

**TM STONEHAGE FLEMING  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND**



**ACTIVELY  
MANAGED**



**STOCK PICKING  
APPROACH**



**LONG-TERM  
INVESTMENT HORIZONS**



**NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENTS  
WITH CLEAR STRATEGIES**



**GROWTH  
MINDSET**

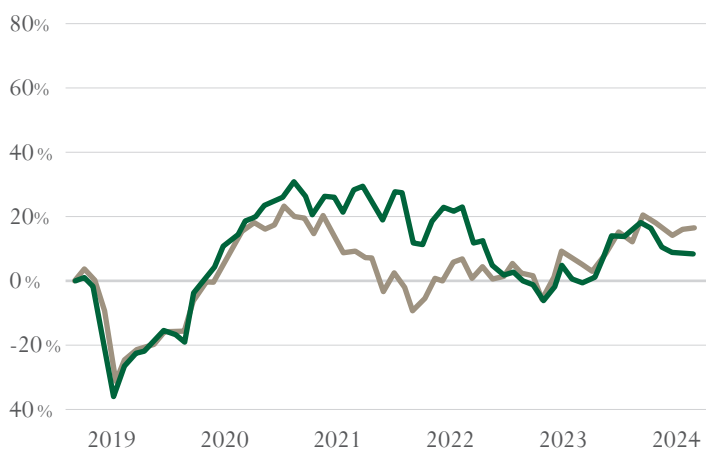
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

## INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund aims to invest in equities falling mainly under the following categories: smaller companies which offer long-term growth; companies which offer recovery prospects; and companies in sectors which are perceived to be unduly depressed. There is no geographical restriction but in practice the fund will be mainly invested in the UK.

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



12.81% TM SF Opp Fund B Inc 24.64% Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

It is usual for the stock market to rally on the run up to the end of the calendar year but December has seen UK indices drifting lower. The main reason is the uncertainty caused by the measures introduced by Rachael Reeve in her first budget in October. By far the most negative factor has been the rise in corporate National Insurance contributions. Companies with the largest labour force will be suffering the most and while many are able to mitigate partly the charge by increasing prices others could either implement a cost cutting programme or have contracts which cover inflationary costs. The net effect is likely to be some pressure on a rising inflation and increased unemployment. Already we have seen November inflation increase from 2.3% to 2.6% which has led the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee to hold Bank Rate at 4.75% when a cut was previously wanted. Government borrowing costs (Gilt yields) have also increased which has also not helped the attraction of equities. However, the majority of smaller companies can act fairly promptly to pass on the costs but unfortunately, in some areas, there are bound to be casualties along the way. Another uncertainty is the effect on the global economy of the threatened trade tariffs when the Trump administration comes into power. Hopefully, the strong relationship between America and Great Britain will be maintained and the actual outcome might be better than some fear. In any case, much of this bad news is now discounted in the current stock market level and there may well be a good recovery in the early months of the new year as investors seek opportunities.

During the month Direct Line (insurance) received an initial bid approach from AVIVA (insurance) and we decided to reduce our exposure to limit the risk of it not being agreed and then to reinvest in areas which had the greater potential. Similarly, we reduced our holding in Barclays (Investment bank) where the share price had performed strongly. Additions were made to XP Power (critical power control solutions), Schroders (asset management), Sabre (insurance), AshteadTech (oil services) and Hunting (oil services). We also started a new holding in Fevertree (soft drinks). The share price has fallen sharply after the company produced results which were below the optimistic market expectations. The company has been gaining market share in the regions it operates and, moving forward, is looking for overall growth of between 4% and 5%. The home UK market has been fairly flat but significant potential is expected from the US.

To raise funds, we have reduced some of our other larger holdings and decided to sell out of our holding in Quiz following its decision to de-list from AIM with a deteriorating outlook and a balance sheet which will require further refinancing. In summary, 2024 has been a disappointing year for the UK Stock Market and, as yet, the new Labour Government have done little to stimulate economic growth. However, much of the bad news is hopefully now disclosed and we would look for recovery from the current level and feel well placed and optimistic on an upturn.

## FUND INFORMATION

### KEY FACTS

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£82.6m
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.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-1.6	5.6	2.8	2.8	-15.1	7.5
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-1.2	3.8	9.5	9.5	-1.0	15.6

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	2.8	2.8	-15.2	-2.6	27.5	-0.6
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	9.5	9.5	10.1	-17.9	21.9	-4.3

Source: Morningstar as at 31/12/2024, % 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 December 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	3221110
<b>ISIN CODES:</b>	
Class B Share	GB0032211103
<b>LIPPER IDS:</b>	
Class B Share	60009019

**SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)**

Industrials	29.6
Energy	15.9
Information Technology	12.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.0
Health Care	6.9
Communication Services	6.1
Financials	6.1
Materials	5.2
Consumer Staples	3.4
Real Estate	2.4
Cash	2.7

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)**

MS International Plc	7.1
Costain Group	4.6
Avon Technologies Plc	3.3
Serica Energy Plc	3.2
Elementis Plc	3.1
Senior Plc	2.8
STV Group	2.6
Supreme Plc	2.5
Bisichi Plc	2.5
Bango Plc	2.2

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 December 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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United Kingdom (UK): The Fund is recognised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) for promotion to retail and professional investors in the UK.

The Authorised Fund Manager is Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, Exchange Building, St John's Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1UP. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Before you invest you should read the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Prospectus which contain detailed information. These documents are available in English, free of charge, upon request by writing to Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited at Exchange Building, St John's Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP; or by phoning 01483 783 900 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday; or on the website at [www.tutman.co.uk/literature/](http://www.tutman.co.uk/literature/)

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