

# STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY PRESCIENT FEEDER FUND

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



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund is a feeder fund investing only in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund ("Master Fund"), managed by Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited in the United Kingdom. The Master Fund seeks to achieve long-term growth in capital and income in a focused portfolio of high quality listed businesses from around the world.

*The Fund has adhered to its policy objective.*

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

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

## FUND COMMENTARY

2023 turned out a better year for global equity investors than many expected a year ago. It rewarded shareholders of quality businesses well. The MSCI AC Index recovered most of its 2022 losses and closed the year within 4% of its all-time record level set in November of 2021 (\$ terms).

This success is ascribed to three main factors – US inflation dropped quicker than expected, US interest rates peaked earlier than anticipated, and the US economy remained more resilient than feared. Headline inflation more than halved from 6.5% in December 2022 to 3.1% in November 2023. The ten-year Treasury yield remained stable at 3.9% over the year, following a sharp rise to its peak of 5.0% in October. The quarterly average GDP for the four quarters to September was +3.0%. Further to this, consensus twelve-month forward S&P 500 Index earnings increased by +6.2% over the year. This potent combination supported risk appetite.

The US capital markets are currently underpinned by an overall view that US inflation is under control and that this cycle's peak US interest rates are behind us. The debate has substantially moved on from rising rates in 2023 to the timing of the Federal Reserve's first cut of their target rate this year. As last year's stock market performance was largely driven by the strong recovery of Technology/AI related stocks, we currently see opportunities for other sectors to catch-up.

The best contributors to the fund's performance over December were Zoetis, Edwards Lifesciences and ASML with AJ Gallagher, United Health and Adobe the worst. Over the full year, the top six contributors are all AI related Businesses (Microsoft, Alphabet, Cadence, Adobe, Amazon, Accenture), while specifically Health Care names featured as detractors (Thermo Fisher, Becton Dickinson, Edwards Lifesciences) as the new GLP-1 anti-obesity drug hurt general investor sentiment on the sector.

<sup>1</sup>Source: 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.*

1 For periods longer than one year, returns are annualised. Source for all performance is Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Equity Management as at 31/12/2023. Third parties (including Bloomberg) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

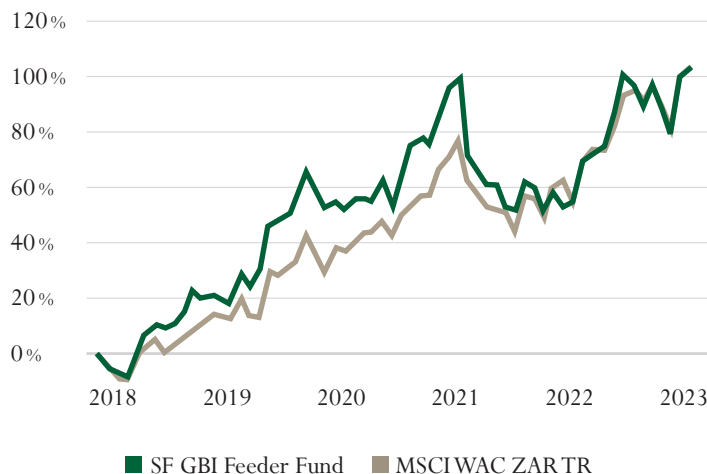
2 Fund Inception Date: 1 November 2018.

3 These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns over a 10 year period (or since inception where the performance history does not exist for 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 31 January 2020 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, 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 A1 ZAR)



## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> % (CLASS A1 ZAR)

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	Since inception
SF GBI Equity Prescient Feeder Fund	0.9	31.1	31.1	9.8	14.6
MSCI AC ZAR TR	1.7	31.2	31.2	13.8	14.7

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

SF GBI FEEDER FUND	
Highest Annual (1 Feb 2019 - 31 Jan 2020)	40.7
Lowest Annual (1 Jan 2022 - 31 Dec 2022)	-22.8

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> % (CLASS A1 ZAR)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
SF GBI Equity Prescient Feeder Fund	31.1	-22.8	30.9	28.5	26.4
MSCI AC ZAR TR	31.2	-12.8	28.6	22.0	23.5

Performance is net of fees.

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## INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE MASTER FUND

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

Microsoft	7.0
Alphabet	6.9
Cadence	5.2
Accenture	4.9
Amazon	4.4
Zoetis	4.3
S&P Global	4.1
EssilorLuxottica	3.9
L'Oreal	3.8
Visa	3.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.4</b>

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

Technology	26.6
Health Care	21.4
Financials	12.7
Discretionary	12.0
Staples	8.3
Communication	6.9
Industrials	3.4
Materials	3.4
Cash	5.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PORTFOLIO 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.

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (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

\* 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; Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited. Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

### FUND RATINGS

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### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

United States	72.4
Continental Europe	19.1
Asia Pacific	3.2
Cash	5.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	49.5
Emerging Markets	22.7
Continental Europe	21.5
Japan	2.9
Other	3.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	394.5
Number of Holdings	28
Operating Margin	30.1%
Return on Invested Capital	20.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.6
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)*	9.2%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	13.5%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	8.9%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	0.9%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	29.1
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.5%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.9

### MASTER FUND'S RATINGS AND AWARDS



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## INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE MASTER FUND

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Total Net Assets	\$2,500.9m
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Inception Date	16 August 2013
Range of Holdings	20-30 stocks

### FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Active Share <sup>2</sup>	86.4%
Ex Post Tracking Error	6.9%
12 Month Turnover	10.4%
Beta	0.94

<sup>2</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the benchmark index (MSCI World) i.e. a portfolio that is identical to the benchmark would have 0% active share.

## INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE FEEDER FUND

### ASSET ALLOCATION

Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund	99.5%
Cash	0.5%

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

### FEEDER FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio manager	Gerrit Smit
ASISA fund classification	Global - Equity - General
Portfolio launch date	1 November 2018
Fee class launch date	1 November 2018
Portfolio size	R1,246.8m
Number of units	19,638,388
Unit price	2,021.20 cents
ISIN	ZAE000263315
Benchmark	MSCI All Countries World Index (Total Return) measured in Rands
Risk profile	Aggressive, the fund is not suitable for investors with a time horizon under five years or looking to preserve capital
Income declaration date	Last day of March
Last two distributions	R0.00 <sup>1</sup>
Income payment dates	1st working day in April
Portfolio valuation time	3pm (local time)
Transaction cut-off	1pm (local time)
Repurchase period	3 working days
Investment manager	Stonehage Fleming Investment Management (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
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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>3</sup> (CLASS A1 ZAR)

Minimum investment	R 10,000
Advice Initial Fee (max)	N/A
Advice Annual Fee (max)	N/A
Investment Manager Initial Fee	N/A
Investment Manager Annual Fee (Feeder Fund)	0.81%
Investment Manager Annual Fee (Master Fund)	0.75%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.66%
Estimated Transaction Costs (TC)	0.02%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.68%

<sup>1</sup>The main fund this feeder fund is investing in is a non-distributing fund, hence no income may be available for distribution.

<sup>3</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 LSPs 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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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A **Feeder Fund** is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme which levies its own charges, and which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund.

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Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not

include information gathered over a full year. Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund 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 Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time Prescient shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3pm or 5pm depending on the nature of the Fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the Prescient website.

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the manager on request.

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## DEFINITIONS

### **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.

### **Highest & Lowest return:**

The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

### **NAV:**

The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.