

**TM STONEHAGE FLEMING  
AIM FUND**



**ACTIVELY  
MANAGED**



**STOCK PICKING  
APPROACH**



**LONG-TERM  
INVESTMENT HORIZONS**



**NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENTS  
WITH CLEAR STRATEGIES**



**GROWTH  
MINDSET**

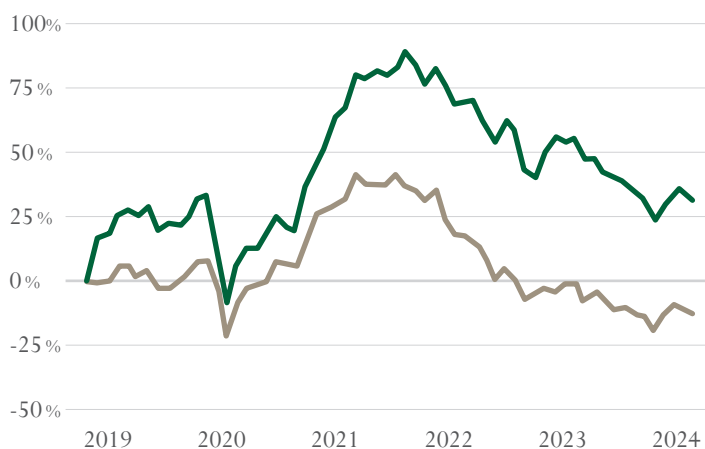
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

## INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund aims to invest mainly in equities on the UK Alternative Investment Market ('AIM'). This will be achieved by an actively managed diversified portfolio of shares spread across any sector of AIM. In addition, the Fund may on occasion invest in fully listed shares of companies with smaller market capitalisations.

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



**31.05%** TM SF AIM Fund B **-12.43%** Numis Alt Markets Index

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The UK stock market showed a small decline in January when December inflation surprised investors and increased slightly from 3.9% to 4.0% and the Bank of England Monetary Policy committee pegged the Bank Rate at 5.25%. A similar situation was seen in the United States with the Federal Reserve keeping rates unchanged at 5.25% to 5.5% whilst inflation ticked higher at 3.4% against 3.1%. This suggested that interest rates might not come down until later in the year. With elections looming in both countries, politicians might welcome a reduction in interest rates to stimulate economic activity. In the UK it could mean revising the aggressive inflation target of 2.0% which is difficult to achieve in the short term. As the UK interest rate cut seems likely later in the year the focus shorter term will be on the benefits of taxation cuts announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement which will come into effect in the new financial year. Some confidence has been returning in the housing market with a moderating mortgage rate which has stimulated house prices and moved higher in four consecutive months to give a year on year increase of 2.5%. The continued troubles in the Ukraine and Middle East creates a measure of uncertainty but the IMF forecast that World Economic Growth is likely to remain at 3.1%. However, investors will monitor the situation closely and hope that there is no escalation in these conflicts to destabilise these forecasts.

During the month energy prices have nudged higher and the attacks on merchant shipping in the Red Sea has created further uncertainty with some carriers avoiding the Suez Canal. It is unlikely that oil and gas prices will reach the previous heights and a measure of stability would be welcome. The sector has been shunned by investors but at current levels there is great value and we are happy to maintain our interest in the North Sea operators with strong balance sheets and healthy cash flows. Elsewhere smaller company shares, and particularly those listed on AIM have also been avoided by some investors and the more liquid shares have disappointed as fund managers being forced to sell to match withdrawals from their funds. This has created a number of anomalies which has helped us, as stock pickers, to position the portfolio to take advantage when investor confidence ultimately returns. The General Election might raise some doubt and uncertainty but we feel that both major parties will endeavour to encourage business and stimulate growth in smaller companies with a view to growing the economy.

During the month we continued, for technical reasons, to reduce our holding in MS International and trimmed a couple of other holdings. We made no major purchases but added to Bango (payment software), Made Tech (IT services), Inspects (spectacle frames and lenses) and Kistos (oil and gas) where prices had declined to attractive levels.

## FUND INFORMATION

### KEY FACTS

Launch Date	5 October 2005
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Fund Size	£78.2m
Dealing Frequency	Daily

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Lump Sum	£50,000
Additional	£5,000
Regular Savings	N/A

### FEES

Initial Charge	Up to 5.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)*	0.67%
Annual Management Charge	0.60%

\* The OCF is the management fee plus additional fund expenses (excluding transaction costs) as a percentage of the assets of the fund. This gives an indication of annual expenses which may vary over time.

## STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	8.7	-2.5	-1.4	-13.5	-13.6	31.0
Numis Alternative Markets Index	10.1	-0.9	-1.5	-12.1	-32.8	-12.4

## DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 January	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	-13.5	-13.8	15.9	16.3	30.4
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-12.1	-20.7	-3.5	20.5	8.1

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	-1.4	-12.8	-15.9	27.1	11.2	36.7
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-1.5	-7.2	-31.1	7.6	19.3	14.7

Source: Morningstar as at 31/01/2024, % growth, total return, GBP, single price, UK net income reinvested with no initial charges.

## PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

**Past performance is not a guide to future performance.** All investments risk the loss of capital. Investors may not get back the original amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed. Performance figures are net of fees and charges. For a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

*The fund holds a broad range of AIM listed companies and some of these carry a higher risk of failure and may be less liquid than shares listed on other exchanges. These shares may be also harder to sell quickly because of this lower liquidity. AIM listed companies may also experience greater price volatility which could also affect the value of the fund.*

Source for all performance is Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 January 2024. Total return (with dividends reinvested) is net of fees.

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## ENQUIRIES

<b>ENQUIRIES AND DEALING</b>	
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<b>DEALING:</b>	
Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, PO Box 3733, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 4BG	
<b>SEDOL CODES:</b>	
Class B Share	B0JX3Z5
<b>ISIN CODES:</b>	
Class B Share	GB00B0JX3Z52
<b>LIPPER IDS:</b>	
Class B Share	65009655

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Industrials	26.9
Information Technology	24.2
Health Care	14.3
Consumer Discretionary	9.4
Energy	8.1
Communication Services	5.3
Materials	3.8
Consumer Staples	3.2
Real Estate	3.0
Cash	2.0

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

MS International Plc	9.8
Netcall Plc	4.0
Lok nStore Group Pln	3.0
CT Automotive Group Plc	2.8
Serica Energy Plc	2.7
Hargreaves Services	2.5
Kooth Plc	2.4
Eckoh Plc	2.2
Supreme Plc	2.2
Microlise	2.1

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 January 2024. Third parties whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

## OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2024)

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication issued by Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited (SFIM). SFIM is the investment manager of the Fund. All investments risk the loss of capital. No guarantee or representation is made that the funds will achieve their investment objective. The value of investments may go down as well as up. For products designed to return income, the distributions can also go down or up and you may not receive back the full value of your initial investment. Derivatives have not been used but are allowed if appropriate for efficient asset management. The Fund only invests in UK assets but is allowed to hold shares on overseas exchanges. This would occur in the event of a company delisting from the London stock market and would not be expected to be material. Hence, there would be limited foreign exchange risk. Past performance is not a guide to future returns. If the information is not displayed in your base currency, then the return may increase or decrease due to currency fluctuations. The distribution or possession of this document in jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be restricted by law or other regulatory requirements. For details of the Funds investment policy, please see the Investment Objective and Policy section of the Fund Prospectus Document.

## FUND MANAGERS



### PAUL MUMFORD

Paul Mumford began his career in 1963 working initially as an Analyst for Norris Oakley Brothers and later as a smaller companies expert at R Nivison. Paul moved to fund management in 1988 when he joined Glenfriars. Paul then joined Cavendish Asset Management at the group's formation in 1994 and funds were launched. The group was subsequently acquired by Stonehage Fleming in July 2020. Paul is the co-manager of the TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund and the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund.



### NICK BURCHETT

Nick Burchett began his career in 1983 at Strauss Turnbull and subsequently joined W.I. Carr in 1990 which later became Investec Wealth & Investment after a number of mergers and acquisitions. Nick dealt extensively with portfolios of UK equities, markets and execution strategies. After 27 years at Investec he joined Cavendish Asset Management in November 2017 to jointly manage this fund. The acquisition of Cavendish Asset Management was subsequently made by Stonehage Fleming in July 2020. Nick is the co-manager of the TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund and the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund.

## AWARDS



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