

# 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

Stock market performance over July was volatile, driven largely by lower US inflation and a growing perception of a change in Federal Reserve policy and that their first rate cut is getting closer. This further supports investor perception that the general interest rate trend is firmly downwards, which will be supportive of smaller businesses. This triggered a large scale rotation from large capitalisation, higher valued (predominantly Technology related) stocks to lower valued, smaller capitalisation stocks that have been left behind for long. For example, the Small Cap Russell 2000 Index outperformed the S&P 500 Index by 9% and the S&P Value Index outperformed the S&P Growth Index by 6% over the month. The best performing sectors have been Real Estate, Utilities and Financials, with Information Technology and Communication Services the key laggards. This is already known as “The Great Rotation”.

The second quarter reporting season is in full swing (almost two thirds of the S&P 500 constituents have already reported). Overall results are pleasing (with index earnings +11%), with both top and bottom-line results delivering positive surprises against consensus expectations. That said, disappointment in results or management’s growth outlook was severely punished in many cases, adding to the Great Rotation volatility.

Our Fund’s investment philosophy is contrary to this Great Rotation and suffered from that. Five of the six worst contributors to performance over the month are Technology related businesses. Of the three worst stock market performers, Microsoft delivered a strong operational result (+15% top-line), with their Azure Cloud business doing particularly well. Cadence Design Systems’ results exceeded expectations, with a constructive cyclical outlook. The worst stock market performer was Edwards Lifesciences. They lowered their heart valve sales outlook and announced three acquisitions.

The best contributors to performance have been United Health, S&P Global and AJ Gallagher. They all declared pleasing results.

Data sourced from Bloomberg.

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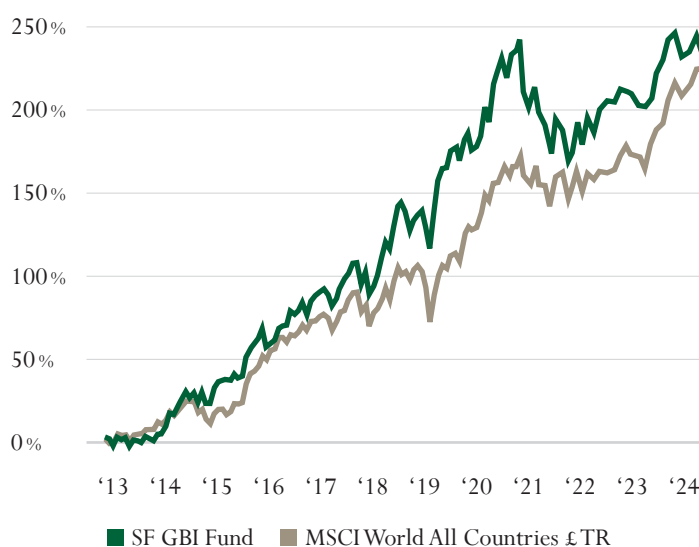
## RISK DISCLOSURE

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 (CLASS D GBP)



## CLASS D GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Since inception
SF GBI Equity	-3.7	2.9	6.8	4.4	41.0	232.6	231.9
Annualised	-	-	-	1.4	7.1	12.8	11.6
MSCI AC £ TR	0.1	12.4	17.2	28.1	60.7	204.1	225.1
Annualised	-	-	-	8.6	9.9	11.8	11.4

## CLASS D GBP PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
SF GBI Equity	15.6	-18.1	20.7	22.5	25.6	-0.6
MSCI AC £ TR	15.8	-8.7	19.6	13.0	21.7	-3.9

Fund Inception Date: 16 August 2013. Source for all performance is Northern Trust, Bloomberg, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31/07/24. 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	8.3
Microsoft	7.6
Amazon	5.9
Cadence	5.0
EssilorLuxottica	4.5
S&P Global	4.4
ASML	4.3
Zoetis	3.8
Visa	3.8
AJ Gallagher	3.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51.3</b>

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

Technology	25.2
Health Care	21.9
Financials	13.8
Discretionary	11.5
Communication	8.3
Staples	7.1
Industrials	5.3
Materials	3.7
Cash	3.1
<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> This is the weighted-average dividend yield of the underlying holdings, stated gross of withholding taxes and costs, and not the Dividend Yield of the Fund itself. <sup>5</sup> Estimated 12 months forward. <sup>6</sup> Price / Earnings to Growth Ratio, excluding Nike. <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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This fund does not have a sustainable objective.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)

United States	73.7
Continental Europe	20.0
Asia Pacific	3.1
Cash	3.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	50.2
Emerging Markets	21.9
Continental Europe	21.1
Japan	2.7
Other	4.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)	326.2
Number of Holdings	29
Operating Margin	31.1%
Return on Invested Capital	20.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.6
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	9.2%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	13.0%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.) <sup>*</sup>	8.2%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	0.9%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	27.9
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.5%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.7

FUND RATINGS<sup>9</sup>



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**OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2023)**

Our assessment confirms:

- The fund meets the needs of the target market.
- The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate.
- The fund provides fair value to customers.

**INVESTOR PROFILE**

The fund is appropriate for all investor types, including those with only a basic knowledge of funds. It is compatible with investors who do not need a capital guarantee (investors must be prepared to accept fluctuations in the value of capital, including the ability to bear 100% capital loss) and are seeking capital growth. Due to the volatility of markets, investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of potentially higher returns. This is a long term investment and investors should have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years. The recommended holding period does not provide any guarantee that the objective will be achieved. This product is eligible for all distribution channels (e.g. investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services).

The fund is unlikely to be appropriate for those who:

- Are looking for full capital protection or full repayment of the amount invested, and those who want a guaranteed return
- Have no risk tolerance
- Who are unwilling to accept price fluctuations (volatility) in the value of the fund
- Do not intend to invest for the long term

**FUND INFORMATION**

Total Net Assets	£1,988.2m
Comparative Index	MSCI World All Countries \$ TR
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
Value of Dividend	£0.0000
Ex Dividend	2 Jan 2024
Payment Date	16 Jan 2024
Pricing	Daily by 11pm (IRE)
Dealing	Daily by 12pm (IRE)

**FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

Active Share <sup>1</sup>	86.0%
Ex Post Tracking Error	7.1%
12 Month Turnover	4.6%
Beta	0.94

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

Price	£322.43
ISIN	IE00BCLYMF33
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management Fee	0.75%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF <sup>2</sup> )	0.80%
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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus and the KIID of the UCITS before making any final investment decisions. All investments risk the loss of capital. No guarantee or representation is made that the funds will achieve their investment objective. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management. The fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; hence changes in the relevant exchange rate will affect the value of the investment.

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