

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

Equity market performance over the month of July was mainly driven by a further decline in the rate of US inflation, resilient economic growth and by specific company results. Despite the disappointingly slow recovery of the Chinese economy and their growing risk of deflation, the US macro-economic backdrop in particular has been more favourable to equity markets.

Just over half of the S&P 500 constituents have already reported. Whilst investor expectations have been relatively muted, both overall revenue and earnings growth remain in positive territory. Revenue has moderately outperformed expectations, whilst 80% of companies have delivered better than expected earnings results.

Share price reactions to company results thus far have been quite volatile. In many of the cases where prices had appreciated leading up to the results, there have been negative reactions if a positive earnings surprise and rise in outlook was not delivered. This has been most notable in health care, where challenges around support staff have not been totally resolved yet. Against this, the resilient US economy has brought into focus how some industries have been overly cautious and are now starting to catch up with reality. For example, the US digital advertising industry has been in an earnings 'recession' since the end of last year, but is now starting to grow from a low base.

We have in July been more active than usual. With the exceptionally strong performance of the luxury industry since the Pandemic, we have realised some of our profits in this sector. The exceptionally strong performance of our technology-related stocks on the Artificial Intelligence developments has resulted in strong valuation multiple expansion. We have also realised some of our profits in this context. The volatility in health care stocks offered us an opportunity to reallocate weightings within the sector.

The best contributors to performance over the month have been Alphabet, Adobe and Zoetis. The largest detractors were Edwards Lifesciences, Stryker and Estée Lauder.

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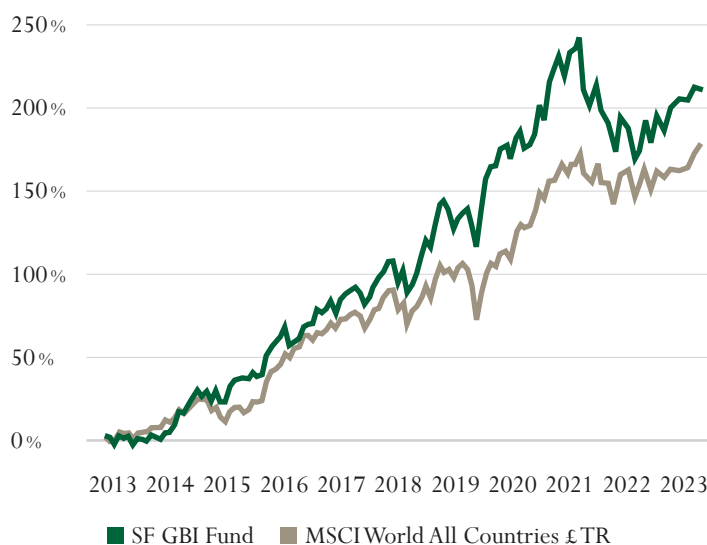
## RISK DISCLOSURE

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 (CLASS D GBP)



## CLASS D GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since inception
SF GBI Equity	-0.2	11.4	2.6	20.2	59.2	210.9
<i>Annualised</i>	-	-	-	6.3	9.8	12.1
MSCI AC £ TR	2.5	11.1	6.9	37.1	51.7	177.4
<i>Annualised</i>	-	-	-	11.1	8.7	10.8

## CLASS D GBP PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SF GBI Equity	-18.1	20.7	22.5	25.6	-0.6	18.7
MSCI AC £ TR	-8.7	19.6	13.0	21.7	-3.9	13.2

Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31/07/2023. 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)**

Alphabet	6.9
Microsoft	6.9
Visa	5.5
Cadence	4.8
Accenture	4.7
Zoetis	4.3
EssilorLuxottica	4.2
S&P Global	3.9
L'Oreal	3.8
ASML	3.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.4</b>

**SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)**

Technology	25.8
Health Care	22.2
Discretionary	12.9
Staples	11.2
Financials	10.6
Communication	6.9
Industrials	3.4
Materials	2.2
Cash	4.7
<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.

**REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)**

United States	73.7
Continental Europe	16.9
Asia Pacific	4.7
Cash	4.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	48.4
Emerging Markets	23.6
Europe	21.5
Japan	3.0
Other	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)	286.1
Number of Holdings	28
Operating Margin	31.1%
Return on Invested Capital	20.2%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.7
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	9.1%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	14.6%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	9.4%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.1%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	28.5
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.5%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.7

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



**SECTOR BREAKDOWN**

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

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

<sup>\*</sup> 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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**FUND INFORMATION**

Total Net Assets	£1,834.5m
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	Annually
Type of Payment	Dividend
Ex Dividends	4 Jan 2022
Payment Date	18 Jan 2022
Pricing	Daily by 11pm (IRE)
Dealing	Daily by 12pm (IRE)

**FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

Active Share <sup>1</sup>	86.0%
Ex Post Tracking Error	6.8%
12 Month Turnover	4.0%
Beta	0.96

**GBP D (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS**

Price	£302.01
ISIN	IE00BCLYMF33
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management Fee	0.75%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF <sup>2</sup> )	0.83%
Min Initial Investment (GBP)	3,500,000
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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