

OUR FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY  
PILLARS - IDENTIFYING  
GLOBAL BEST-IN-CLASS BUSINESSES



SUSTAINABLE  
ORGANIC  
GROWTH



QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT



EFFICIENCY



FREE  
CASH FLOW  
GENERATION



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term growth in capital and income by developing a portfolio of equities and equity related instruments issued by or in connection with high quality listed companies from around the world.

## FUND COMMENTARY

The fundamental backdrop for the US economy remains constructive. Despite softness in the lower end of the consumer market, overall US consumption continues to grow above 6%. US Fixed Investment growth is accelerating and well above the long-term average. AI investment is providing a boost to tech-exposed economies both in the US and globally including those in Asia.

A key feature in the month was the outlook for interest rates. The dominant rates narrative centered on Fed Chair Kevin Warsh's debut Jackson Hole address which investors interpreted as hawkish. This drove markets to price a target rate hike as more likely than not.

Second-quarter S&P 500 earnings season was strong, with the aggregate revenue and reported earnings respectively growing +15% and +52% reflecting +3% and +27% upside surprises. Unrealised gains from equity investments have been a notable feature.

August marked a re-rating of enterprise software from an oversold position that was threatened by fears of AI disruption risks. Dispersion within the market remains high.

The best contributors to fund performance were Microsoft, Netflix and S&P Global. Microsoft continued to rally in the month following its strong performance in July on the back of solid results. The re-rating in enterprise software was supportive. Sentiment on Netflix improved from its lows as investors looked forward to a stronger content slate to drive engagement and subscriber numbers higher. S&P Global re-rated as a pure ratings and financial data business having exited the Mobility business. The company announced an expanded collaboration with Microsoft to integrate its AI-ready data and insights into Copilot, offering visibility into monetizing its data through AI distribution.

The largest detractors from performance have been Alphabet, Broadcom and Amazon. Leadership changes within Alphabet's AI division DeepMind presented an overhang. Broadcom was affected by the scale of its AI chip financing activities and news on Alphabet entering a custom chip supply agreement with Marvell. This raised questions on their historically dominant share of Alphabet's expanding custom chips business. Amazon was impacted by regulatory headlines including an FTC investigation into their advertising business.

## FUND RATINGS<sup>1</sup>

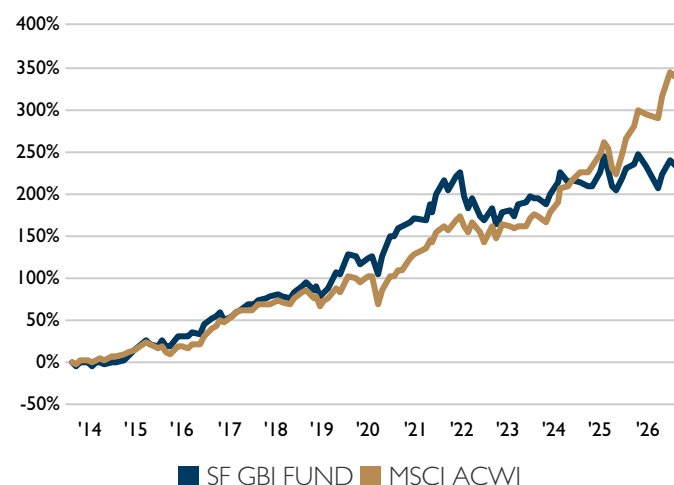


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## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- 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 (Since Inception)



## CLASS C GBP CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE %

|             | 1m   | YTD  | 1yr  | 3yr  | 5yr  | 10yr  | Since Inception |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----------------|
| SF GBI FUND | -1.0 | -0.3 | 0.5  | 12.3 | 4.8  | 117.3 | 230.7           |
| Annualised  | -    | -    | -    | 3.9  | 0.9  | 8.1   | 9.6             |
| MSCI ACWI   | 1.9  | 13.4 | 21.9 | 63.4 | 70.2 | 215.8 | 346.9           |
| Annualised  | -    | -    | -    | 17.8 | 11.2 | 12.2  | 12.2            |

## CLASS C GBP CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

|             | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 |
|-------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| SF GBI FUND | 1.8  | 6.4  | 15.0 | -18.5 | 20.1 |
| MSCI ACWI   | 13.9 | 19.6 | 15.3 | -8.1  | 19.6 |

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% OF FUND)

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Alphabet     | 7.9         |
| Mastercard   | 6.2         |
| ASML         | 5.8         |
| Broadcom     | 5.7         |
| Microsoft    | 5.1         |
| S&P Global   | 4.8         |
| L'Oreal      | 4.6         |
| Amazon       | 4.3         |
| AJ Gallagher | 4.3         |
| AIA Group    | 4.0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>52.8</b> |

### SECTOR ALLOCATION (% OF FUND)

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Technology    | 29.6         |
| Financials    | 19.3         |
| Industrials   | 14.5         |
| Communication | 10.6         |
| Discretionary | 10.2         |
| Health Care   | 7.9          |
| Staples       | 4.6          |
| Materials     | 3.2          |
| Cash          | 0.2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |

### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN BY LISTING (% OF FUND)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| United States                     | 76.5         |
| Europe                            | 16.0         |
| Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan | 7.4          |
| Cash                              | 0.2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>100.0</b> |

### ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES<sup>1</sup> (% OF FUND)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| North America                     | 45.1         |
| Emerging Markets                  | 26.2         |
| Europe                            | 21.5         |
| Developed Asia Pacific Inc. Japan | 7.1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>100.0</b> |

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|                                                |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Weighted Average Market Cap (Billions GBP)     | 668.0 |
| Number of holdings                             | 26    |
| Operating Margin                               | 34.2% |
| Return on Invested Capital                     | 22.0% |
| Net Debt/EBITDA <sup>2</sup>                   | 0.7   |
| Expected 3 Year Revenue Growth (p.a)*          | 14.0% |
| Expected 3 Year EPS <sup>3</sup> Growth (p.a)* | 16.9% |
| Expected 3 Year DPS <sup>4</sup> Growth (p.a)* | 10.2% |
| Dividend Yield (Gross) <sup>5,6</sup>          | 1.0%  |
| Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>              | 24.9  |
| Free Cash Flow Yield <sup>6</sup>              | 3.0%  |
| PEG Ratio <sup>7</sup>                         | 2.1   |



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#### ESTIMATED REGIONAL REVENUES

<sup>1</sup> Based on where underlying companies in the Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity Fund derive their revenues.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

<sup>2</sup> Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation. <sup>3</sup> Earnings Per Share. <sup>4</sup> Dividend Per Share. <sup>5</sup> This is the weighted-average dividend yield of the underlying holdings, stated gross of withholding taxes and costs, and not the Dividend Yield of the Fund itself. <sup>6</sup> Estimated 12 months forward. <sup>7</sup> Weighted portfolio Trailing P/E Ratio and EPS projections applied.

Due to rounding, values may not add up to 100%.

## OUTCOME OF FAIR VALUE ASSESSMENTS (2025)

Our assessment confirms:

- The Fund meets the needs of the target market.
- The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate.
- The Fund provides fair value to customers.

## INVESTOR PROFILE

The Fund is appropriate for all investor types, including those with only a basic knowledge of funds, it is compatible with investors who do not need a capital guarantee (investors must be prepared to accept fluctuations in the value of capital, including the ability to bear 100% capital loss) and looking for capital growth. Due to the volatility of markets, investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of potentially higher returns. This is a long term investment. Investors should have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years. The recommended holding period does not provide any guarantee that the objective will be achieved. This product is eligible for all distribution channels (e.g. investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services).

The fund is unlikely to be appropriate for those who:

- Are looking for full capital protection or full repayment of the amount invested, and those who want a guaranteed return
- Have no risk tolerance
- Who are unwilling to accept price fluctuations (volatility) in the value of the fund
- Do not intend to invest for the long term

## RISK PROFILE

The Fund is not guaranteed and your investment is at risk. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. The Fund may enter into derivative agreements with counterparties, and consequently there is a risk that a counterparty may fail to meet its obligations. This may lead to delays in the Fund receiving amounts due to it, receiving less than is due or receiving nothing. As the Fund has exposure to overseas securities, movements in exchange rates may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease. The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities which are subject to various risks including fluctuations in market prices, adverse issuer or market information and the fact that equity and equity related securities are subordinate in the right of payment to other corporate securities, including debt securities. The value of equity securities varies with the performance of the respective issuers and movements in equity markets generally. As a result, the Fund may suffer losses if it invests in equity of issuers where performance falls below market expectations or if equity markets in general decline or the Fund has not hedged against such a general decline. The Fund may hold a relatively small number of stocks (approximately 20 to 30 positions) 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 full details of the Fund's risks, please see the prospectus and supplement sections entitled 'Risk Factors'.

## FUND INFORMATION

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Net Assets     | £1,286.5m                           |
| Comparative Index    | MSCI All Countries World Index £ TR |
| Fund Type            | UCITS                               |
| Fund Domicile        | Ireland                             |
| Share Class Currency | GBP                                 |
| Currencies Available | GBP, USD, EUR, CHF                  |
| Inception Date       | 16 August 2013                      |
| Range of Holdings    | 20-30 Stocks                        |
| Income Paid          | Annually                            |
| Type of Payment      | Dividend                            |
| Ex Dividend          | 2 Jan 26                            |
| Payment Date         | 16 Jan 26                           |
| Pricing              | Daily by 11pm (IRE)                 |
| Dealing              | Daily by 12pm (IRE)                 |

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Active Share <sup>1</sup> | 87.2% |
| Ex Post Tracking Error    | 6.2%  |
| 12 Month Turnover         | 45.2% |
| Beta (Realised)*          | 0.99  |
| Beta (Predicted)**        | 0.89  |

## GBP C (INCOME) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Price                                    | £329.60      |
| ISIN                                     | IE00BCLYMD19 |
| Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI) | 6            |
| Annual Management Fee                    | 1.25%        |
| Total Ongoing Charge (OCF) <sup>2</sup>  | 1.30%        |
| Min Initial Investment (GBP)             | 35,000       |
| Registered For Sale                      | UK, CH, SA   |

<sup>1</sup> Active Share measures how much the portfolio holdings differ from the comparator index (MSCI ACWI £ TR) ie. a portfolio that is identical to the comparator index would have 0% active share.<sup>2</sup> The OCF is the Annual 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

\*Based on past 5 years of Fund performance vs benchmark

\*\*Predicted Beta based on FactSet Global Equity Medium Horizon Risk Model. Predicted beta is an estimate based on current portfolio holdings and model assumptions. Estimates are not a measure of realised risk and may differ significantly from future actual outcomes.

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