

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



**SUSTAINABLE
ORGANIC GROWTH**



**QUALITY
MANAGEMENT**



EFFICIENCY



**FREE CASH FLOW
GENERATION**



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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

Simulated past performance and 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

Global Equity investors have enjoyed another calendar year of pleasing double digit returns in 2021, as reflected in the MSCI World AC index being up +18.5% (in USD). Furthermore, it was the third consecutive year of double-digit returns. Investors have good reason to celebrate, particularly given the uncertain global economic backdrop caused by the pandemic over most of the year. However, some may fear this high base for continued delivery. We are not in the position to forecast investment returns, but we can consider the facts at hand to assess the risks we face.

Our analysis of three consecutive double-digit calendar year returns for the S&P 500 index over more than 90 years show it to be quite a rarity – it has only happened on four previous occasions. Three of those occasions were followed by another double-digit return year, with the fourth one delivering a small positive overall return.

Whilst the current US economic recovery process has run its course, their leading economic indicators remain constructive, indicating that we are in a normal expansionary phase. With strong order books, the further easing of backlogs can continue to support earnings growth that can absorb some of the high Equity valuations. Weak US Consumer Confidence can benefit from more assuring news on the virus front and support further consumption growth.

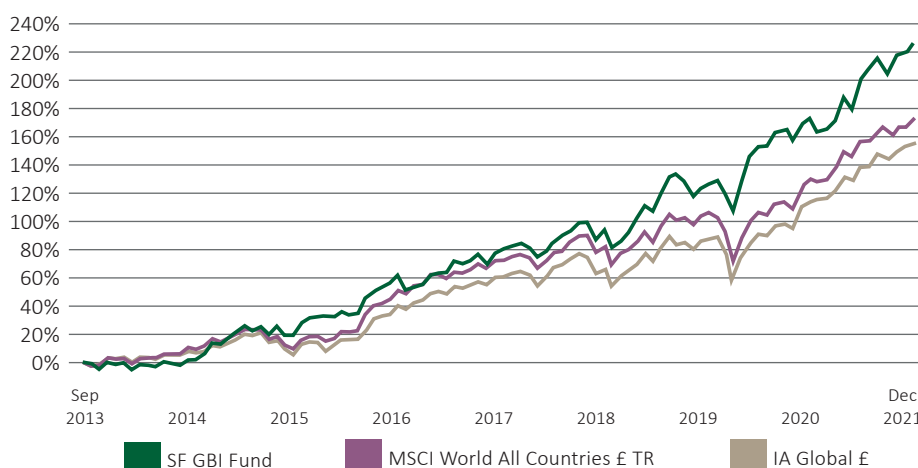
Investors have little certainty about the Chinese fundamental economic, socio-political and regulatory outlook currently. World capital markets need more clarity on this front in the not too distant future. General perceptions are also that the current worldwide high inflation levels may start easing somewhat after another quarter or so. In the interim, fears are high for policy errors by central banks in this context, with the risk that a normal new tightening cycle may be interpreted as an over- or under-reaction to the inflationary outlook.

Our orientation remains thoroughly strategic, with full recognition of an ever-evolving economic and business outlook.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Invest for sustainable organic 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 PERFORMANCE¹ (CLASS C GBP)



CLASS C GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	2.1	20.1	20.1	83.0	113.9	226.8
<i>Annualised</i>	-	-	-	22.3	16.4	15.2
MSCI World All Countries £ TR	1.9	19.6	19.6	64.3	78.7	173.3
<i>Annualised</i>	-	-	-	18.0	12.3	12.8
IA Global £	1.4	17.7	17.7	65.4	77.8	151.9
<i>Annualised</i>	-	-	-	18.3	12.2	11.7

CLASS C GBP PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

Calendar Year	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	20.1	21.9	25.0	-1.1	18.1	15.7	16.2	12.7
MSCI World All Countries £ TR	19.6	13.0	21.7	-3.9	13.2	28.7	3.2	10.7
IA Global £	17.7	15.3	21.9	-5.7	14.0	23.3	2.8	7.1

¹ Performance prior to 23 August 2013 is simulated using the performance of the D 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 31/12/2021. 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	29.0
Discretionary	21.2
Health Care	19.4
Staples	9.6
Communication	8.5
Financials	6.5
Industrials	3.1
Cash	2.7
Total	100.0

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

FUND MANAGER	
	<p>Gerrit Smit</p> <p>Gerrit Smit is Head of the Equity Management team. He has overall responsibility for its Portfolio Management and Equity Research functions.</p> <p>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.</p>

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
United States	81.1
Continental Europe	13.8
Asia Pacific	2.4
Cash	2.7
Total	100.0

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	
Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)	297.6
Number of Holdings	27
Operating Margin	27.6%
Return on Invested Capital	19.7%
Net Debt/EBITDA ¹	0.2
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)	12.8%
Expected 3 Year EPS ² Growth (p.a.)	17.5%
Expected 3 Year DPS ³ Growth (p.a.)	9.2%
Dividend Yield (gross) ^{4,5}	0.7%
Price/Earnings Ratio ⁶	36.0
Free Cash Flow Yield ⁵	2.8%
PEG Ratio ^{6,7}	3.0

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% of Fund
Alphabet	6.8
Microsoft	5.7
Accenture	5.3
Nike	5.2
Zoetis	5.0
EssilorLuxottica	4.8
Adobe	4.6
Amazon	4.5
LVMH	4.3
S&P Global	4.1
Total	50.3

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES ⁸ % of Fund	
North America	49.4
Emerging Markets	28.0
Continental Europe	17.8
UK	4.7
Total	100.0

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

⁸ 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 INFORMATION	
Total Net Assets	£1,894.0m
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
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 23:00 Irish Time
Dealing	Daily by 12:00 Irish Time

FUND CHARACTERISTICS	
Active Share ⁹	87.0%
Ex Post Tracking Error	7.2%
12 Month Turnover	7.3%
BETA	0.86

⁹ 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.

GBP C (INCOME) SHARE CLASS DETAILS	
Price	£325.73
ISIN	IE00BCLYMD19
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management fee	1.25%
Total ongoing charge (OCF)	1.34%
Min initial investment (GBP)	35,000
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.

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