

**OUR FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY PILLARS - IDENTIFYING GLOBAL BEST OF BREED BUSINESSES**



**SUSTAINABLE  
ORGANIC GROWTH**



**QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT**



**EFFICIENCY**



**FREE CASH FLOW  
GENERATION**

**5 YEAR  
TOP DECILE  
PERFORMANCE**  
OF GLOBAL EQUITY FUNDS  
Lipper Global Equity Universe  
as at 31 May 2019



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**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To achieve long-term growth in capital and income in a focused portfolio of high quality listed businesses from around the world.

**INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

We invest in best of breed businesses for their quality, strategic competitive edge and value.

**PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE**

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed. The return may increase or decrease due to currency fluctuations. Performance figures are net of fees and charges. The Fund may hold a relatively small number of stocks 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 a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

**FUND COMMENTARY**

The first half of this year delivered a return of +16.2% for the MSCI ACTR index (+12.2% in the first quarter and +3.6% in the second quarter). This is more than double the long term compounded annual return for the index. Whilst investors are grateful for this excellent result, they may wonder whether it signals complacency and an overheated market, especially against the backdrop of two fundamental issues of concern to many – US yield curve inversion and the Federal Reserve seemingly close to start cutting their target rate. These events traditionally precede the next respective recessions and are perceived to damage investor confidence.

We commented in our March 2019 fact sheet on S&P 500 historic returns following the US 2/10 year yield curve events. The overall conclusion was that returns generally continued on a positive track, with just a few exceptions. It is also worth making the point that this particular fundamental curve has not yet inverted and is currently actually steepening. The more tactical 3 month / 10 year curve has inverted recently, but is also steepening slightly again.

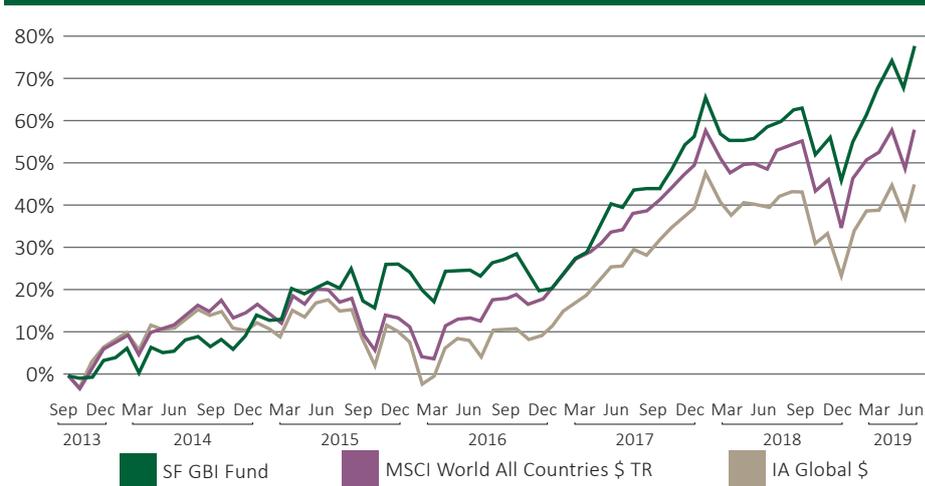
A study of S&P 500 returns following the past seven initial Federal Reserve rate cuts (since 1984) of the subsequent six and twelve month periods show a median return of +8% and +14% respectively. Five of the seven cycles delivered positive returns over those periods. The two negatives ones were those following the burst of the technology bubble and the credit crisis era, both with real and financial imbalances in the economy with high specific risks.

Investors have to take serious cognisance of all the warning signals in the capital markets, but have to equally be careful not to overreact. The challenge lies clearly in having the necessary insight of the level of imbalances in the economy (if any) and the potential depth of economic contraction (if any). The possibility of a long soft landing should not be discarded.

**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 (CLASS A USD)**



**CLASS A USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %**

	1m	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	6.9	21.2	11.3	42.5	60.8	76.5
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	6.5	16.1	5.6	39.0	34.7	57.6
IA Global \$	5.8	16.5	3.4	37.9	24.7	44.8

**CLASS A USD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %**

Calendar Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	-6.8	29.3	-3.0	9.8	6.1
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	-9.4	24.0	7.9	-2.4	4.2
IA Global \$	-11.2	24.8	3.4	-2.9	0.8

<sup>1</sup> Performance prior to 23 August 2013 is simulated using the performance of the B share class. Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, Financial Express, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Equity Management as at 30/06/2019. Third parties (including Bloomberg and Financial Express) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

**FUND RATINGS**



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SECTOR BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
Technology	25.2
Staples	21.3
Discretionary	18.2
Health Care	15.4
Communication	9.7
Financials	6.7
Industrials	1.4
Cash	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
United States	73.6
Continental Europe	11.0
Asia Pacific	6.7
UK	6.5
Cash	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	
Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	229.6
Number of Holdings	27
Operating Margin	26.2%
Return on Invested Capital	17.8%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.7
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)	13.0%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)	7.5%
Dividend Yield (gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.3%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	27.0
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.6%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.9

<sup>1</sup> Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation. <sup>2</sup> Earnings Per Share. <sup>3</sup> Dividend Per Share. <sup>4</sup> Of underlying holdings, and stated gross of withholding taxes and costs. <sup>5</sup> Estimated 12 months forward. <sup>6</sup> Price/Earnings to Growth Ratio. <sup>7</sup> Applying Trailing P/E Ratio. Source: Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited, Bloomberg.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% of Fund
Visa	6.8
Zoetis	5.6
PayPal	5.5
Microsoft	5.0
Accenture	4.9
Estée Lauder	4.5
AIA	4.5
Nike	4.5
McDonald's	4.4
Alphabet	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.9</b>

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES <sup>8</sup> % of Fund	
North America	46.2
Emerging Markets	31.9
Continental Europe	17.6
UK	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>8</sup> Source: Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund derive their revenues. Source: Bloomberg; Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited; Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited. Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

**FUND MANAGER**



**CITYWIRE** +

**Gerrit Smit**  
Gerrit Smit is Head of the Equity Management team. He has overall responsibility for its Portfolio Management and Equity Research functions. The team invests for sustainable growth with a particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet strength, cash flow generation and the ability to grow dividends each year.

FUND INFORMATION	
Total Net Assets	\$1,076.3m
Comparative Index	MSCI World All Countries \$ TR
Lipper Sector	Lipper Global Equity Global
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	USD
Currencies Available	GBP, USD, EUR, CHF
Inception Date	16 Aug 2013
Number of Holdings	20-30 stocks
Income Paid	N/A
Type of Payment	N/A
Ex Dividends	N/A
Payment Date	N/A
Pricing	Daily by 11pm (IRE)
Dealing	Daily by 12pm (IRE)

FUND CHARACTERISTICS	
Active Share <sup>9</sup>	89.1%
Ex Post Tracking Error	4.4%
12 Month Turnover	13.6%
BETA	0.94

<sup>9</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the benchmark index (MSCI World) ie. a portfolio that is identical to the benchmark would have 0% active share.

USD A (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS	
Price	\$176.61
ISIN	IE00BCLYMB94
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management fee	1.25%
Total ongoing charge (OCF)	1.36%
Min initial investment (USD)	50,000
Registered for sale	UK, CH, SA

The OCF is the 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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Stonehage Fleming Pooled Investments (Ireland) plc (the "Company"), an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between Funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 with registration number 525228. It qualifies and is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS").

The Company is recognised as a section 264 scheme by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom. The Fund is an approved Foreign Collective Investment Scheme in South Africa where it is registered with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (South Africa). The Fund has been granted consent pursuant to the Control of Borrowing (Jersey) Order 1958, by the Jersey Financial Services Commission ("JFSC") to circulate an offer for subscription,

sale or exchange of shares in Jersey. The JFSC is protected by the Control of Borrowing (Jersey) Law 1947, as amended, against liability arising from the discharge of its functions under that Law. Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited has been appointed as the manager (the "Manager") of the Company and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited has been appointed as the investment manager (the "Investment Manager") of the Company.

The latest version of the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information documents are available in English and can be obtained by contacting the administrator at [dublinta@linkgroup.ie](mailto:dublinta@linkgroup.ie).

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