

## STONEHAGE FLEMING GLOBAL BEST IDEAS EQUITY FUND

### 30 April 2017 Factsheet

#### 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.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Invest for sustainable growth
- Fundamental research driven
- Particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet, return on capital, cash flow, ability to grow dividends each year
- Bottom-up approach to identify exceptional businesses
- Global orientation
- High conviction concentrated portfolio
- Predominantly larger capitalisation businesses, include some mid-size exceptional ones
- Buy to hold for longer term orientation, but do not hold overvalued businesses
- No benchmark orientation, leverage, hedging or active trading

#### FUND INFORMATION

Investment Manager	Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited
Portfolio Manager	Gerrit Smit
Launch Date	16 August 2013
Total AUM	\$597.7m
Dealing Deadline	Daily by 12pm (Irish time)
Pricing	Daily at 11pm (Irish time)
Fund Type	UCITS

#### COMMENTARY

The first quarter earnings reporting season is in full swing with almost 70% of the S&P 500 index companies having already reported. Whilst we as investors are focused on long term sustainable growth and do not reconsider positions from the one reporting season to the next, the current reporting season is building up to one of the most noteworthy we have had for some time.

Earnings for the S&P 500 have been stagnant for the past two years, with flat top-line performance. To some degree, this is due to the strong Dollar currency (negatively affecting offshore earnings), the weak energy and commodity markets and, importantly, also from dampened industrial activity.

Whilst we cannot yet draw definite conclusions from the current reporting season, results thus far are well represented over across all sectors and we would be naïve to ignore its early messages. The index earnings growth is up in double digits and, more importantly, top-line sales are growing at a healthy +8%. Both these results are better than consensus expectations. The Technology and Health Care sectors continue to excel in terms of top-line performance, with Energy recovering well. Only Telecoms has experienced a drop in top-line performance.

Current expectations for 2017 index earnings are for growth of +10%. Should it materialise, this will be a step-up from the 2015 and 2016 results. It seems that results thus far support this high expectation. The larger significance of these results, in our view, actually lies more in the excellent growth in top-line performance (because sustainable growth in long-term bottom-line performance depends to such a large degree on organic business growth).

We are entering the traditionally slow summer season for capital markets. Many investors are nervous to stay invested after such a strong start to the year, yet it seems that fundamental operational data currently offers the support they realistically could have hoped for.

#### PERFORMANCE TO 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 <sup>1</sup>

	Class A USD %	Class B USD %	Class C GBP %	Class D GBP %
One Month	3.7	3.7	0.2	0.3
Year To Date	11.0	11.2	6.0	6.2
One Year	7.2	7.7	21.3	21.9
Three Years	26.1	28.0	64.6	67.1
2016	-3.0	-2.5	15.7	16.3
2015	9.8	10.4	16.2	16.8
2014	6.1	6.6	12.7	13.3
Since Launch <sup>2</sup>	34.3	36.7	61.9	65.0

#### SHARE CLASSES

	Class A USD	Class B USD	Class C GBP	Class D GBP
Price	\$134.29	\$136.71	£161.48	£161.97
OCF % <sup>3</sup>	1.51	1.01	1.51	1.01
Investment Management Fee %	1.25	0.75	1.25	0.75
Minimum Initial Investment	\$50,000	\$5,000,000	£35,000	£3,500,000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	\$25,000	\$25,000	£15,000	£15,000

Source: Capita Financial Administrators (Ireland) Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited

<sup>1</sup> Net of fees

<sup>2</sup> Launch: 16 August 2013

<sup>3</sup> The Investment Management Fee is included in the Ongoing Charges Figure ("OCF") and is not in addition to the OCF. The OCF expresses the overall costs of running the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund (the "Fund") as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Fund. It comprises the Investment Management Fee and other additional charges including, but not limited to, the charges of the Manager, Administrator, the Custodian, the Directors and any appointed Paying Agent as well as regulatory, company secretarial, statutory, auditing, listing, Governmental and legal costs. It does not include portfolio transaction costs.

**PAST PERFORMANCE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A GUIDE TO FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

## FUND COMPOSITION

Regional Breakdown	% of Fund
United States	60.1
Continental Europe	19.3
Asia Pacific	9.9
UK	8.0
Cash	2.7
Total	100.0

Sector Breakdown	% of Fund
Consumer Staples	28.1
Technology	25.7
Consumer Discretionary	21.1
Health Care	10.2
Industrials	5.5
Financials	4.6
Materials	2.1
Cash	2.7
Total	100.0

Top 10 Holdings	% of Fund
Visa	6.3
Alphabet	5.9
Accenture	5.3
Becton Dickinson	5.3
Tencent	5.3
Fresenius SE	4.8
AIA	4.6
McDonald's	4.6
Estée Lauder	4.4
Starbucks	4.3
Total	50.9

Source: Capita Financial Administrators (Ireland) Limited and Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited.

## RISK FACTORS

Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund (the "Fund") is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing in particular, fluctuations in market price, adverse issuer or market information and the fact that equity securities rank below other corporate securities, including debt securities, in right of payment in the event of issuer insolvency. The value of the Fund's portfolio changes daily and can be affected by changes in currencies, interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as specific matters relating to the companies in whose securities the Fund invests. 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.

Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to go up or down in the reporting currency. In general, underlying investments denominated in foreign currency are not hedged back into the reporting currency. Among the factors that may influence currency values are trade balances, the levels of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. Values may also be affected by developments relating to controls and restrictions on foreign currency remittance of proceeds of investments in a non-sterling jurisdiction.

All investments risk the loss of capital. No guarantee or representation is made that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The value of investments may go down as well as up and the distributions can also go down or up and you may not receive back the full value of your initial investment. The risks outlined here are some of the more specific risks applicable to investment in the Fund and investors' attention is drawn to Appendix II of the Prospectus which provides more information on the types of risk factors investors should consider.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Fund is a sub-fund of Stonehage Fleming Pooled Investments (Ireland) plc (the "Company"), an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between Funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Acts 1963 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"). Capita Financial Managers (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@capitafinancial.com](mailto:dublinta@capitafinancial.com).

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