

# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

# AIM FUND

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH AIM FUND









# 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



### STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	lyr	3yrs	5yrs
TM SF AIM B	4.7	14.3	32.3	60.6	70.1	176.0
Numis Alt Markets Index	-0.2	4.8	9.0	30.7	18.8	62.1
Peer Group Percentile	34	50	11	17	3	1

# DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 30 September	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
TM SF AIM B	60.6	-0.7	6.7	15.0	41.0
Numis Alt Markets Index	30.7	10.1	-17.5	9.3	24.8
Peer Group Percentile	17	52	1	22	5

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
TM SF AIM B	32.3	11.2	36.7	-7.2	32.8	31.4
Numis Alt Markets Index	9.0	19.3	14.7	-17.5	27.4	16.2

Source: Morningstar, % growth, total return, GBP, single price, UK net income reinvested with no initial charges.

### **KEY FACTS**

Launch Date	5 October 2005
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Fund Size	£143.3m
Dealing Frequency	Daily

### **FEES**

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes the Annual Management Charge.

# 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.

### 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



**AWARDS** 

Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 30 September 2021. 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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### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Alpha	12.83
Beta	1.00
R-Squared	0.79
Standard Deviation	26.08
Sharpe Ratio	0.80

Ex-Post Risk calculations are based on 3 years' worth of monthly data points. Source: Morningstar, relative statistics calculated over 3 years using the Numis Alternative Markets Index, total return as at 30/09/2021.

# **ENQUIRIES AND DEALING**

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**DEALING:** 

Thesis UnitTrust Management Limited, PO Box 3733,

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SEDOL CODES:

Class B Share B0JX3Z5

ISIN CODES:

Class B Share GB00B0JX3Z52

LIPPER IDS:

Class B Share

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Information Technology	22.9
Health Care	22.3
Industrials	21.5
Energy	9.9
Communication Services	6.7
Consumer Discretionary	4.9
Materials	3.3
Consumer Staples	2.5
Real Estate	2.5
Financials	2.4
Cash	1.0

# TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Totally Plc	3.2
Serica Energy Plc	2.7
IOG	2.6
Beximco Pharmaceuticals GDR Regs	2.5
Netcall Plc	2.4
Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	2.1
ZOO Digital Group Plc	2.0
M&C Saatchi Plc	1.9
Kistos Plc	1.9
Immotion Group Plc	1.8

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 30 September 2021. Third parties whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Numis Alternative Markets (incl. investment companies) Index fell by 3.4% in the month and underperformed the rest of the market which showed a marginal decline. Against this, the TM Stonehage Fleming AIM Fund saw its value increase by 3.8%. Much of this may be attributed to an overweight position in the energy sector where share prices advanced strongly following the sharp rise in oil and gas prices. In addition, a number of shares responded well on their results announcements.

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We added to several holdings in the month and one new holding was in Made Tech, the fast growing software company providing services to public sector clients including central and local government which was listed on AIM through an IPO. A number of holdings were reduced and we sold our entire interest in Bigblu Broadband. The satellite broadband provider sold its largest trading subsidiary to return cash to shareholders. In view of its reduced market size and business redirection we decided to exit the shares.

A little over thirty companies in which we have holdings produced results during the month and it is pleasing that most of these were at least in line with market

expectations. Moving forward, some headwinds are beginning to emerge and the month saw supply chain issues caused by a shortage of HGV drivers which disrupted deliveries including petrol. As a result, wage inflation is likely to creep back into the system. The spectacular rise in gas prices is also affecting several industries. Fortunately, it has become accepted that the rise in raw material and other costs can in many cases be passed on, but this will lead to higher prices. Ultimately, this might mean interest rates being nudged higher. Most of the companies held in the fund are able to cope and some may even benefit.

The oil and gas sector has been out of favour for some time due to ESG concerns. These are being taken very seriously by the industry and most companies look like achieving the UK Government 2030 deadline earlier than anticipated. Despite the rise in share prices, the sector still looks undervalued. The AIM Fund portfolio holds a number of lower-emissions gas producers so we are positioned to benefit.

Looking forward, we feel that the majority of our companies will continue their recovery from the lockdown period and have confidence in the prospects for the fund over the next few years.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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