors. Stryker has been impacted by weaker procedure volumes along with manufacturing issues resulting from an earlier cyber-attack on their operations. AJ Gallagher lowered its full year brokerage organic growth guidance to 5% and the company continues to face a soft insurance pricing market. Higher bond yields are a potential headwind for S&P Global's credit rating business, though corporate issuance thus far had held up solidly.

FUND RATINGS[1]

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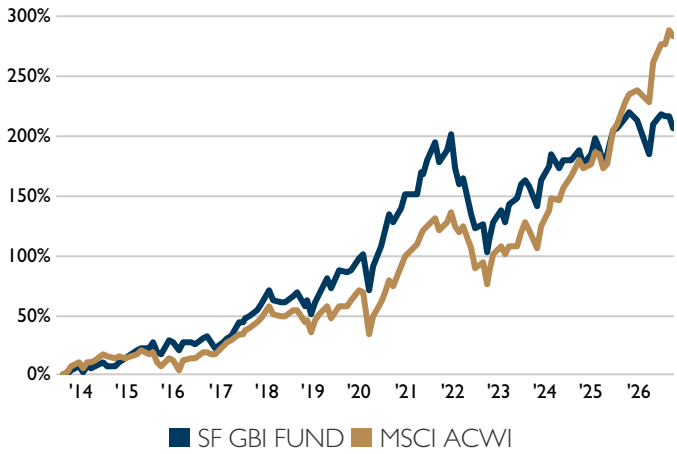
INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 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 (Since Inception)



CLASS E USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Since Inception
SF GBI FUND	-3.2	-2.3	-3.0	26.3	10.0	132.3	206.4
Annualised	-	-	-	8.1	1.9	8.8	8.9
MSCI ACWI	-1.1	13.0	16.8	80.4	72.9	221.3	283.8
Annualised	-	-	-	21.7	11.6	12.4	10.8

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

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TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

Alphabet	8.2
Mastercard	6.0
Nvidia	5.7
Microsoft	5.4
S&P Global	4.6
Eaton	4.4
Amazon	4.3
L'Oreal	4.2
AIA Group	4.0
AJ Gallagher	3.9
TOTAL	**50.5**

SECTOR ALLOCATION (% OF FUND)

Technology	31.1
Financials	18.4
Industrials	14.6
Communication	10.6
Discretionary	9.3
Health Care	7.8
Staples	4.2
Materials	3.2
Cash	0.8
TOTAL	**100.0**

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN BY LISTING (% OF FUND)

United States	76.0
Europe	13.3
Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan	10.0
Cash	0.8
TOTAL	**100.0**

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES[1] (% OF FUND)

North America	49.5
Emerging Markets	24.0
Europe	20.7
Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan	5.9
TOTAL	**100.0**

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	1,242.1
Number of holdings	28
Operating Margin	35.0%
Return on Invested Capital	25.5%
Net Debt/EBITDA[2]	0.6
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a)*	15.5%
Expected 3 Year EPS[3] Growth (p.a)*	17.7%
Expected 3 Year DPS[4] Growth (p.a)*	10.4%
Dividend Yield (Gross)[5,6]	1.0%
Price/Earnings Ratio[6]	24.0
Free Cash Flow Yield[6]	3.1%
PEG Ratio[7]	2.0

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LEAD PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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CHAIRMAN - GLOBAL BEST IDEAS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

PRANDHANA NAIDU
DEPUTY PORTFOLIO MANAGER

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES
[1] Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund derive their revenues.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS
[2] Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation. [3] Earnings Per Share. [4] Dividend Per Share. [5] 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. [6] Estimated 12 months forward. [7] Weighted portfolio Trailing P/E Ratio and EPS projections applied.

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

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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	$1,639.8m
Comparative Index	MSCI All Country World Index $ TR
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Share Class 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[1]	82.2%
Ex Post Tracking Error	6.2%
12 Month Turnover	52.5%
Beta (Realised)*	1.01
Beta (Predicted)**	0.89

USD E (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Price	$254.61
ISIN	IE00BDB5NR23
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)	6
Annual Management Fee	0.50%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF)[2]	0.55%
Min Initial Investment (USD)	50,000,000
Registered For Sale	UK, CH, SA

[1] 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.
[2] 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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