

# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

# **OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH OPPORTUNITIES FUND







NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENTS



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 SF Opportunities B Inc	1.8	7.5	28.3	61.2	43.1	67.7
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	2.1	3.4	21.0	44.5	35.6	55.4
Peer Group Percentile	49	13	2	3	12	11

#### DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 October	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
TM SF Opportunities B Inc	61.2	-13.1	2.1	-5.2	23.6
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	44.5	-9.3	3.4	-7.9	24.4
Peer Group Percentile	3	37	90	75	13

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
TM SF Opportunities B Inc	28.3	-0.7	24.7	-15.6	13.9	13.6
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	21.0	-4.3	25.2	-15.4	19.5	11.1

 $Source: Morning star, \% \ growth, \ total \ return, \ GBP, single \ price, \ UK \ net \ income \ reinvested \ with \ no \ initial \ charges.$ 

#### **KEY FACTS**

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£126.8m
Dealing Frequency	Daily

#### **FEES**

Initial Charge	Up to 5.00%
Ongoing Charges <sup>2</sup>	0.67%
Annual Management Charge	0.60%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes the Annual Management Charge.

### 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 October 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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#### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Alpha	1.59
Beta	1.10
R-Squared	0.84
Standard Deviation	26.59
Sharpe Ratio	0.57

Ex-Post Risk calculations are based on 3 years' worth of monthly data points. Source: Morningstar, relative statistics calculated over 3 years using the Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index, total return as at 31/10/2021.

### **ENQUIRIES AND DEALING**

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**DEALING:** 

Thesis UnitTrust Management Limited, PO Box 3733,

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SEDOL CODES:

Class B Share 3221110

ISIN CODES:

Class B Share GB0032211103

LIPPER IDS:

Class B Share

60009019

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Energy	21.8
Industrials	16.1
Information Technology	14.9
Health Care	11.0
Communication Services	7.3
Financials	7.1
Consumer Discretionary	6.5
Real Estate	5.9
Consumer Staples	4.7
Materials	3.8
Cash	1.0

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Serica Energy Plc	4.8
Lok'nStore Group Plc	3.6
Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	3.5
Senior	3.2
Bango Plc	3.0
Enquest Plc	3.0
M&C Saatchi Plc	3.0
STV Group	2.5
Inspecs Group Plc	2.4
TT Electronics	2.4

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 October 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 0.5% in the month and underperformed the rest of the market, which showed some advance. Having significantly outperformed in the previous month, the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund saw its value decline by 3.4%. Much of this may be attributed to an overweight position in the energy sector, where share prices have experienced profit taking after gas prices came off their best levels. Elsewhere there was limited new flow from our holdings, where the majority have December year ends.

It is noticeable that the last quarter of the year is a quiet one and often a low level of activity can cause share prices to drift lower. Where results disappoint there can be a disproportionate reaction. Provided fundamentals are sound, this will provide an opportunity to add to holdings at very attractive valuations. To take advantage of market movements we disposed of our holding in Imperial Brands (tobacco) and added to Direct Line (insurance), Chemring (defence), Hunting (oil services), and Venture Life (self-care products).

During the month the Chancellor announced his budget and there were no unpleasant surprises. On the contrary, there was a variety of moves 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 an increase in National Insurance. Also supply chain problems such as shortage of HGV drivers are 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 recently signalled no change. 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 accepted and many are passed on to customers. 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 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 Opportunities portfolio contains a number of gas producers where emissions are low. Elsewhere we feel that the majority of our companies will continue their recovery from the lockdown period, and we have confidence in the prospects for the fund over the next few years.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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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

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