



# STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND


## OUR FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY PILLARS - IDENTIFYING GLOBAL BEST OF BREED BUSINESSES




**SUSTAINABLE  
ORGANIC GROWTH**



**QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT**




**EFFICIENCY**



**FREE CASH FLOW  
GENERATION**

**SINCE INCEPTION  
TOP DECILE  
PERFORMANCE**  
OF GLOBAL EQUITY FUNDS  
Lipper Global Equity Universe  
as at 28 Feb 2018



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### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve long-term growth in capital and income in a focused portfolio of high quality listed businesses from around the world.

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We invest in best of breed businesses for their quality, strategic competitive edge and value.

### 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. The return may increase or decrease due to currency fluctuations. Performance figures are net of fees and charges. The Fund may hold a relatively small number of stocks as compared to many other funds. This may make the Fund's performance more volatile than would be the case if it had a more diversified investment portfolio. For a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

### FUND COMMENTARY

The market volatility that started in February continues unabatedly into the current strong US reporting season. Almost three quarters of the S&P 500 companies have reported, with their weighted average bottom-line earnings growing at +23% and the top-line revenue growth at +9%. Whilst earnings have been boosted by the new tax regime, the level of top-line growth should especially please shareholders.

The US economic fundamentals and general business outlook indicators remain constructive, with most of the important indicators in this context at elevated levels. They leave ample room for retracement without causing too much investor alarm for imminent structural peaks in share prices.

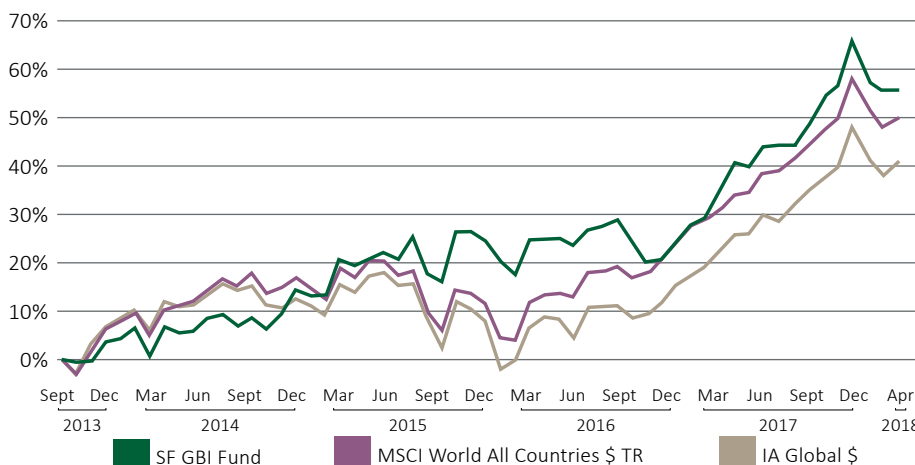
The main reasons for the continuing volatility can still be ascribed to fears of possible rapidly rising inflation and therefore rapidly rising interest rates. This school of thought gets support from the rising oil price and low unemployment numbers (with corresponding fears for escalating wage increases). Against this, the Federal Reserve indicates that inflation is behaving as they expected it to and breakeven rates (reflecting general future inflation expectations) are rising only moderately. We do not yet detect particular strains in other relevant financial market indicators in this context.

The first quarter 2018 US economic growth of +2.3% has brought the four-quarter running average to +2.9%, above the 25-year average of +2.5%. Some may perceive the US economy to now be growing above trend, with risk of becoming overheated and with corresponding risks of escalating inflation. We would guard against this stance, on the basis that the +2.9% growth is based off a very low +1.2% growth in the first quarter of last year. Further to this, considering the ten US economic cycles since 1948 on a peak-to-peak basis, and despite the extended length of the current cycle, its level of recovery is not yet even three quarters of the average level of recovery of these ten cycles. We, therefore, do not yet see material risk of a sudden overheating US economy.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Invest for sustainable growth
- Fundamental research driven
- Particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet strength, return on invested capital, free cash flow, ability to grow dividends each year
- Bottom-up approach to identify exceptional businesses
- Global orientation, with emerging market exposure
- High conviction concentrated portfolio
- Predominantly larger capitalisation businesses, also consider exceptional medium-sized ones
- Buy to hold and disciplined selling
- No benchmark orientation, no active trading, no leverage, no hedging

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (CLASS A USD)



Inception Date: 16 August 2013

### CLASS A USD CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

	1m	3m	6m	YTD	Since Inception
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	0.1	-6.2	4.2	-0.7	55.3
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	1.0	-5.4	3.6	0.0	49.8
IA Global \$	2.1	-4.9	4.0	0.6	43.9

### CLASS A USD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE %

12 months to	30/04/18	30/04/17	30/04/16	30/04/15
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	15.7	7.2	3.6	13.6
MSCI World All Countries \$ TR	14.2	15.1	-5.7	7.5
IA Global \$	14.8	12.0	-7.0	5.2

Source for all performance is Link, Bloomberg, Financial Express, MSCI and Stonehage Fleming Equity Management as at 30/04/2018. Third parties (including Bloomberg and Financial Express) whose data may be included in this document do not accept any liability for errors or omissions.

### FUND RATINGS









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SECTOR BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
Technology	28.4
Consumer Staples	23.4
Consumer Discretionary	20.2
Health Care	14.9
Industrials	4.3
Financials	5.1
Materials	1.6
Cash	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited.

## FUND MANAGER



### Gerrit Smit

Gerrit Smit\* is Head of the Equity Management team. He has overall responsibility for its Portfolio Management and Equity Research functions. The team invests for sustainable growth with a particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet strength, cash flow generation and the ability to grow dividends each year.

\*Gerrit Smit is + rated by Citywire for his rolling 3 year risk-adjusted performance, for the period 30/04/2015 – 30/04/2018.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN	% of Fund
United States	61.0
Continental Europe	18.1
Asia Pacific	11.5
UK	7.3
Cash	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	
Average Market Cap (Billions USD)	139.6
Number of Holdings	25
Operating Margin	24.6%
Return on Invested Capital	17.3%
Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	0.9
Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>2</sup> Growth (p.a.)	13.1%
Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a.)	10.5%
Dividend Yield (gross) <sup>4,5</sup>	1.7%
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>5</sup>	22.5
Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>5</sup>	4.4%
PEG Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	2.0

<sup>1</sup> Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation. <sup>2</sup> Earnings Per Share. <sup>3</sup> Dividend Per Share. <sup>4</sup> Of underlying holdings, and stated gross of withholding taxes and costs. <sup>5</sup> Estimated 12 months forward. <sup>6</sup> Price/Earnings to Growth Ratio. <sup>7</sup> Applying Trailing P/E Ratio. Source: Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited, Bloomberg.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% of Fund
Visa	6.7
Tencent	6.4
Zoetis	5.5
Alphabet	5.4
Accenture	5.3
Estée Lauder	5.2
AIA	5.1
Becton Dickinson	4.9
McDonald's	4.8
Nike	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.9</b>

ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES <sup>8</sup> % of Fund	
North America	38.1
Emerging Markets	37.9
Continental Europe	20.3
UK	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>8</sup> Source: Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund derive their revenues. Source: Bloomberg; Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited; Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited. Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

FUND INFORMATION	
Total Net Assets	\$804.1m
Comparative Index	MSCI World All Countries \$ TR
Lipper Sector	Lipper Global Equity Global
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	USD
Currencies Available	GBP, USD, EUR, CHF
Inception Date	16 Aug 2013
Number of Holdings	20-30 stocks
Income Paid	N/A
Type of Payment	N/A
Ex Dividends	N/A
Payment Date	N/A
Pricing	Daily by 11pm (IRE)
Dealing	Daily by 12pm (IRE)

FUND CHARACTERISTICS	
Active Share <sup>9</sup>	94.2%
Ex Post Tracking Error	4.6%
12 Month Turnover	3.0%
BETA	0.87

<sup>9</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the benchmark index (MSCI World) i.e. a portfolio that is identical to the benchmark would have 0% active share.

USD A (ACCUMULATION) SHARE CLASS DETAILS	
Price	\$155.34
ISIN	IE00BCLYMB94
Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) rating	5
Inception date	16 Aug 2013
Annual Management fee	1.25%
Total ongoing charge (OCF)	1.39%
Min initial investment (USD)	50,000
Registered for sale	GB, CH, SA

The OCF is the Management Fee plus additional fund expenses as a percentage of the assets of the fund. This gives an indication of annual expenses. This figure may vary over time. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Stonehage Fleming Pooled Investments (Ireland) pic (the "Company"), and open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between Funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 with registration number 525228. It qualifies and is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS").

The company is recognised as a section 264 scheme by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom. The Company is also an approved Foreign Collective Investment Scheme in South Africa where it is registered with the Financial Services Board ("FSB"). Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Limited has been appointed as the manager (the "Manager") of the Company and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited has been appointed as the investment manager (the "Investment Manager") of the Company.

The latest version of the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information documents are available in English and can be obtained by contacting the administrator at [dublinta@linkgroup.ie](mailto:dublinta@linkgroup.ie). This document is issued by Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and registered with the Financial Services Board (South Africa) as a Financial Services Provider (FSP) under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act. No 37 of 2002 (FSP No: 46194). The registered office is 15 Suffolk Street, London, SW1Y 4HG. Registered in England No. OC4027720.

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