

# STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND

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



## 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 in class businesses for their quality, strategic competitive edge and value.

## FUND COMMENTARY

The MSCI ACTR World equity index dropped by an astounding -9.6%\* over September. Barring the drop of -13.5%\* in March 2020 with the onset of the Pandemic, this is the largest calendar monthly drop since the Financial Crisis.

Most of the reasoning for this sharp reaction is due to the Federal Reserve (Fed), stating clearly during their 21 September meeting that they are committed to bring down US inflation to their long-standing target of 2%, and announcing their third consecutive 75 basis point (bps) hike in their target rate. As a result, the ten-year Treasury yield increased from 3.2% to 3.8% over the month, triggering huge volatility in the Bond market which rubbed off on Equities as well.

With other Central banks lagging in their rate hikes, the Dollar continued its relentless strengthening. It added another +3.1%\*\* over the month, bringing its total appreciation to +17.2%\*\* over the year thus far. The currency has become a damper on the US economy and a huge headwind for their globally diversified corporates which, in turn, also contributes to Equity volatility. The market is now very unforgiving under these circumstances, with the result that any disappointment with a business's operational performance gets severely punished, irrespective of its future potential.

The main fundamental issue remains the level of US inflation, and aligned with that, US interest rates. Consensus expectations for the September CPI reading is a further drop of -0.2% to +8.1%. Along with that, we perceive the Dollar now effectively fulfilling part of the Fed's task by cooling the US economy – and therefore moderating inflation. We won't be overly surprised if the next Fed meeting may deliver the last +75 bps hike for the current cycle, and that market volatility can start calming. In the interim, we continue to make sure we hold the best franchises that may again attract investor interest for their quality characteristics.

\* in USD currency.

\*\* against a basket of trading currencies.

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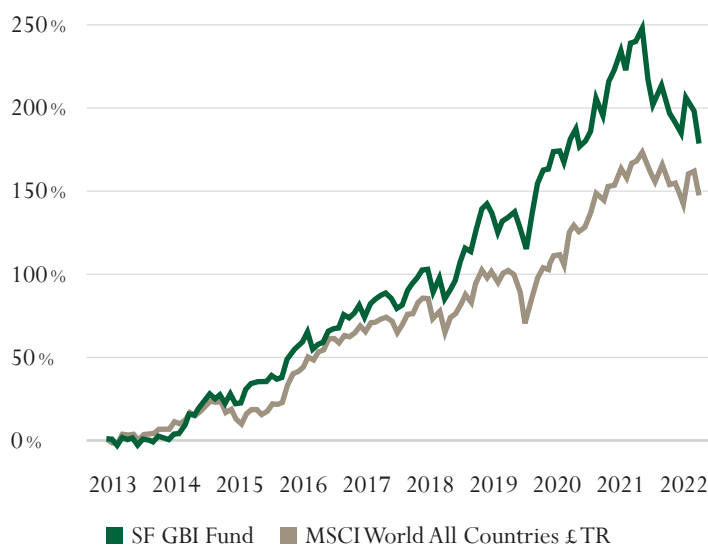
## RISK DISCLOSURE

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.

## 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 F GBP)



## CLASS F GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

|               | 1m   | YTD   | 1yr   | 3yr  | 5yr  | Since inception |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-----------------|
| SF GBI Equity | -6.7 | -18.6 | -12.1 | 19.6 | 63.7 | 183.4           |
| Annualised    | -    | -     | -     | 6.1  | 10.4 | 12.1            |
| MSCI AC £ TR  | -5.6 | -9.6  | -4.0  | 23.3 | 49.6 | 147.2           |
| Annualised    | -    | -     | -     | 7.2  | 8.4  | 10.4            |

## CLASS F GBP PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

|               | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SF GBI Equity | 21.0 | 22.8 | 26.0 | -0.3 | 19.0 | 16.6 |
| MSCI AC £ TR  | 19.6 | 13.0 | 21.7 | -3.9 | 13.2 | 28.7 |

Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 30/09/2022. Third parties (including Bloomberg) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

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## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Alphabet         | 6.8         |
| Microsoft        | 6.0         |
| Accenture        | 5.0         |
| Visa             | 4.9         |
| EssilorLuxottica | 4.5         |
| LVMH             | 4.5         |
| Zoetis           | 4.5         |
| Thermo Fisher    | 4.4         |
| Cadence          | 4.4         |
| S&P Global       | 3.9         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>49.0</b> |

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Technology    | 28.7         |
| Discretionary | 18.3         |
| Health Care   | 18.3         |
| Staples       | 13.1         |
| Communication | 8.3          |
| Financials    | 6.8          |
| Industrials   | 3.3          |
| Cash          | 3.1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |

## 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.

## REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| United States      | 74.5         |
| Continental Europe | 17.8         |
| Asia Pacific       | 4.6          |
| Cash               | 3.1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>100.0</b> |

## ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES<sup>8</sup> (% OF FUND)

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| North America      | 46.6         |
| Emerging Markets   | 31.6         |
| Continental Europe | 17.5         |
| UK                 | 4.3          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>100.0</b> |

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|                                                 |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)               | 240.5 |
| Number of Holdings                              | 28    |
| Operating Margin                                | 30.4% |
| Return on Invested Capital                      | 19.6% |
| Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>                    | 0.7   |
| Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)*          | 9.7%  |
| Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)* | 12.0% |
| Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)* | 7.8%  |
| Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>           | 1.2%  |
| Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>               | 23.7  |
| Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>               | 4.1%  |
| PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>                        | 2.6   |

## FUND RATINGS<sup>1</sup>



## SECTOR BREAKDOWN

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

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

\* Such forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance.

<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> Weighted portfolio Trailing P/E Ratio and EPS projections applied.

Source: Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited, Bloomberg.

## ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES

<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 RATINGS

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## FUND INFORMATION

|                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Net Assets     | £1,567.0m                      |
| Comparative Index    | MSCI World All Countries \$ TR |
| Lipper               | 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          | Annually                       |
| Type of Payment      | Dividend                       |
| Ex Dividends         | 4 Jan 2021                     |
| Payment Date         | 18 Jan 2021                    |
| Pricing              | Daily by 11pm (IRE)            |
| Dealing              | Daily by 12pm (IRE)            |

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Active Share <sup>1</sup> | 87.0% |
| Ex Post Tracking Error    | 8.1%  |
| 12 Month Turnover         | 6.3%  |
| Beta                      | 0.93  |

## GBP F (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

|                                                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Price                                           | £208.04      |
| ISIN                                            | IE00BDB5NS30 |
| Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating | 5            |
| Annual Management Fee                           | 0.50%        |
| Total Ongoing Charge (OCF <sup>2</sup> )        | 0.58%        |
| Min Initial Investment (GBP)                    | 35,000,000   |
| Registered For Sale                             | UK, CH, SA   |

<sup>1</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.

<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.

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