

# STONEHAGE FLEMING WORLDWIDE FLEXIBLE PRESCIENT FUND

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



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The portfolio will aim to maximize total return for investors by way of a flexible worldwide portfolio actively investing across equities and cash, both locally and internationally.

*The Fund has adhered to its policy objective.*

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

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

## FUND COMMENTARY

2024 started on a positive note for the US economy. Leading economic indicators have turned for the better, with the Manufacturing PMI Index providing an expansionary reading for the first time since April 2023. Consumption, the largest economic growth driver, remains on track with both consumer sentiment and retail sales rising. The ten-year treasury yield rose above 4% largely due to the constructive economic outlook, with little indication for the need for the Federal Reserve to cut its target rate anytime soon.

Fourth Industrial Revolution shares again made a positive contribution over the month. ASML announced surprisingly strong top-line growth of +30% for 2023 and new orders of \$9bn taken in the fourth quarter, benefitting from export restrictions against China and re-shoring of advanced chip production capacity to the US. The share's appreciation resulted in it getting into our top ten holdings. Cadence Design Systems in this semiconductor space also delivered. Accelerating AI activity has boosted both Microsoft and Alphabet's cloud revenue growth, indicating a potential positive structural turn in cloud's overall revenues. The Luxury sector also declared stronger than expected results, interestingly from both China and the US, boosting LVMH.

Our medical device Health Care holdings continue delivering mixed results, with Stryker leading and Becton Dickinson lagging in January. The positive economic outlook dampened investor appetite for some Staples shares.

No material changes to the portfolio were implemented.

The best contributors to overall fund performance in January have been ASML, Microsoft and Stryker, with Clicks, Nike and Estée Lauder the largest detractors.

*Data sourced from Bloomberg.*

*Opinions expressed represent the view of SFIM at the time of preparation. They are subject to change and should not be interpreted as investment advice.*

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

<sup>1</sup> For periods longer than one year, returns are annualised. Source for all performance is Prescient, Bloomberg and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31/12/23. Third parties (including Bloomberg and Financial Express) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

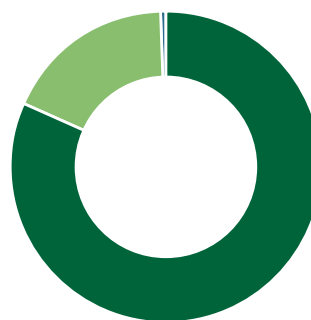
<sup>2</sup> Fund Inception Date: 1 July 2009.

<sup>3</sup> These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns over 10 years. This is a measure of how much the Fund's returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 June 2014 and The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 December 2022.

## 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, include some mid-size exceptional ones
- Buy to hold, disciplined selling
- No benchmark orientation, no active trading, no leverage, no hedging

## ASSET ALLOCATION



81.7%  
Global Equity

17.9%  
South African Equity

0.4%  
South African Cash

*There were no material changes in the composition of the portfolio during the month*

## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> %

	1m	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
SFWWF Prescient Fund	2.8	2.8	23.3	19.8	71.5	149.1	530.4
<i>Annualised</i>				6.2	11.4	9.6	13.5
Benchmark	1.7	1.7	15.9	42.1	67.8	174.9	332.1
<i>Annualised</i>				12.4	10.9	10.6	10.2

From inception to 6 October 2023 the fund's benchmark was CPI + 5%

## HIGHEST & LOWEST ANNUAL FIGURES(%)<sup>3</sup>

Highest Annual (01 Jul 2013 - 30 Jun 2014)	35.7
Lowest Annual (01 Jan 2022 - 31 Dec 2022)	-27.1

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> %

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
SF WFW Prescient Fund	31.1	-27.1	25.4	17.7	20.8
Benchmark	15.1	11.8	9.3	8.4	9.1

Performance is net of fees.

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## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

Microsoft	6.1
Alphabet	5.7
Cadence	4.6
Accenture	4.2
Amazon	3.9
ASML	3.4
S&P Global	3.4
Zoetis	3.4
PSG Konsult	3.3
Shoprite	3.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41.3</b>

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

Technology	23.4
Health Care	18.3
Financials	17.6
Discretionary	13.8
Staples	13.2
Communication	5.7
Industrials	4.8
Materials	2.8
Cash	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited.

## LEAD MANAGER



### GERRIT SMIT

Gerrit Smit is Head of Stonehage Fleming Global Equity Management. He has overall responsibility for the business unit and its Portfolio Management and Equity Research functions. He does the global stock selection.

## CO-MANAGER



### JOHAN BARKHUYSEN

Johan Barkhuysen is Head of Stonehage Fleming Equity Management (South Africa). He is responsible for the South African Portfolio Management and Equity Research functions. He does the domestic stock selection.

## REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

United States	62.0
Continental Europe	16.9
Asia Pacific	2.8
South Africa	17.9
Cash	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	39.9
Emerging Markets	36.8
Continental Europe	19.1
Japan	2.4
Other	1.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Worldwide Flexible Prescient Fund derive their revenues.

Source: Bloomberg; Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited. Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Market Cap (Billions ZAR)	6,125.6
Number of holdings	34
Operating Margin	27.5%
Return on Invested Capital	20.7%
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.7
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)	9.3%
Expected 3 Year EPS Growth (p.a.)	13.3%
Expected 3 Year DPS Growth (p.a.)	10.5%
Dividend Yield(gross)*	1.2%
Price/Earnings Ratio*	28.0
Free Cash Flow Yield*	3.4%
PEG Ratio**	2.6

\*Estimated 12 months forward \*\* Applying Trailing P/E Ratio  
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fund Size	R 2,322,596,205
Benchmark	80% MSCI ACWI Index (TR) 20% FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index (TR)
Fund Type	CIS (Collective Investment Scheme)
Fund Domicile	South Africa
Base Currency	ZAR
Number of units	430,040,375
Unit Price	540 cents
ISIN	ZAE000136420
JSE Code	Class A - MIWR
Inception date	01-Jul-09
Range of Holdings	20-35 stocks
Pricing	17:00 pm (SA)
Dealing	13:00 pm (SA)
ASISA fund classification	Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible
Risk Profile	Aggressive, the fund is not suitable for investors with a time horizon under five years or looking to preserve capital
Income declaration dates	March & September Previous declaration dates were June & December
Last two distributions	0.6811 cpu; 0.000cpu
Income payment dates	1st business day of April & October Previous payment dates were the 1st business day of July & January
Investment Manager	Stonehage Fleming Investment Management (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
Trustee	Nedbank Investor Services 2nd Floor, 16 Constantia Boulevard, Constantia Kloof, Roodepoort, 1709 +27 11 534 6557 www.nedbank.co.za
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## INVESTMENT MANAGER INFORMATION

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\*\* Following the change of Fund Administrator please note that investors can register on the secure portal to have access to pricing history and investor statements.

## FEES<sup>2</sup>

Minimum Investment (Platform)	No Minimum
Minimum Investment (Direct)	R 10,000,000
Maximum Initial Advice Fee	N/A
Maximum Annual Advice Fee	1.15%
Investment Manager Initial Fee	N/A
Annual Management Fee	1.44%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.48%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.38%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.86%

<sup>2</sup> Advice fees are negotiable between the client and their adviser. Annual advice fees are paid through a re-purchase of units from the investor. The fund is available through certain LISPs which levy their own fees. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Disclosed performance information is calculated after all fees and costs deducted. All fees inclusive of VAT where applicable.

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The Management Company and Trustee are registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (No.45 of 2002). Prescient is a member of the Association for Savings and Investments South Africa.

## DISCLOSURES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Alpha:

Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

### Sharpe Ratio:

The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

### Standard Deviation:

The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

### Max Drawdown:

The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

### Max Gain:

Largest increase in any single month

### % Positive Month:

The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

### Average Duration:

The weighted average duration of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund.

### Average Credit quality:

The weighted average credit quality of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund (internally calculated).

### Dividend Yield:

The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.

### PE Ratio:

The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.

### High Water Mark:

The highest level of performance achieved over a specified period.

### Annualised performance:

Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

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