

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



**SUSTAINABLE  
ORGANIC GROWTH**



**QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT**



**EFFICIENCY**



**FREE CASH FLOW  
GENERATION**



**MORNINGSTAR  
★★★**

**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**

March delivered a strong global equity performance despite the fact that bond yields continued to rise at a sharp rate. For example, the ten-year US Treasury yield increased by almost a quarter from 1.41% to 1.74%, ending the month at a record level post January 2020 (before the Global Virus Crisis struck). The S&P 500 index also reached an all-time record level on 1 April. We believe this overall optimism reflects high expectations for a quick economic recovery, based mainly on the successful vaccination programmes and the US fiscal stimulus. We applaud modern science for bringing us to a much better place.

Whilst geopolitical risks always lurk in the back of investors' minds, we have recently become more conscious of just how varied these risks can be. The previous US administration took a harder stance against China in different forms, from trade sanctions to sanctions on politically sensitive industries (mostly in technology), to the delisting from US exchanges of businesses being controlled by a foreign government entity or those not complying with US audit requirements. The latter is a material risk to Chinese companies that are unwilling to give foreign regulators full access to their books. The new US administration seems to continue this stance.

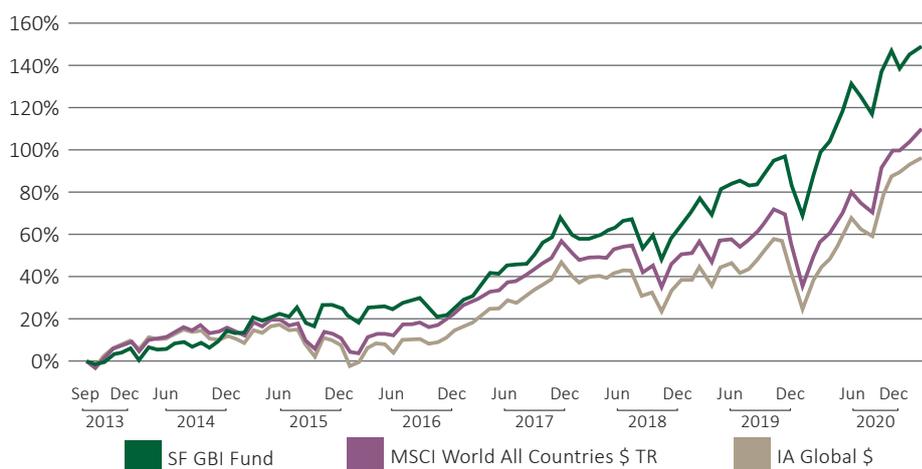
Chinese human rights are currently uppermost in many minds again. Statements by foreigners (whether historic or new) around forced labour practices in Xinjiang face a backlash from Chinese state media and e-commerce platforms. Some Western brands are suddenly not being offered on Chinese e-commerce sites anymore or are currently being boycotted by some Chinese consumers in favour of domestic ones.

Russian planes are continuously being intercepted over Europe and the North Sea (recently 10 times in a day). Global political tensions (including Taiwan, the Middle-East and Turkey) will most probably persist. Meanwhile, we realise neither the coronavirus nor its broad impacts will disappear anytime soon. We, therefore, relentlessly focus on the selection of businesses in which we have the highest conviction of sustainable growth.

**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 B USD)**



**CLASS B USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %**

	1m	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	1.0	0.2	46.6	55.9	95.8	147.6
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	2.7	4.6	54.6	40.8	86.0	108.9
IA Global \$	1.6	4.3	56.6	41.7	82.5	95.4

**CLASS B USD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %**

Calendar Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	26.4	30.7	-6.4	30.0	-2.5	10.4	6.6
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	16.3	26.6	-9.4	24.0	7.9	-2.4	4.2
IA Global \$	18.9	26.8	-11.2	24.8	3.4	-2.9	0.8

Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, Financial Express, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Equity Management as at 31/03/2021. 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	29.2
Staples	12.7
Discretionary	19.0
Health Care	17.2
Communication	11.7
Financials	8.0
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	78.8
Continental Europe	9.1
Asia Pacific	7.2
UK	2.7
Cash	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	
Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	331.6
Number of Holdings	29
Operating Margin	26.2%
Return on Invested Capital	15.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.4
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)	10.9%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)	18.8%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)	10.8%
Dividend Yield (gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	0.9%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>	34.9
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	2.9%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.7

<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> Weighted portfolio Trailing P/E Ratio and EPS projections applied. Source: Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited, Bloomberg.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% of Fund
PayPal	6.4
Microsoft	5.2
Alphabet	5.1
Amazon	4.9
Nike	4.8
Visa	4.6
Zoetis	4.2
Adobe	4.1
Accenture	4.1
Tencent	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.5</b>

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES <sup>8</sup> % of Fund	
North America	48.5
Emerging Markets	30.0
Continental Europe	16.8
UK	4.6
<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**



**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	\$1,978.3m
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
Range 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 23:00 Irish Time
Dealing	Daily by 12:00 Irish Time

FUND CHARACTERISTICS	
Active Share <sup>9</sup>	87.0%
Ex Post Tracking Error	6.8%
12 Month Turnover	2.8%
BETA	0.85

<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 B (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS	
Price	\$247.56
ISIN	IE00BCLYMC02
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management fee	0.75%
Total ongoing charge (OCF)	0.84%
Min initial investment (USD)	5,000,000
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).

The Fund has been classified as a product in accordance with Article 6 of Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations ("SFDR"). For further information please follow this link to our website: [https://cdn.io.stonehagefleming.com/craft-cms/investmentManagement/Sustainability-Disclosure\\_2021-03-12-172728.pdf](https://cdn.io.stonehagefleming.com/craft-cms/investmentManagement/Sustainability-Disclosure_2021-03-12-172728.pdf)

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