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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve long term growth in capital and income by developing a focussed portfolio of high quality listed companies from around the world.

## **INVESTMENT POLICY**

- Fundamental research driven
- Considering long term performance, strength of management and administration, allocation of capital, return on investment over time, cash flow and balance sheet strength
- Predominantly high quality, larger capitalisation companies (but does not preclude small and mid cap)
- Long term investment horizon
- Larger high conviction positions for a focussed portfolio
- No specific target sector or geographic region
- Companies may include indirect operational exposure to Emerging Markets
- May also take limited direct Emerging Market exposure
- No benchmark orientation
- No leverage

#### **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager	Gerrit Smit
Launch Date	16 August 2013
Total AUM	\$109.5m
Dealing Deadline	Every Wednesday by 3pm (Irish time)
Pricing	Every Friday
Fund Type	UCITS

Fund Performance (net of fees) %						
	Class A USD	Class B USD	Class C GBP	Class D GBP		
One Month	4.6%	4.6%	6.8%	6.9%		
Year To Date	7.2%	7.7%	13.4%	13.9%		
One Year	9.3%	9.9%	14.4%	14.9%		
Since Launch	14.7%	15.4%	14.2%	15.1%		

#### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT

Whilst we are strictly fundamentally driven equity investors, we do follow with interest some of the cyclical share price patterns. It is striking how November has lived up to its status of generally lower volatility accompanied also with higher performance than the 'average October'. Its volatility (as measured by the VIX index) has receded after the very volatile October to a level of only 13.3 points. This is almost as low as its long term -1SD (standard deviation) level and lower than November's long term average level of 17.5 points. Against this, November's performance (as measured by the MSCI AC index) recovered well at +1.7%, exceeding marginally the month's long term average performance of +1.5%.

From a fundamental perspective, this positive performance was supported mainly by a good US company results season and the European Central Bank joining Japan's QE programme with president Draghi expressing his intention to inject €1tn of fresh stimulus into their flagging economy.

Wells Fargo has been an exemplar performer this year, returning in excess of 20% thus far (in \$ terms). Whilst we are fundamentally cautious of the banking sector, this bank's conservatism and business focus is serving their shareholders well. It is the only mainstream US bank that has been continuously increasing its NAV, even through the most challenging times of the credit crisis. The share has returned a very respectable compounded return of +7.6% p.a. from the peak price before the credit crisis, compared to the +2.2% for their banking index from the same date (whilst Wells Fargo is by far the largest component in the index, exaggerating the 2.2% figure).

Top 10 Holdings	% of Fund
Walt Disney	5.4%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	5.0%
Visa	5.0%
L Brands	4.9%
Becton Dickinson	4.7%
AIA	4.5%
3M	4.5%
Wells Fargo	4.4%
International Flavors & Fragrances	4.3%
Richemont	4.2%
Total	46.7%

Class	ISIN	Currency	Price	Distributing	UK Reporting	Annual Management Charge	Maximum Total Expense Ratio	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment
Class A	IEooBCLYMB94	USD	\$114.71	No	No	1.25%	1.75%	\$50,000	\$25,000
Class B	IE00BCLYMC02	USD	\$115.38	No	No	0.75%	1.25%	\$5,000,000	\$25,000
Class C	IEooBCLYMD19	GBP	£114.17	Yes	Yes	1.25%	1.75%	£35,000	£15,000
Class D	IEooBCLYMF33	GBP	£115.03	Yes	Yes	0.75%	1.25%	£3,500,000	£15,000



# **STONEHAGE GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND** | FACT SHEET

Sector Exposure	% of Fund
Consumer Staples	29.7%
Technology	17.8%
Consumer Discretionary	17.2%
Financials	11.5%
Industrials	10.5%
Health Care	8.8%
Materials	4.3%
Cash	0.1%
Total	100.0%

Regional Breakdown	% of Fund
United States	57.9%
Continental Europe	25.9%
UK	9.8%
Asia Pacific	6.3%
Cash	0.1%
Total	100.0%

## **RISK FACTORS**

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