

# STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL EQUITIES FUND ('GEF')

# June 2016 Quarterly Factsheet

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The objective is to achieve capital growth and an element of income by investing predominantly in UK and international regulated equity funds. It is likely that a significant proportion of the Fund's property will be invested in sub-funds of another regulated collective investment scheme operated by the Manager.

FUND INFORMATION				
Inception date:	31 March 2001			
Fund Size:	£127.4 million (at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016)			
No of Holdings:	10			
Structure:	Authorised Unit Trust			
Domicile:	United Kingdom			
Share Classes:	A & B			
Currency:	GBP			
Dealing:	Daily			
Yield:	1.97% *			
Benchmark:	GEF Official Prospectus Benchmark ('Benchmark') <sup>2</sup>			
Ongoing Charges	1.38% per annum (A Class)			
Figure:	1.73% per annum (B Class)			
Performance Fee:	None			
Custodian:	Northern Trust Global Services Limited			
Administrator:	Northern Trust Global Services Limited			
Manager and Investment Adviser:	Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited			

<sup>\*</sup>Net figure based on last four dividends paid

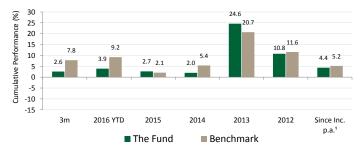
#### **COMMENTARY**

Global equity markets appeared robust in sterling terms given the significant relative strength of other mainstream currencies in the wake of the Brexit referendum decision at the end of the period. Large sector rotations led to volatility in market leadership intra-quarter, with cyclical commodity stocks leading the markets at the beginning before "bond proxy" equities took over post the Brexit referendum decision. Financials performed poorly as central bank rates look set to stay lower for longer in June, whilst consumer discretionary and IT stocks suffered from a drop in earnings expectations driven by slowing growth and a strong dollar. Regionally Emerging markets performed well, largely driven by Brazil, which rebounded after the decision to consider impeaching Dilma Rousseff and appoint new leadership

Against this backdrop the GEF return was significantly below that of the benchmark. The underlying fund holdings struggled against their passive benchmarks but held up better relative to peers, with the Stonehage Fleming UK Equity Income and European All Cap funds in particular performing well due to a combination of strong stock-picking and avoiding financials. The Polar Global Insurance fund also performed well on a relative basis given its focus on quality as well as avoidance of the more interest rate-sensitive life insurance sector.

On the other hand the Stonehage Fleming Global Select Equity Fund struggled largely due to sector positioning, whilst the GLG Japan CoreAlpha fund lagged as their top cap value investment style continued to be out of favour. More generally relative performance suffered from the bias of the active managers towards smaller companies, especially in the UK as many of the stocks were sold indiscriminately post the referendum decision.

## PERFORMANCE (GBP) - Since Inception 31st March 2001



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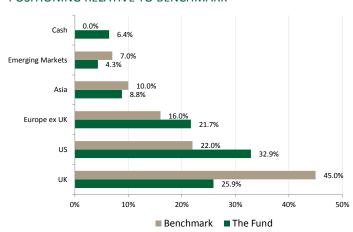
As at 30.06.16 (%)	3m	2016 YTD	2015	2014	2013	2012	Since Inc. p.a. <sup>1</sup>
GEF <sup>1</sup>	2.6	3.9	2.7	2.0	24.6	10.8	4.4
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	7.8	9.2	2.1	5.4	20.7	11.6	5.2
Lipper Global Equity	6.6	9.0	2.6	6.7	19.7	9.1	4.3
Quartile Ranking <sup>3</sup>	4	4	2	4	1	2	2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inception 31-Mar-2001 (net of fees)

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  GEF Official Prospectus Benchmark ('Benchmark') is a composite benchmark made up of MSCI gross dividend indices – UK 45%; US 22%; Europe ex UK 16%; Far East 10% Emerging Markets 7%; rebalanced monthly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Quartile rankings relative to Lipper Global Equity peer group Performance data since inception at end March 2001 to end June 2016 RETURNS MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE DUE TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT A RELIABLE INDICATOR OF FUTURE RESULTS

### POSITIONING RELATIVE TO BENCHMARK



Source for all market data: Factset, Bloomberg, Lipper Source for all Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited performance data: Northern Trust Global Services Limited, Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited calculations

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Stonehage Fleming Global Select Equity	18.2%
Stonehage Fleming UK Equity Income	18.0%
Stonehage Global Best Ideas	12.7%
Stonehage Fleming European All Cap	12.3%
Majedie UK Equity	8.8%
Stonehage Fleming Core UK Equity	8.6%
Findlay Park American	6.8%
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	5.2%
Polar Capital Global Insurance	5.2%
Skagen Kon-Tiki	3.7%

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