

# 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

In June, global equity markets have continued their recovery process from the bear market lows. This has predominantly been driven by growing investor perceptions that US inflation is under control. This relative comfort has been countered to some extent by fears for an upcoming US recession.

This upcoming recession is by far the most anticipated one. Highly regarded leading indicators have provided recession warning signals for over a year already. Consensus independent economist surveys indicate a high probability of a recession and world trade has stagnated. Despite this, though, business profits keep surprising to the upside.

Capital market indicators do not yet reflect a material recession. Strong employment continues to support the US consumer, already with, on average, a relatively healthy balance sheet. A healthy US housing market and positive builders' confidence support overall consumer confidence. Corporate balance sheets are generally also strong. Manufacturing orders/inventory balances have stabilised, indicating stability in the manufacturing sector. The US administration continues to spend around 20% of GDP. The recent three Biden acts indirectly boost government spending by another fifth, increasing overall spending to almost a quarter of GDP.\* Energy costs continue to drift. Pandemic-inflicted backlogs have mostly cleared.

All-in-all, our view is that any upcoming, or even imminent, US recession may be a relatively shallow and short one. Seeing that it is, unlike other recessions, already preceded by a bear equity market and lower valuations, and the stock market discounting machine looking beyond the immediate, we refrain from being overly cautious.

The S&P 500 delivered a double-digit return over the first half of the year following the negative performance of last year. In all similar historic circumstances since 1950, it delivered a positive return over the second half of the year.

The largest positive contributors to performance over June were Adobe, LVMH and Edwards Lifesciences. Keyence and Alphabet were minor detractors.

\* *Bipartisan Infrastructure, Inflation Reduction and CHIPS & Science Acts*

*Data sourced from 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.*

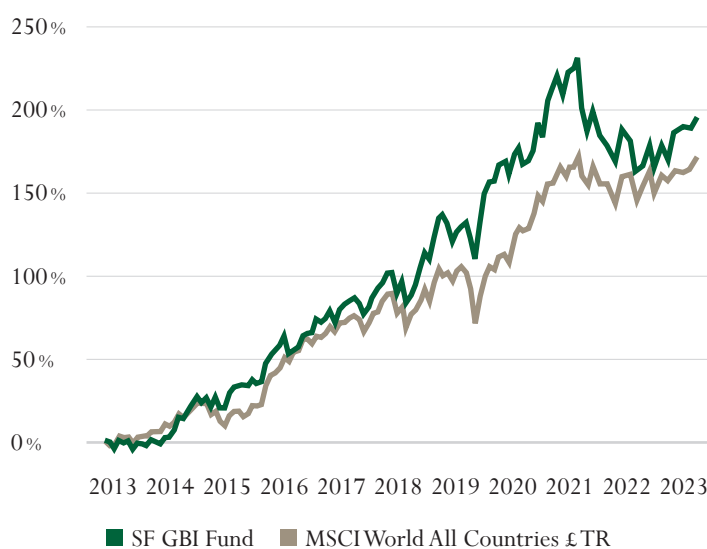
## RISK DISCLOSURE

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 C GBP)



## CLASS C GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since inception
SF GBI Equity	2.1	11.4	10.8	18.7	58.2	196.6
Annualised	-	-	-	5.9	9.6	11.6
MSCI AC £ TR	3.1	8.4	11.6	33.1	53.2	170.6
Annualised	-	-	-	10.0	8.9	10.6

## CLASS C GBP PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SF GBI Equity	-18.5	20.1	21.9	25.0	-1.1	18.1
MSCI AC £ TR	-8.7	19.6	13.0	21.7	-3.9	13.2

<sup>1</sup> 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, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 30/06/2023. 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	6.8
Alphabet	6.4
LVMH	5.5
Visa	5.1
Cadence	4.8
Accenture	4.7
Adobe	4.6
Zoetis	4.0
EssilorLuxottica	4.0
S&P Global	4.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49.9</b>

**SECTOR BREAKDOWN (% OF FUND)**

Technology	27.8
Health Care	23.2
Discretionary	15.0
Staples	11.5
Financials	10.4
Communication	6.4
Industrials	3.4
Materials	1.2
Cash	1.1
<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: 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	75.7
Continental Europe	18.1
Asia Pacific	5.0
Cash	1.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

North America	47.6
Emerging Markets	26.9
Continental Europe	22.0
UK	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)	285.3
Number of Holdings	28
Operating Margin	29.2%
Return on Invested Capital	19.5%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.7
Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a.)*	9.3%
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	14.4%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)*	9.8%
Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.0%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	28.9
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	3.5%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.8

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



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**FUND INFORMATION**

Total Net Assets	£1,829.7m
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	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	7.7%
12 Month Turnover	4.0%
Beta	1.04

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

Price	£295.60
ISIN	IE00BCLYMD19
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Annual Management Fee	1.25%
Total Ongoing Charge (OCF <sup>2</sup> )	1.33%
Min Initial Investment (GBP)	35,000
Registered For Sale	UK, CH, SA

<sup>1</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the benchmark index (MSCI World) i.e. 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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