

# STONFHAGE FLEMING

# **GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND**

**USD B SHARE CLASS** 

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



around the world.

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE** 

**INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY** 

strategic competitive edge and value.

PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE



# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

EFFICIENCY

- 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

**5 YEAR** TOP DECILE PERFORMANCE

OF GLOBAL EQUITY FUNDS

Morningstar Global Large Cap

Blend as at 31 March 2020

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• Bottom-up approach to identify exceptional businesses

FREE CASH FLOW

GENERATION

- 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	11.4	-3.8	5.7	37.6	54.2	88.1
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	10.7	-12.9	-5.0	14.0	23.8	49.6
IA Global \$	11.2	-11.9	-4.4	13.2	18.0	38.8

### **CLASS B USD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %**

Calendar Year	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	30.7	-6.4	30.0	-2.5	10.4	6.6
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	26.6	-9.4	24.0	7.9	-2.4	4.2
IA Global \$	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 30/04/2020. Third parties (including Bloomberg and Financial Express) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.



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# 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.

To achieve long-term growth in capital and income in a

focused portfolio of high quality listed businesses from

We invest in best of breed businesses for their quality,

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### FUND COMMENTARY

The world economy has most probably never before dipped so quickly into such a deep recession. Very few economies have escaped the severe disruptions COVID-19 is causing.

Investors are braced for sharp drops in earnings for the first two quarters of this year at least. Dividend cuts are no longer unusual. A baseline scenario for the virus developments indicate that the US GDP may return to its end-2019 level only by mid-2021. Such circumstances may be too dire for some to engage in equity investing today.

Capital markets most often focus on changes in perceptions rather than on the immediate economic outlook. The 'rolling over' of the total number of new virus infections is currently quite a focus area and the fact that medical services generally seem to be coping better than many had initially feared is important for investor sentiment. The fact that the debate has moved on to the best way to come out of the lockdowns implies the muddiest water is getting under the bridge. Governments and authorities now have much more information to manage the virus risks.

We expect a 'new economic normal' as we slowly make progress in turning the economic corner towards the end of the third quarter. The need for advanced technological solutions and services is expected to accelerate. The focus on good health care is expected to remain a priority. Businesses with strong balance sheets can capitalise on many new opportunities and the woes of weak competitors. Highly effective businesses can become even more competitive in a deflationary environment. As an example, the travel and logistics industry is expected to undergo huge restructuring.

We invest with our eyes on the horizon, making our case for very active stock selection instead of buying the so-called 'market', especially under the current dire economic circumstances. Such circumstances have historically proven to be a good time to invest.



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SECTOR BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
Technology	24.4
Staples	16.7
Discretionary	18.4
Health Care	16.8
Communication	10.6
Financials	7.5
Industrials	0.0
Cash	5.7
Total	100.0

Source: Capita Financial Administrators (Ireland) Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited.

### FUND MANAGER



# Gerrit Smit

Gerrit Smit is Head of the Equity Management team. He has overall responsibility for its

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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	\$1,298.0m
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)

# REGIONAL BREAKDOWN% of FundUnited States72.6Continental Europe9.5Asia Pacific7.2UK5.0Cash5.7Total100.0

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS					
	Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	259.8			
	Number of Holdings	26			
	Operating Margin	27.0%			
	Return on Invested Capital	19.2%			
	Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.8			
	Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)	11.1%			
	Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)	6.5%			
	Dividend Yield (gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.2%			
	Price/Earnings Ratio⁵	30.8			
	Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.4%			
	PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	3.0			

<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> Median Portfolio 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 Microsoft 60 Visa 5.8 Zoetis 53 Amazon 5.1 PavPal 49 Alphabet 4.6 S&P Global 41 Nike 4.1 Accenture 40 Tencent 38 Total 47.7

ES	TIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES <sup>8</sup>	% of Fund
	North America	47.2
	Emerging Markets	30.8
	Continental Europe	17.7
	UK	4.3
Tot	Total	

\* 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 CHARACTERISTICS	
Active Share <sup>9</sup>	87.3%
Ex Post Tracking Error	5.8%
12 Month Turnover	7.4%
BETA	0.86

<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	\$188.08
ISIN	IE00BCLYMC02
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management fee	0.75%
Total ongoing charge (OCF)	0.85%
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.

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