

TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

OPPORTUNITIES FUND













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



 $25.53\% \ \text{TM SF Opp Fund B Inc} \quad 26.07\% \ \text{Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index}$

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

Following the surprise snap General Election announced by the Prime Minister, political parties produced their manifestos and politicians were busy canvassing ahead of the July 4th polling day. According to opinion polls the Labour Party is heading for a substantial majority of seats in the Houses of Parliament. Both major parties have promised not to increase national insurance contributions and to keep income tax, corporation tax and VAT $\,$ unchanged. Assuming the Labour Party gets elected, it will need to finance some of the measures covered in its mandate. Uncertainty therefore exists on whether it will tinker with Capital Gains Tax and pensions. Equally, it may well increase the level of the energy "windfall" tax but this would have a damaging effect on employment and make the UK more dependent on Oil and Gas imports. A major positive is that Sir Kier Starmer is referring to the Labour Party as one of moderation and perhaps a change of stance over the last few years. Rather like the Blair Government, he is wanting to grow the economy and appears to be business friendly. This being the case a more stable government should be beneficial to smaller companies. Inflation has fallen to Bank of England 's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) 2% inflation target leading to the possibility of a reduction in interest rates. Any incoming government would review the inflation target but it is likely to remain unchanged. Most opinion polls have forecast a Labour election victory for several months and the stock market has remained firm with evidence of investors' confidence returning to smaller companies. Several companies listed on AIM have been subject to takeover and recycling of the proceeds by IHT funds would have a positive effect on the AIM market.

We acquired a holding in BP during the month as a recovery situation in an out of favour sector of the market. The company has a strong cash flow which will enable it to take advantage of oil and gas exploration prospects on a global basis. Equally the shares offer a decent dividend yield and we have purchased the shares at the bottom of the trading range following weakness in the share price on the run up to the general election. MS International, our largest holding, produced spectacular results and for technical reasons, following the sharp rise in the share price, we were compelled to reduce our holding. It is encouraging that smaller companies and those listed on AIM are beginning to outperform the rest of the stock market. There is always the possibility of an incoming new Government tampering with inheritance tax relief but it seems more likely that the Labour Party will want to encourage investment in this area of the stock market. The General Election will remove an area of uncertainty but conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine remain in the background. Smaller UK company shares are attractively priced and with the prospect of a reduction in interest rates by the end of the year we feel that the fund is well placed to offer above average capital appreciation.

FUND INFORMATION

KEY FACTS

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£91.2m
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.

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	lyr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	13.5	8.9	8.9	12.8	-8.1	25.5
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	5.2	5.4	5.4	14.5	-1.0	26.1

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	8.2	-15.2	-2.6	27.5	-0.6	24.7
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	8.3	10.1	-17.9	21.9	-4.3	25.2

Source: Morningstar as at 31/05/2024, % 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 $31~\text{May}\ 2024$. Total return (with dividends reinvested) is net of fees.

B SHARE CLASS GBP

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Class B Share

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SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Industrials	27.1
Information Technology	14.8
Energy	14.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.3
Financials	9.2
Communication Services	8.7
Health Care	5.5
Materials	3.9
Consumer Staples	2.8
Real Estate	2.5
Cash	1.7

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

MS International Plc	9.9
Costain Group	3.5
Bango Plc	3.1
M&C Saatchi Plc	3.0
Serica Energy Plc	2.9
STV Group	2.8
Elementis Plc	2.8
Hunting Ord	2.7
Avon Protection Plc	2.7
Senior Plc	2.6

Source: Morningstar as at 30 June 2024, % growth, total return, GBP, single price, UK net income reinvested with no initial charges.

OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2023)

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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

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 comanager 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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