

# B SHARE CLASS GBP

# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

# **OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH OPPORTUNITIES FUND











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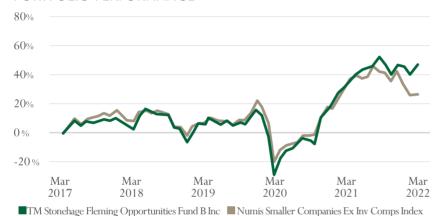
# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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



# STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

| Performance                                      | 3m   | 6m   | YTD  | lyr  | 3yrs | 5yrs |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TM Stonehage Fleming<br>Opportunities Fund B Inc | 1.7  | -2.4 | 1.7  | 14.0 | 41.8 | 47.3 |
| Numis Smaller Companies<br>Ex Inv Comps Index    | -9.7 | -9.4 | -9.7 | -1.1 | 21.4 | 26.1 |
| IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile    | 15   | 54   | 15   | 12   | 5    | 5    |

# DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

| 12 months to 31 March                         | 2022 | 2021 | 2020  | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|------|------|-------|------|------|
| TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc | 14.0 | 86.1 | -33.2 | 3.0  | 0.8  |
| Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index    | -1.1 | 65.6 | -25.9 | -1.2 | 5.2  |
| IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile | 12   | 2    | 98    | 59   | 67   |

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

| Performance                                      | YTD  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018  | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| TM Stonehage Fleming<br>Opportunities Fund B Inc | 1.7  | 27.5 | -0.7 | 24.7 | -15.6 | 13.9 |
| Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index       | -9.7 | 21.9 | -4.3 | 25.2 | -15.4 | 19.5 |

Source: Morningstar as at 31/03/22, % 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         | £122.5m          |
| 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.

# 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 March 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                 | 27.0 |
|------------------------|------|
| Industrials            | 16.9 |
| Information Technology | 12.5 |
| Health Care            | 9.7  |
| Real Estate            | 7.2  |
| Financials             | 7.0  |
| Communication Services | 6.9  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 6.6  |
| Materials              | 3.0  |
| Consumer Staples       | 2.3  |
| Cash                   | 0.9  |

# TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

| Serica Energy Plc    | 8.9 |
|----------------------|-----|
| Lok'nStore Group Plc | 4.7 |
| Enquest Plc          | 3.9 |
| M&C Saatchi Plc      | 3.1 |
| Bango Plc            | 3.0 |
| Kistos Plc           | 3.0 |
| MS International Plc | 2.6 |
| Senior Plc           | 2.6 |
| Parkmead Group Plc   | 2.5 |
| Bisichi Plc          | 2.4 |

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management as at 31 March 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 was little changed in the month, and the Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex. investment companies) rose by 0.4%. During the same period, the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund outperformed having increased in value by 5.5%.

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During the month, we disposed of our holding in Capricorn Energy (oil and gas), as the price looked to be up with events following announcements of the long awaited settlement by the Indian government. We also sold our interest in McColls (convenience store), where the outlook is poor and the balance sheet will require further support from banking facilities and potentially additional cash to secure its progress. For reinvestment we started to build an interest in Hargreaves Lansdown (financial services) and added to Direct Line (insurance), Elementis (specialist chemicals), ITV (television), Synthomer (chemicals) and Zoo Digital (media) – all of which had fallen to attractive levels to offer substantial recovery prospects.

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24th February 2022, and there has been incredible tragedy and loss of life since then. In the event, and bearing in fact the sanctions imposed on Russia, the London stock market reacted with caution whilst investors looked for value from stocks, which limited the fall of the index. Commodity prices have surged ahead and countries are looking to seek alternative energy

sources in order to rely less upon Russian gas exports. We own a number of North Sea companies that are predominantly gas producers that will be able to benefit from renewed exploration activity and the well-documented high prices.

Another area of interest is the healthcare sector, which has been under pressure now that the effects of COVID-19 show signs of general acceptance of new practices. Several companies have seen share prices falling back, but, in our opinion, it is an area of considerable growth and we are well represented. NHS waiting lists are high and the increases from government investment should be beneficial to restore confidence to the sector.

An area of discussion is the level of inflation. Along with energy prices, raw materials, commodities, transportation and wages are all adding to the extra cost of living. Unlike some occasions in the past, we have found when talking to companies in many fields of industry that price increases are reluctantly accepted and many can still be passed on to customers.

Smaller companies tend to be adaptable and the majority of the ones we hold are cautiously positive about the outlook for the rest of the year. Equally, our larger company holdings offer strong recovery potential. As such, we are positive regarding the outlook for the shares held in the portfolio.

# 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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