

#### B SHARE CLASS GBP

### TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH OPPORTUNITIES FUND







NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENT



GROWTH

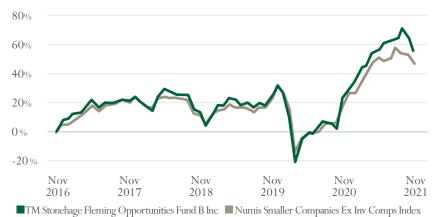
#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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 Opportunities Fund B Inc	-5.0	0.0	21.1	26.8	36.7	55.8
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-7.0	-2.8	16.1	24.0	31.8	47.8
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	65	62	5	5	18	16

#### DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 30 November	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	26.8	-0.6	8.4	-5.8	21.0
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	24.0	-3.1	9.6	-7.5	21.3
IA UK Smaller Companies Peer Group Percentile	5	19	87	74	15

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	21.1	-0.7	24.7	-15.6	13.9	13.6
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	16.1	-4.3	25.2	-15.4	19.5	11.1

 $Source: Morning star \ as \ at \ 30/11/21, \% \ growth, \ total \ return, GBP, \ single \ price, \ UK \ net \ income \ reinvested \ with \ no \ initial \ charges.$ 

#### **KEY FACTS**

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£118.9m
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 30 November 2021. 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	22.0
Industrials	17.4
Information Technology	14.7
Health Care	11.4
Communication Services	7.5
Real Estate	6.8
Financials	6.7
Consumer Discretionary	5.1
Consumer Staples	3.9
Materials	3.6
Cash	0.9

#### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Serica Energy Plc	5.3
Lok'nStore Group Plc	4.4
Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	3.1
Bango Plc	2.9
M&C Saatchi Plc	2.9
Kistos Plc	2.8
Senior	2.8
STV Group	2.6
Inspecs Group Plc	2.5
Enquest Plc	2.4

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

#### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex. Investment Companies) fell by 4.0% in the month and underperformed the rest of the market which was marginally lower. The TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund saw its value decline by 5.6%, reflecting the fact that there was news-flow from only a limited number of companies held in the portfolio.

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Many smaller companies tend to underperform in the last quarter of the year, when attention is given more to larger companies as investors reduce cash balances ahead of their December year-ends. Often the position will more than reverse in the new calendar year as results and updated profit forecasts appear. Recently, a number of companies have been raising money and we have seen a number of offerings. One that we have subscribed for is Pod Point Group which is one of the UK market-leading providers of installations of Electric Vehicle charging solutions. Elsewhere we added to several holdings and sold our holding in Marston's where much of the short term potential is reflected in the current share price

Last month the Chancellor announced his budget and there were no unpleasant surprises. On the contrary, there were a variety of initiatives to increase spending with a view to encouraging growth in the UK economy. It was realised that the cost of living would increase due to higher raw material and energy costs and increase in National Insurance, with well-published supply chain problems such as shortage of HGV drivers also likely to drive up

prices. Inflation was forecast to increase and some estimates looked for it to peak at 5%. If this were the case, interest rates could rise, but the Bank of England signalled no change at the last meeting. In recognition of the cost pressures, the Government lifted pay restraints for the public sector, and this could also add to inflationary pressures. From a corporate aspect, we have found from discussions with the bulk of companies we follow that there is an understanding that price increases due to rising costs are acceptable. Consequently, 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 concerns are being taken very seriously by the industry and the majority of companies look like achieving the UK Government 2030 deadline earlier than anticipated. Results should show that companies in the sector are considerably undervalued and the portfolio contains a number of gas producers where emissions are lower than many.

The new COVID-19 variant could add uncertainty to the outlook, but we feel that the majority of our companies will continue their recovery from the lockdown periods and have confidence in the prospects for the fund over the next few years.

#### 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 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.

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