

# TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

# **OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TM CAVENDISH OPPORTUNITIES FUND

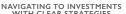






LONG-TERM INVESTMENT HORIZONS







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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 SF Opportunities B Inc	-0.1	11.9	-20.9	-13.0	-15.9	6.0
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	5.5	11.6	-19.9	-9.2	13.5	13.3
Peer Group Percentile	26	7	42	37	63	58

## DISCRETE 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 October	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
TM SF Opportunities B Inc	-13.0	2.1	-5.2	23.6	1.9
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-9.2	3.4	-7.9	24.4	5.3
Peer Group Percentile	37	90	73	14	87

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance	YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
TM SF Opportunities B Inc	-20.9	24.7	-15.6	13.9	13.5	10.5
Numis Smaller Companies Ex Inv Comps Index	-19.9	25.2	-15.3	19.5	11.1	10.6

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

### PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. 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 2020. Total return (with dividends reinvested) is net of fees.

### **KEY FACTS**

Launch Date	15 February 1988
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Fund Size	£84.9m
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

### PORTFOLIO 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 comanager of the TM Stonehage Fleming Aim Fund and the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER



### **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.



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### **RISK ANALYSIS**

Alpha	0.26
Beta	1.11
R-Squared	0.91
Standard Deviation	24.45
Sharpe Ratio	-0.13

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 31/10/2020.

# **ENQUIRIES AND DEALING**

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**DEALING:** 

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SEDOL CODES:

Class B Share 3221110

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Information Technology	18.0
Industrials	17.0
Energy	13.2
Health Care	10.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.9
Communication Services	7.5
Real Estate	6.1
Materials	6.1
Financials	5.4
Consumer Staples	5.3
Cash	2.4

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Eagle Eye Solutions Group Plc	3.8
Serica Energy Plc	3.6
Bango Plc	3.5
Clipper Logistics Plc	3.4
Lok'nStore Group Plc	3.3
STV Group	3.0
TT Electronics	3.0
Eckoh Plc	2.9
Anexo Group Plc	2.7
Avon Rubber Plc	2.7

Source: Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited as at 31 October 2020. Third parties whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The London market fell back in general in October, but smaller company shares put on a fairly resilient performance, and the Numis Smaller companies (ex-investment companies) index increased by 0.4%. During this time, the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund fell by 3.2%, reflecting our positioning in large company recovery situations.

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We purchased a holding in Imperial Brands as a large company recovery situation with tobacco sales being fairly resilient in the COVID-19 pandemic situation and added to a number of existing holdings. Among these were AVIVA, BP, and Direct Line, where share prices of these larger companies were near the bottom of their trading range. Smaller company holding additions included EMIS, the healthcare software company, and Totally, the NHS outsourcing provider. We also started a holding in Gateley as an attractive company in the legal space. To raise funds we took our profit on William Hill, where the shares were priced above the agreed cash takeover offer from Caesars. We also sold our holding in J Sainsbury after its outperformance against the sector and market.

The recent increase again of COVID-19 cases has brought fears of a second wave of the pandemic with localized lockdowns and a three-tier system introduced. BREXIT negotiations of a trade agreement look as though there might be no agreement, and the US Election outcome added further uncertainty. With the UK and global economies suffering the impact from these uncertainties, it is hardly surprising that the UK stock market moved lower. One positive outcome has been the low level of interest rates and this is most beneficial to many companies, which could ultimately give rise to an increase in takeover activity with the availability of cheaper debt. Smaller companies offer flexibility to adapt to prevailing conditions and can achieve substantial growth in the current climate.

Strong stock market sectors are in IT and industrial companies with strong international business and the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund has exposure in these areas. By the same token, its interest in the oil and gas sector offer considerable recovery potential. A majority of company management which we have met are optimistic about the longer term prospects, but we would be careful to avoid those areas where the COVID-19 pandemic would have a longlasting negative impact. BREXIT is also an area of uncertainty, but to some extent this is discounted in the current level of the UK stock market, and we think that the TM Stonehage Fleming Opportunities Fund is well positioned moving forward.

### 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.

The fund can invest in AIM shares, which can carry a higher risk of failure and be less liquid than shares listed on other exchanges. These may experience greater price movements and wider spreads (difference between the buying and selling prices) which could affect the value of the fund.

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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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