

#### B SHARE CLASS GBP

#### TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH OPPORTUNITIES FUND











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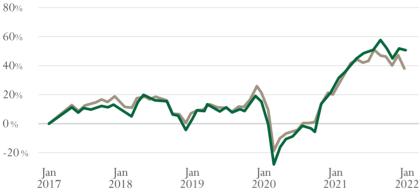
#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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



■TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc ■ Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index

#### STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	lyr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-0.9	0.9	-0.2	22.1	49.4	49.5
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-5.1	-3.1	-5.8	15.1	29.7	38.3
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	50	49	34	9	4	13

#### DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 January	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	22.1	7.0	14.3	-9.2	10.1
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	15.1	-0.9	13.7	-7.4	15.1
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	9	8	40	85	75

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-0.5	27.5	-0.7	24.7	-15.6	13.9
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-5.8	21.9	-4.3	25.2	-15.4	19.5

 $Source: Bloomberg \ as \ at \ 31/01/22, \% \ growth, \ total \ return, GBP, single \ price, \ UK \ net \ income \ reinvested \ with \ no \ initial \ charges.$ 

#### **KEY FACTS**

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£124.1m
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.

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#### 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 Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 January 2022. Total return (with dividends reinvested) is net of fees.

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



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#### **ENQUIRIES**

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#### SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)\*

Energy	22.1
Industrials	16.7
Information Technology	14.2
Health Care	10.6
Communication Services	8.1
Financials	7.2
Consumer Discretionary	6.9
Real Estate	6.5
Consumer Staples	3.5
Materials	3.3
Cash	1.0

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

Serica Energy Plc	6.2
Lok'nStore Group Plc	4.4
M&C Saatchi Plc	3.5
Bango Plc	2.9
Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	2.9
Enquest Plc	2.7
Kistos Plc	2.7
Senior	2.7
STV Group	2.7
Inspecs Group Plc	2.4

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

#### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

January saw investors switching out of smaller company shares into large company shares, and the Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex. Investment Companies) retreated by 5.8% during the month. Under these circumstances it was pleasing to note that the value of the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund declined by just 0.2%. Our overweight position in the energy sector, where share prices reflected the strength in strong oil and gas prices, was one of the contributors to this performance. Post year end trading statements provided some welcome relief and support to many of companies we hold for growth and/or recovery.

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It was a relatively quiet month for dealing and no new holdings were added in the fund. We took advantage of market conditions by adding to Direct Line in the insurance sector and also Chemring and Avon Protection who are both in the defence sector. These companies offer good prospects over the medium term, including defence stocks on the back of growing order books. To raise funds we reduced our holding in Clinigen where the agreed cash takeover looks like going ahead with little upside from here. Some small changes were also made elsewhere in the portfolio.

There were several headwinds in some areas of the market that require consideration. Most striking was the rise in inflation where some commentators forecast it could reach 7% in the short term. One of the principle factors for this

is the sharp rise in energy prices. Oil prices have had a sharp rise, and the increase in gas prices was even more spectacular. It could well be that energy prices ease if tensions surrounding the Russian/Ukraine political situation improve. Even so, some companies in the energy sector of the market remain undervalued and offer attractive growth potential. The rise in the cost of living and ending of some public sector pay restraints should also give rise to wage inflation. As a defensive measure, there have been two consecutive monthly increases in UK interest rates, where our holdings in the banking sector should benefit from a higher rate environment.

On the positive front, COVID restrictions are beginning to be replaced and the new Omicron strain remains seen as less severe, particularly to the large part of the population which has been fully vaccinated. However, hospital waiting lists are still lengthy and our exposure to the healthcare area should bring further opportunities. Cost savings sought by many companies should be beneficial to our technology holdings as processes and systems are refreshed and updated. Overall, we expect the outlook for smaller companies to be positive and see good recovery in share prices of many of our larger company holdings. In summary, the current year is seen as one of opportunity and where the fund is well placed for growth in its asset value.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication issued by Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited (SFIM). SFIM is the investment manager of the Fund.

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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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