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# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING **AIM FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH AIM FUND





APPROACH





NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENTS WITH CLEAR STRATEGIES

#### KEY FACTS

Launch Date	5 October 2005
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Fund Size	£115.3m
Dealing Frequency	Daily

#### FEES

Initial Charge	Up to 5.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) <sup>2</sup>	0.67%
Annual Management Charge	0.60%

 $^2\,$  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.

#### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

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

#### FUND MANAGER



### PAUL MUMFORD

Paul Mumford has extensive investment experience. Having worked initially as an Analyst for Norris Oakley Brothers and later as a smaller companies expert at R Nivison, he moved to fund management in 1988 when he

joined Glenfriars. He then joined Cavendish Asset Management at the group's formation in 1994. The acquisition of Cavendish Asset Management was made 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. During this period Nick dealt extensively with

Paul Mumford on the analysis of UK equities, markets and execution factors. This partnership made a compelling proposition and after 27 years at Investec he joined Cavendish Asset Management in November 2017 to jointly manage the funds. The acquisition of Cavendish Asset Management was 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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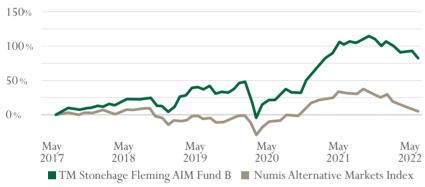
### INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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



#### STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	lyr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	-5.2	-9.3	-12.4	-10.6	28.3	80.9
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-6.6	-17.4	-19.5	-20.8	5.2	4.6
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	63	21	15	25	26	3

#### DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 May	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	-10.6	65.2	-13.1	13.9	23.9
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-20.8	44.4	-8.0	-8.8	8.9
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	25	20	79	1	3

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund B	-12.4	27.1	11.2	36.7	-7.2	32.8
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-19.5	7.6	19.3	14.7	-17.5	27.4

Source: Morningstar as at 31/05/2022, % 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. The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed. For a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the Prospectus. If the information is not displayed in your base currency, then the return may increase or decrease due to currency fluctuations. Source for all performance is Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 May 2022. Total return (with dividends) is net of fees.

The fund invests in 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.



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#### **ENQUIRIES**

ENQUIRIES AND DEALING				
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DEALING:				
Thesis Unit Trust Management Limit	ed, PO Box 3733,			
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SEDOL CODES:				
Class B Share	B0JX3Z5			
ISIN CODES:				
Class B Share	GB00B0JX3Z52			
LIPPER IDS:				
Class B Share	65009655			

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)\*

#### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)\*

Information Technology	23.1	Totally Plc	4
Health Care	20.2	Serica Energy Plc	3
Industrials	20.0	M&C Saatchi Plc	2
Energy	12.8	Beximco Pharmaceuticals GDR regs	2
Consumer Discretionary	7.9	Kistos Plc	2
Communication Services	6.7	Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	2
Materials	4.3	Lok'nStore Group Plc	2
Real Estate	2.5	Independent Oil & Gas Plc	2
Consumer Staples	2.2	ZOO Digital Group Plc	2
Cash	0.4	Netcall Plc	2

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management as at 31 May 2022. Third parties whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

#### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The London stock market had mixed performance in the month, and shares listed on AIM fell back in the absence of news flow ahead of the six-month results reporting period. During the month, the Numis Alternative Markets (incl. investment companies) Index declined by 4.5%, and over the same period the TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund fell by 5.9%.

We added no new companies to the portfolio but made additional purchases of Anexo (legal services) which is trading well and had positive news on its case againstVW and misleading emission data where another competing legal company achieved an out of court settlement for a similar case. We also took advantage of market weakness by adding to Supreme (consumer products) and ActiveOps (back office software). Both shares had fallen sharply and we added to these holdings at a very attractive level after a large holder was looking to exit. We trimmed a couple of holdings but made no sales of any great significance.

The slight underperformance in the period was attributable to the news that the Conservative Government proposed introduction of a "windfall tax" on recent profits made by North Sea oil and gas producers. The fund has a significant interest in the sector, and Serica, our largest holding, saw one institutional shareholder reduce its interest from 9.86% to just over 5% of the capital. The stock market was obviously disappointed that the Government had done a U-turn, but the news is better in our opinion than it appeared. Of particular note, the profits up to the time that the bill is passed look to be immune and not taxed retrospectively. There

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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 expected to be material. Hence, there would be limited foreign exchange risk.

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was also the provision that the new tax can be offset against drilling expenditure, which will encourage exploration activity. In the case of Serica, which has a strong balance sheet, there is already a £60 million programme in place and the company has plans to extend this. From a long term prospective this could be very positive in creating shareholder value and we would look for a strong recovery in the share price to reflect the potential. Equally, similar prospects could be seen from our other holdings in the sector.

Elsewhere, the Russia/Ukraine conflict continues, with neither side gaining much ground. The focus of concern remains on inflation, where food ingredients, raw materials and energy prices have impacted end product costs. We have found that the vast majority of companies with which we engage have been able to pass on higher costs, as it is recognised that, in the short term, inflation is being built into the system. Moving forward, a further factor to be considered is the strength of the US dollar against sterling. To some extent shares in the oil and gas sector, where earnings are in US dollars and costs in sterling, should provide some currency hedge, and we feel positive about prospects for this part of the portfolio. Other sectors to highlight would be healthcare and software, plus encouraging prospects from industrial companies that are seeing recovery from the COVID-19 lockdown period. Moving forward, we would look for positive news to emerge in the forthcoming interim results reporting season. Consequently, despite headwinds, we feel confident that the fund is well-placed moving forwards.

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