

# 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

Capital markets were in February predominantly driven by the US inflation reading for January. Headline inflation dropped from 6.5% to 6.4%. The 0.1% drop was less than the expected 0.3% drop. This triggered fears for potential 'sticky' inflation and edged the 2-year Treasury yield up from 4.2% to 4.8% and the 10-year Treasury yield up from 3.5% to 3.9% over the month. The yield curve therefore inverted further from -0.69% to -0.90%. Expectations for the Federal Reserve (Fed) to stop hiking their target rate have been pushed out further. These developments have hurt investor sentiment.

The US economy is predominantly a services driven one. Renewed fears for persistent high US inflation are therefore predominantly based on the low unemployment levels and the implied high wage increases. All this leaves investors with an interesting conundrum.

Whilst current US economic circumstances seem quite buoyant (as reflected in the continued low unemployment and high new employment levels), the inverted yield curve and other leading economic indicators signal weaker economic circumstances on the way. Critically, US wage growth is already in process of moderating from its recent peak of +6.0% to the current +4.4%. Pandemic-inflicted supply chain issues are moderating off a high base. Despite the Ukraine war, this is also the case for food and energy prices.

Whilst this may calm the Fed nerves to some extent, we believe they will remain cautious and continue hiking their target rate by +0.25% increments for another few months to further build their reserves and convincingly dampen wage growth. This may already be the consensus view and new inflation numbers may play a larger role in determining investor sentiment. We do not find enough reason to have meaningful reservations about the potential for a continued downward trend in US inflation.

The largest contributors to the Fund's February performance were Cadence Design Systems, Stryker and Edwards Lifesciences, with Alphabet, Adobe and Estée Lauder the largest detractors.

Data sourced from Bloomberg.

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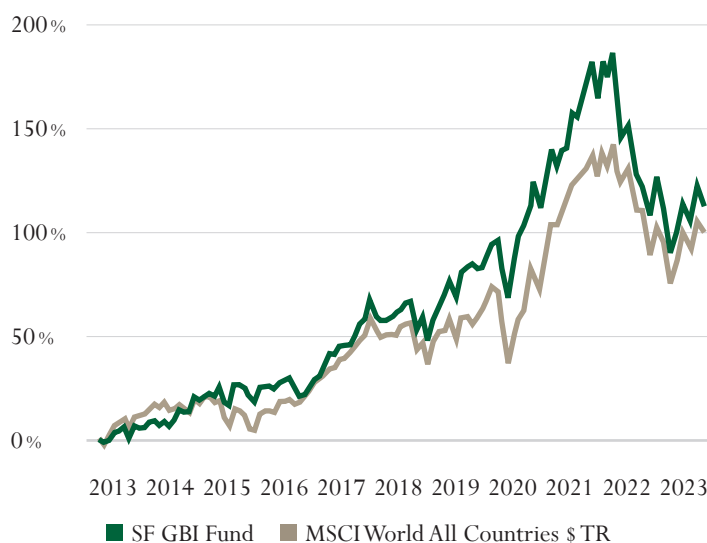
## RISK DISCLOSURE

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<sup>1</sup> (CLASS A USD)



## CLASS A USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since inception
SF GBI Equity	-4.4	3.3	-12.9	19.1	34.8	111.8
Annualised	-	-	-	6.0	6.1	8.2
MSCI AC \$ TR	-2.9	4.1	-8.3	28.8	32.7	101.2
Annualised	-	-	-	8.8	5.8	7.6

## CLASS A USD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SF GBI Equity	-27.6	19.0	25.8	30.0	-6.8	29.3
MSCI AC \$ TR	-18.4	18.5	16.3	26.6	-9.4	24.0

<sup>1</sup> Performance prior to 23 August 2013 is simulated using the performance of the B share class. Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 28/02/2023. 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)**

Microsoft	5.7
Alphabet	5.7
LVMH	5.6
Visa	5.4
EssilorLuxottica	5.1
Accenture	4.6
Cadence	4.6
Zoetis	4.5
Thermo Fisher	4.2
S&P Global	3.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49.4</b>

**SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)**

Technology	30.6
Health Care	24.9
Discretionary	15.4
Staples	12.9
Communication	7.1
Financials	5.5
Industrials	3.0
Cash	0.5
<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: 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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**REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)**

United States	74.8
Continental Europe	19.5
Asia Pacific	5.2
Cash	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	47.3
Emerging Markets	31.3
Continental Europe	17.3
UK	4.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	304.3
Number of Holdings	28
Operating Margin	30.0%
Return on Invested Capital	19.3%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.8
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)*	8.9%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	13.2%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	9.6%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.1%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	26.2
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.6%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.6

**FUND RATINGS<sup>1</sup>**



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**FUND INFORMATION**

Total Net Assets	\$1,965.7m
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	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)

**FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

Active Share <sup>1</sup>	88.0%
Ex Post Tracking Error	8.3%
12 Month Turnover	5.1%
Beta	0.93

**USD A (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS**

Price	\$211.97
ISIN	IE00BCLYMB94
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	6
Annual Management Fee	1.25%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF <sup>2</sup> )	1.33%
Min Initial Investment (USD)	50,000
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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