

# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING OPPORTUNITIES FUND



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STOCK PICKING  
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LONG-TERM  
INVESTMENT HORIZONS



NAVIGATING TO INVESTMENTS  
WITH CLEAR STRATEGIES



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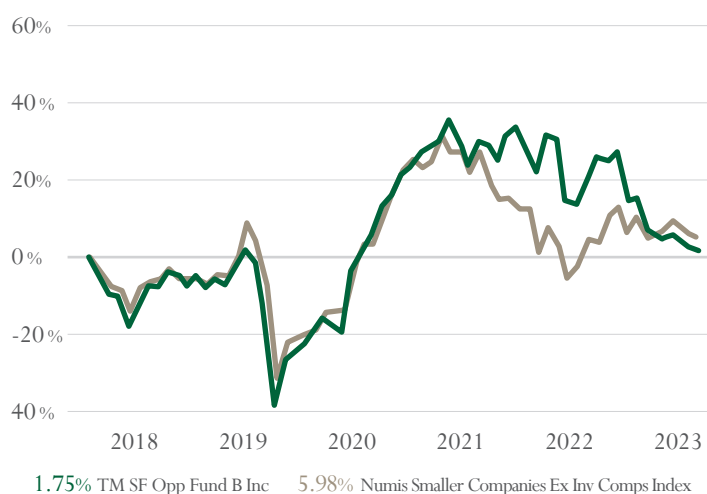
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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



## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

There was some recovery in the general market but smaller companies and AIM shares continued to underperform. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from 48.6 to 46.8 which is the steepest rate of decline since March 2009 suggesting that the economy was shrinking by 0.4% in the quarter. As a result, the Bank of England pegged interest rates at 5.25% after fourteen successive rises.

Shares in the oil and gas sector have remained friendless in spite of the recent rise in oil prices. Despite the underperformance in share prices, our holdings have generally produced reasonably encouraging results and to some extent have mitigated against the windfall tax by increasing North Sea drilling to the benefit of long-term growth. The exception was IOG which appointed Administrators as it was not able to meet its repayment liability to bond holders. We were able to reduce our holding before the shares were suspended. A major positive share price movement came with MS International where it's defence subsidiary announced major orders from the US Navy. These followed successful contracts for its anti-drone systems which are portable and can identify and target enemy drones. It demonstrates the success of a small UK company and looks transformational for our largest portfolio holding.

Smaller company and in particular AIM shares have remained out of favour with investors being risk averse but it has created the situation where there is a substantial undervaluation in a large number of individual shares. We would hope that all political parties continue to recognise that a growing UK economy is based upon the fortunes of smaller companies and we feel well placed for market recovery when it returns.

In the month we reduce our holding in MS International for technical reasons and took our profit in Standard Chartered Bank. We added to CT Automotive which as a manufacturer and supplier of automotive parts is seeing a recovery in the industry.

## 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 invests in 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.*

## FUND INFORMATION

### KEY FACTS

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Fund Size	£81.8m
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.

## STANDARDISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	3m	6m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-2.7	-11.7	-20.4	-12.0	20.3	1.7
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	0.3	0.4	1.7	11.8	22.2	6.0

## DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 30 September	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-12.0	-15.4	61.6	-11.3	-4.7
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	11.8	-25.1	45.9	-9.6	-4.1

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund B Inc	-20.4	-2.6	27.5	-0.6	24.7	-15.6
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	1.7	-17.9	21.9	-4.3	25.2	-15.3

Source: Morningstar as at 30/09/2023, % growth, total return, GBP, single price, UK net income reinvested with no initial charges.

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## ENQUIRIES

### ENQUIRIES AND DEALING

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### DEALING:

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, PO Box 3733,  
Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 4BG

### SEDOL CODES:

Class B Share 3221110

### ISIN CODES:

Class B Share GB0032211103

### LIPPER IDS:

Class B Share 60009019

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Industrials	23.70
Energy	18.98
Information Technology	15.99
Communication Services	9.22
Real Estate	7.52
Consumer Discretionary	7.45
Health Care	5.80
Financials	5.59
Materials	3.06
Consumer Staples	2.64
Cash	0.06

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management as at 30 September 2023. Third parties whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

MS International Plc	10.2
Serica Energy Plc	6.3
Lok nStore Group Plc	4.8
Bango Plc	4.6
M&C Saatchi Plc	3.9
Senior Plc	3.5
Elementis Plc	2.8
Hunting Ord	2.8
Bisichi Plc	2.7
Costain Group	2.7

## OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2023)

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

## 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 be 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. The distribution or possession of this document in jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be restricted by law or other regulatory requirements. For details of the Funds investment policy, please see the Investment Objective and Policy section of the Fund Prospectus Document.

## 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 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. 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.

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