Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 2nd April 2021





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### Management and Professional Service Providers' Details

### **Authorised Corporate Director:**

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Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

### Depositary:

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Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

#### **Auditor:**

Grant Thornton UK LLP 30 Finsbury Square London EC2A 1AG

#### Directors of the ACD:

S. R. Mugford - Finance Director

D. W. Tyerman - Chief Executive Officer

S. E. Noone - Client Services Director

D. K. Mytnik - Non-Executive Director

V. R. Smith - Non-Executive Director

W. D. Prew - Independent Non-Executive Director

C. J. Willson - Independent Non-Executive Director

N. C. Palios - Non-Executive Chair

D.W. Tyerman and S.R. Mugford also hold directorships of other companies within the Thesis group and perform senior management roles within these companies, particularly Thesis Asset Management Limited, which acts as an investment manager for some authorised funds operated by the Authorised Corporate Director.

D.K. Mytnik, V.R. Smith and N.C. Palios also hold non-executive directorships of other companies within the Thesis group. They are not engaged in other business activities that are of significance to the Company. W. D. Prew is a Director of Indos Financial Limited, the primary business of which is the provision of Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive independent depositary services to Alternative Investment Funds. Indos Financial Limited is not appointed as depositary on any alternative investment funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director.

### Report of the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

for the year ended 2nd April 2021

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, (the "ACD") is pleased to present the ACD's annual report for the TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund (the "Company") for the year ended 2nd April 2021.

This Company is an umbrella company with two sub-funds, namely TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund and TM Stonehage Global Growth Portfolio Fund (the "sub-funds").

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The sub-funds of the Company, their respective names, investment objectives and policies, are as follows:

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

The sub-fund aims to preserve capital in the medium term and to achieve capital growth in real terms over the longer term, whilst generating moderate levels of income.

The sub-fund will predominantly invest into a range of underlying funds and offshore funds which qualify for distributor status (or the equivalent under the new reporting fund regime legislation) with a view to gaining exposure to a portfolio of assets which comprises global equities, cash and bonds, but which may also contain other elements including, without limitation, (listed) hedge funds, venture capital, commodities, infrastructure and property exposure, in each case in accordance with the sub-fund's investment and borrowing powers. The sub-fund may also invest directly in these asset classes, again in accordance with its investment and borrowing powers.

The Investment Manager anticipates that a portion of the sub-fund may be invested in units or shares of collective investment schemes managed by the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager may also make use of some derivative/option facilities where considered prudent for investment purposes and Efficient Portfolio Management including hedging.

In support of the sub-fund's objective to preserve capital in the medium term, the Investment Manager will employ a number of techniques and procedures, which may without limitation include: (i) maintaining a diversified spread of assets with varying return and risk profiles to reduce security specific risk and generate streams of growth from independent and uncorrelated sources; (ii) maintaining a prudent level of cash and fixed interest assets as portfolio stabilization anchors within the portfolio; (iii) the use of hedging strategies to protect against capital drawdown in respect of riskier assets; and (iv) at times of high capital risk, reduced exposure to riskier assets in favor of cash and sovereign bonds.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

The sub-fund aims to achieve capital growth in real terms over the longer term.

The sub-fund will predominantly invest into a range of underlying funds and offshore funds which qualify for distributor status (or the equivalent under the new reporting fund regime legislation) with a view to gaining exposure to a portfolio of assets which comprises global equities, cash and bonds, but which may also contain other elements including, without limitation, (listed) hedge funds, venture capital, commodities, infrastructure and property exposure, in each case in accordance with the sub-fund's investment and borrowing powers. The sub-fund may also invest directly in these asset classes, again in accordance with its investment and borrowing powers.

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### Report of the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### **Performance Comparator**

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

The sub-fund uses a benchmark for performance comparison purposes using the Asset Risk Consulting GBP Balanced Asset Index. The benchmark is not a target benchmark and the sub-fund is not constrained by it.

The Index has been selected as a benchmark for performance as an aggregation of a large number of Sterling based multi-asset mandates in the industry with a similar level of volatility, they offer a clear comparator.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

The sub-fund uses a benchmark for performance comparison purposes using the Asset Risk Consulting GBP Steady Growth Index. The benchmark is not a target benchmark and the sub-fund is not constrained by it.

The Index has been selected as a benchmark for performance as an aggregation of a large number of Sterling based multi-asset mandates in the industry with a similar level of volatility, they offer a clear comparator.

### **Impact of COVID-19**

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), declared by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on 11th March 2020, has caused disruption to businesses and economic activity which has been reflected in global stock markets. The ACD is monitoring developments relating to COVID-19 and is coordinating its operational response based on existing business continuity plans and on guidance from global health organisations, UK government and general pandemic response best practice.

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements and is based additionally on the following:

a. the ability, post the announcement of the World Health Organisation of the COVID-19 pandemic, of the ACD and its third party suppliers to continue business as usual as each entity moved their operational functionality from an office based to a working from home environment; and

b. whilst it is recognised that COVID-19 presents many challenges from an investment perspective, it is considered that these do not impact the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern due to its liquid balance sheet resources that are considerably in excess of annual operating expenditure.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited Authorised Corporate Director 5th July 2021

### Report of the Investment Manager

for the year ended 2nd April 2021

# Investment Report – TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund and TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

The TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund returned 21.4%<sup>1</sup> net-of-fees over the twelve-month period, versus the benchmark's return of 18.5%<sup>2</sup>.

The TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund returned 29.2% net-of-fees over the twelve-month period, versus the benchmark's return of 24.8%4.

### **Market Overview**

Global equities returned 43.2%<sup>5</sup> (in unhedged GBP terms) over the last 12 months. Equity markets rebounded after tumbling in Q1 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19, supported by unprecedented levels of monetary and fiscal stimulus. Work from home and other themes resultant of the pandemic meant growth-orientated names outperformed, leaving value out of favour. Q1 2021 saw the Democrats take control of Congress, leading to optimism over further fiscal stimulus in the US, and coupled with progressing vaccine rollouts, encouraged a rotation into cyclical areas of the market. Of the key regions, the UK was the biggest laggard over the past 12 months. The region was weighed down by Brexit uncertainty and its value bias, although the region managed to recoup some losses after an eleventh-hour Brexit deal and the cyclical rally later in the period. The US and emerging markets led, as the former benefitted from Big Tech's dominance in 2020 and the latter were boosted by better handling of the pandemic in emerging Asia.

Global fixed income assets returned 1.4% (in hedged GBP terms). Significant policy response to the COVID-19 outbreak helped to shield riskier segments of the market and compress credit spreads. Reopening and reflation optimism later in the 12-month period, meant bond market moves in Q1 2021 became dominated by rising yields and curve steepening, hampering sovereign and investment grade bonds, and long duration positions. Spread compression supported high yield credit which held up comparably well. The eventual upwards trend in yields and curve steepening meant the US 10-year Treasury yield moved up 108bps during the period to reach 174bps. EM local currency debt performed well during the risk-on environment encouraged by significant policy support subsequent to the COVID-19 outbreak in Q1 2020, however returns were dampened by rising yields, a stronger US dollar and a resurgence in COVID-19 cases in Q1 2021. Within commodities, gold was initially buoyed by concerns over the pandemic, but later saw some consolidation from all-time highs; vaccine optimism lifting risk sentiment and increased political clarity in the US formed headwinds and ensured that the metal struggled amid selling pressure.

### **Fund Performance and Strategy**

The fund outperformed its benchmark over the period. Within the equity component, the Lyrical fund was the best performing underlying position returning approximately 90% and outperforming the US market by a significant margin. We also saw strong results from TM Stonehage Fleming European All Cap, Man GLG Undervalued Assets and Vanguard FTSE 250 UCITS ETF, all of which recovered sharply after October 2020 as COVID-19 vaccine efficacy results proved a tailwind for their underlying positions. Having performed extremely well in the first half of 2020, those equity managers that favour quality businesses with less sensitivity to the economic cycle lagged the market in the second half of the period. Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas, TB Evenlode Global Income and Findlay Park American are good examples. We saw strong performance in fixed income, led by BlueBay Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond fund and PIMCO Global Investor Series Income Institutional fund, with iShares GBP Corp Bond 0-5yr UCITS ETF and Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF lagging as yields rose in the second half of the period. In alternatives, the Lyxor Sandler US Equity fund and iShares Physical Gold ETC detracted from returns, due to their defensive bias.

- <sup>1</sup> Stonehage Fleming, Bloomberg
- <sup>2</sup> Estimated Index Level Provided by ARC, from 31st March 2020 to 31st March 2021, as its return is provided monthly
- <sup>3</sup> Stonehage Fleming, Bloomberg
- <sup>4</sup> Estimated Index Level Provided by ARC, from 31st March 2020 to 31st March 2021, as its return is provided monthly
- <sup>5</sup> S&P Global 1200 Index SPGLOB Index (GBP)
- <sup>6</sup> Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index LFGATRGH Index (GBP Hedged)

### Report of the Investment Manager

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

 $Investment\ Report-TM\ Stone hage\ Fleming\ Global\ Balanced\ Portfolio\ Fund\ and\ TM\ Stone hage\ Fleming\ Global\ Growth\ Portfolio\ Fund\ (continued)$ 

#### Outlook

Growth optimism has increased substantially in the first quarter of 2021, driven by US fiscal stimulus and large-scale vaccination. Investors have responded by pushing up government bond yields and rotating equity portfolios towards the most economically sensitive stocks and sectors. The market winners of 2020, such as online retail and entertainment, have started the year on the back foot. While many of these businesses retain an enviable competitive advantage, the prospect of a resurgent economic backdrop has boosted the case for 'cyclical' stocks. Businesses in the financial, industrial and traditional service sectors have seen their share prices recover sharply following improved earnings expectations.

Our investment strategy favours a strong economic recovery in 2021 driven by a surge in consumer demand. Capital allocation blends managers that benefit from this theme with those that emphasise structural growth opportunities at a global level. The risks to our outlook are constantly assessed, dominated by the potential evolution of the virus itself and uncertainty around future mutations. The good news is that vaccination efficacy appears robust against current variants in circulation, but we remain vigilant to an unfavourable development.

Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager
9th June 2021

#### Constitution

The Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund (the "Company" or the "Fund") is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales established under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Act") and is a UCITS scheme as defined for purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") as amended. The Company is incorporated in England & Wales with registered number IC000898, and its registered office is at Exchange Building, St John's Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA on 10th June 2011. The Company has unlimited duration. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

As at the date of this Report, four sub-funds exist: the TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund, the TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund and the TM Stonehage Fleming Global Income Portfolio Fund. Two of these sub-funds have launched thus far; TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund and TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund. The TM Stonehage Fleming Global Cautious Portfolio Fund and the TM Stonehage Fleming Global Income Portfolio Funds have not launched yet.

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

There is no cross liability between all sub-funds held by TM Stonehage Fleming Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund.

### **Sub-Fund Cross-Holdings**

No sub-fund held shares in any other sub-fund within the Company during the current or prior period.

### **Regulatory Disclosure**

This document has been issued by Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited (authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority).

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of shares can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Changes in rates of exchange may also cause the value of shares to fluctuate. Any references in this report to other investments held within this Company should not be read as a recommendation to the investor to buy and sell the same, but are included as illustration only.

#### **Remuneration Disclosures** (unaudited)

The provisions of the UCITS V Directive took effect on 18th March 2016. That legislation requires the Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited (the "ACD"), to establish and maintain remuneration policies for its staff which are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile and the instrument of incorporation of the Company nor impair compliance with the ACD's duty to act in the best interest of the Company.

The ACD is part of a larger group within which remuneration policies are the responsibility of a Remuneration Committee comprised entirely of non-executive directors. That committee has established a remuneration policy which sets out a framework for determining the level of fixed and variable remuneration of staff, including maintaining an appropriate balance between the two.

Arrangements for variable remuneration within the group are calculated primarily by reference to the performance of each individual and the profitability of the relevant business unit. The performance of individuals working on the business of the ACD is assessed primarily by reference to non-financial criteria, especially the effectiveness of their oversight monitoring of delegates appointed to perform investment advisory or fund administration services for the Company.

Within the group, all staff are employed by the parent company with none employed directly by the ACD. A number of staff are considered, however, to devote the whole of their time to the business of the ACD and its subsidiary, TUTMAN LLP, which also acts as an Authorised Fund Manager. The costs of a number of other individuals are allocated between the entities within the group based on the expected amount of time devoted to each.

The total remuneration of those individuals considered to comprise the entire staff of the ACD and its subsidiary, including those whose time is allocated between group entities, for the financial year ended 30th April 2020, is analysed below:

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Fixed Remuneration	856,753
Variable Remuneration	86,788
Total	943,541
Headcount (FTE)	16

The staff members included in the above analysis support the entirety of the funds managed by the ACD. A breakdown of these figures in relation to each fund managed by the ACD does not exist.

Management have carried out a review of the general principles within the remuneration policy and the implementation of the remuneration policy during the year and following this review, no changes have been considered necessary.

### Certification of Annual Report & Accounts by Directors

In accordance with the requirements of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (the "OEIC Regulations") and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("COLL Rules"), we hereby certify this Annual Report & Accounts on behalf of the ACD, Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited.

D.W. TYERMAN Director

S. E. NOONE Director

5th July 2021

### Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (the "OEIC Regulations") and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("COLL Rules") published by the FCA requires the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net revenue and net capital gains/losses on the property of the Company for the year.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (now known as The Investment Association) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company, terminate a sub-fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited Authorised Corporate Director West Sussex 5th July 2021

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund (the "Company") for the Year Ended 2nd April 2021

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the "OEIC Regulations"), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together the "Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together the "Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager (the "AFM") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AFM:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company, and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Northern Trust Global Services SE UK Branch UK Trustee and Depositary Services 5th July 2021

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund (the "Company") for the year ended 2nd April 2021. These financial statements comprise together the Statement of Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies, and Risk Management Policies and the individual financial statements of each of the following sub-funds (the "sub-funds") of the Company:

- TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund
- TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

The individual financial statements for each of the Company's sub-funds comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the balance sheet, notes to the financial statements and the distribution tables.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association in May 2014.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of the sub-funds as at 2nd April 2021 and of the net revenue and net capital gains/(losses) on the scheme property of the Company and each of the sub-funds for the year then ended, and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK
  Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and
  the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's and each of the sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company and each of the sub-funds cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the Authorised Corporate Director's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the Company's and each of the sub-fund's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Brexit and COVID-19, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the Authorised Corporate Director and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's and each of the sub-fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's and each of the sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

The responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director with respect to going concern are described in the 'Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director' section of this report.

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund

#### Other information

The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report & accounts, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook** In our opinion:

- we have been given all the information and explanations, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit, and
- the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report (which comprises: on page 3, the Management and Professional Service Providers' Details; on page 4, the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director; on page 6, the Report of the Investment Manager; on page 8, the Constitution and Sub-fund Cross-Holdings; on pages 19 and 38, the Portfolio Statement; on pages 24 and 42, the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator) is consistent with the financial statements.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Company or a sub-fund have not been kept, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with those accounting records.

### Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director

As explained more fully in the Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 10, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Authorised Corporate Director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's and the sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to terminate a sub-fund, wind up the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund

### Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Company and industry in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice and UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. We enquired of management to obtain an understanding of how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks and whether there were any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or whether they had any knowledge of actual or suspected fraud. We corroborated the results of our enquiries through our review of the breaches register. We did not identify any matters relating to non-compliance with laws and regulation or matters in relation to fraud.
- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of:
  - the Company's operations, including the nature of its revenue sources, and of its objective to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risks of material misstatement
  - the Company's control environment, including the policies and procedures implemented to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with the relevant laws and regulations
- The engagement partner's assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:
  - understanding of, and practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation
  - knowledge of the industry in which the Company operates
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included checking completeness of journal entries and identifying and testing journal entries, in particular manual journal entries processed at the year-end for financial statements preparation. We also reviewed the financial statements disclosures and the corresponding supporting documentation.

These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. However, detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as those irregularities that result from fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with regulation 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, and with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants London, United Kingdom 5th July 2021

### Statement of Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies, and Risk Management Policies

for the year ended 2nd April 2021

### 1. Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), as defined within the UK Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' (the "SORP"), issued by the Investment Management Association (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently are set out below.

### b) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency rounded to the nearest £'000 or as stated otherwise.

### c) Valuation of Investments

Quoted investments are valued at bid-market value as at close of business on the last working day of the accounting year, net of any accrued interest which is included in the balance sheet as accrued revenue. Where values cannot be readily determined, the securities are valued at the ACD's best assessment of their fair value. Purchases and sales are recognised when a legally binding and unconditional right to obtain, or an obligation to deliver, an asset or liability arises.

Collective investment schemes operated by the ACD are valued at their cancellation price for dual priced funds and their single price for single price funds. Other Collective Investment Schemes are valued at their bid price for dual priced funds and their single price for single priced funds.

Open forward currency contracts are valued based on the difference between the contract value and the market value adjusted by the prevailing spot rate and swap curve.

All realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised as net capital gains/(losses) in the Statement of Total Return. Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of investments for the year and from reversal of prior year's unrealised gains and losses for investments which were realised in the accounting year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

### d) Foreign Exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Where applicable, assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Pounds Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling as at close of business on the last working day of the accounting year.

#### e) Revenue

Revenue from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend as a gross amount of any withholding taxes but excludes any other taxes such as attributable tax credits. Bank interest and other revenue are recognised on an accruals basis.

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised in the property when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Management fee rebates from underlying collective investment schemes are accounted for on an accruals basis. Management fee rebates, where applicable, are included in revenue or net capital gains dependent upon the original treatment of management fees in the underlying collective investment scheme.

Revenue from offshore funds is recognised when it is reported. Any reported revenue from an offshore fund with reporting status from HMRC, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an accruals basis, taking into account the effective yield on the investment. The effective yield basis amortises any discount or premium on the purchase of a debt security over its remaining life.

### f) Expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against revenue for the year on an accruals basis.

### Statement of Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies, and Risk Management Policies

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### g) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided at the rate of 20% of taxable revenue after the deduction of allowable expenses. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay less or receive more tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the ACD considers that it will be more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

### 3. Distribution Policies

### a) Basis of Distribution

When appropriate, the Company will allocate any surplus net revenue as a dividend distribution. Distributions of income of the Company are made on or before the annual income allocation date and on or before the interim income allocation date, where applicable, in each year. The income available for distribution is determined in accordance with COLL. It comprises all revenue received or receivable for the account of the Company in respect of the accounting year concerned, after deducting net charges and expenses paid or payable out of such revenue.

For distribution purposes, 50% of all the expenses are charged against revenue and 50% are charged against capital for TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund while all of the expenses are charged against revenue for TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund.

#### b) Distribution from Collective Investment Schemes

The first distributions received from investments in collective investment schemes may include an element of equalisation which represents the average amount of revenue included in the price paid for shares. The equalisation is treated as a return of capital for taxation purposes and does not carry a tax credit.

#### c) Equalisation

Equalisation received from the underlying investments has been treated as a reduction in the book cost of the investments and not distributed.

#### d) Unclaimed distributions

All distributions unclaimed for a period of six years after having become due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the capital of the Company in accordance with COLL.

### 4. Risk Management Policies

### Market price risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates or underlying investment prices. The Company can be exposed to market risk by virtue of its investment into equities and other financial instruments. The Company may also from time to time utilise derivatives for efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes. These instruments may be volatile, involve certain special risks and can expose investors to a risk of loss. When used for hedging purposes there may be an imperfect correlation between these instruments and the investment or market sectors being hedged, although this basis of risk will be monitored and any material breakdown in correlation can generally be corrected by delta hedging the position or liquidation.

Market price risk is managed through active portfolio management.

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The majority of the Company's investment portfolio is invested in overseas securities and collective investment schemes, which may have holdings in overseas securities and consequently the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. At times, the Investment Manager seeks to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates.

### Statement of Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies, and Risk Management Policies

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 4. Risk Management Policies (continued)

The Company may invest in fixed rate securities. The revenue of the Company may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the Investment Manager being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities. The value of fixed rate securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future. The Company is not invested in fixed interest securities as at 2nd April 2021. Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

The Company invests in collective investment schemes which do not pay interest. However, some of the underlying collective investment scheme investments may be directly or indirectly exposed to interest rate risk.

In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Company also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Company). A decline in interest rates will in general have the opposite effect.

Due to the nature of the investments held, the risk to the Company is insignificant and is therefore not actively managed.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due. The main liability of the Company is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company. To the extent that a counterparty defaults on its obligation and the Company is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and incur costs associated with asserting its rights. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk (not taking account of the value of any collateral or other securities held) in the event that counterparties fail to perform their obligations as of 2nd April 2021 in relation to each class of recognised financial assets including derivatives, is the carrying amount of those assets in the balance sheet.

#### Exposure

Exposure to market risk is calculated using the "commitment approach" methodology. In relation to Position Risk (concentration), this approach involves converting derivative positions into the equivalent positions of the underlying assets. The commitment approach is a simplistic way of identifying the level of exposure that a Company has through derivatives to the underlying equities, bonds, commodities, currencies etc. However, it does have its limitations and therefore is only used as long as the use of derivatives by the Company is "non-sophisticated".

### Objectives, policies and processes for managing risks

The risks identified above are subject to management and monitoring through the ACD's Risk Management Programme. The principal objectives of the programme are:

- To ensure that all risks are identified and monitored, and that preventive or mitigating actions are implemented
- To assess, review and challenge current and emerging risks
- To minimise the risk of loss to investors
- To administer the Company in a manner which complies with COLL and the SORP

The ACD has built a Funds Oversight Programme which comprises a range of rolling independent checks including the specific use of derivatives. The results of the programme are reported to the Investment Committee with escalation through to the Operating Committee and the ACD Board. Results of the Funds Oversight Programme are made available to the Depositary as part of their audit programme on the ACD and are also collated into a pack for review and analysis by the Investment Committee on a monthly basis.

### Methods used to measure risks

### Market price risk

The following checks are also performed as part of the Funds Oversight Programme on a daily basis as follows: limit breaches or positions approaching limits; leverage; eligibility; global exposure; counterparty exposure; collateral cover; OTC pricing check; fair value pricing.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is controlled through monitoring the liquidity of all instruments used in the context of the investment objectives and liquidity requirements of the Company. Cash positions are monitored and reported to ensure the Company has sufficient capacity to meet obligations arising from investment in financial derivative positions.

### Statement of Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies, and Risk Management Policies

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 4. Risk Management Policies (continued)

Procedures are in place to review the Company's weightings to ensure liquidity requirements will be met in the event of extreme market movements to meet the obligation at expiry/ maturity. The process involves at least daily assessment of any impending cash liability to ensure sufficient cash can be raised to cover such liability when it falls due.

The Company's liquidity is also monitored through a daily check, which assesses the Company's ability to liquidate the portfolio within one working day. Any portfolio that has less than 60% liquidity is marked as a higher risk, and details are reported to the Fund Risk committee, and are then monitored for significant changes either to the Company's makeup, and/ or shares being traded in the Company. This liquidity check is stress tested on assumptions of reduced market liquidity. The full process for this check is documented and is available upon request.

### Credit risk

In order to manage credit risk, the ACD undertakes a cash management check on the Company, testing for any negative balances and balances in excess of £1m. Any balances highlighted are discussed with the Investment Manager to ensure that the Company does not take on any unnecessary counterparty risk with the relevant bank and that the strategy is being adhered to.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### Portfolio Statement

as at 2nd April 2021

Holdings		Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>EQUITIES 0.00% (0.00%)</b>		
	Guernsey 0.00% (0.00%)		
51,250	Nimrod Sea Assets <sup>1</sup>		
	United Kingdom 0.00% (0.00%)		
577,044	Duet Real Estate Finance <sup>1</sup>	_	_
	TOTAL EQUITIES	_	_
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES OF 020/ (02 100/)		
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 96.03% (85.18%) Ireland 71.76% (54.51%)		
6,500,000	BlackRock International Cash Series Sterling Liquidity Heritage Inc	6,500,000	2.65
564,660	Comgest Growth Japan GBP SU Acc	5,223,105	2.13
1,339,443	Fidelity US Quality Income UCITS ETF	7,775,467	3.17
78,993	iShares GBP Corporate Bond 0-5yr UCITS ETF	8,406,435	3.43
14,877	iShares NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF	8,061,102	3.29
458,575	iShares Physical Gold ETC	11,184,644	4.57
246,284	iShares S&P 500 GBP Hedged UCITS ETF Acc	22,493,118	9.18
61,538	Lyxor Sandler US Equity 'O' GBP Acc	6,602,381	2.69
62,577	Marshall Wace UCITS Funds - MW ESG TOPS UCITS Fund	6,651,917	2.72
1,769,608	PIMCO Global Investor Series Income Institutional GBP Hedged Inc	18,545,490	7.57
49,273	Sector Healthcare Value 'Y' GBP Acc	5,307,154	2.17
87,523	Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity 'H' GBP Inc <sup>2</sup>	18,102,843	7.39
78,541	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index GBP Dist Inc	17,205,973	7.02
196,224	Vanguard FTSE 250 UCITS ETF	6,676,522	2.73
226,212	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK UCITS ETF	6,596,342	2.69
549,664	Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF	14,085,140	5.75
5,989	Veritas Asian Fund 'C' GBP Acc	6,390,928	2.61
	_	175,808,561	71.76
	Luxembourg 14.19% (17.94%)		
1,307,567	BlackRock Global Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond 'D3' GBP		
	Hedged	8,146,142	3.32
107,435	BlueBay Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond 'Q' GBP	12,164,809	4.97
69,696	Conventum Lyrical 'S' USD Acc	9,695,998	3.96
463,648	Lyxor Core MSCI World DR UCITS ETF	4,757,956	1.94
	<del>-</del>	34,764,905	14.19
	United Kingdom 10.08% (12.73%)		
6,062,434	Man GLG Undervalued Assets 'C' Acc	9,487,709	3.87
6,544,537	TB Evenlode Global Income 'F' Inc	8,439,181	3.44
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### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 2nd April 2021 (continued)

Holdings		Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	United Kingdom (continued)		
1,545,937	TM Stonehage Fleming European All Cap Equity 'A' Inc <sup>2</sup>	6,775,843	2.77
		24,702,733	10.08
	TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES	235,276,199	96.03
	FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS 0.00% (0.19%) Forward Currency Contracts 0.00% (0.19%)		
	Net investments 96.03% (85.37%)	235,276,199	96.03
	Net other assets	9,736,783	3.97
	Total net assets	245,012,982	100.00

Note: Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 2nd April 2020.

Delisted security.Related party.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

#### **Sub-fund Information**

The Comparative Tables on pages 22 and 23 give the performance of each active share class in the sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the year-end published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

### Assessment of Value

A statement on the Assessment of Value will be available for all applicable funds managed by Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited. This report will be published at www.tutman.co.uk within four months of the annual accounting reference date.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

**Sub-fund Information** (continued)

### **Comparative Tables**

A Sterling Income

	02/04/2021 (pence per share)	02/04/2020 (pence per share)	02/04/2019 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value per Share Opening net asset value per share	105.90	119.03	116.05
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	26.92 (1.24)	(10.20) (1.21)	5.96 (1.16)
Return after operating charges*	25.68	(11.41)	4.80
Distributions on income shares	(1.05)	(1.72)	(1.82)
Closing net asset value per share	130.53	105.90	119.03
*After direct transaction costs of 1:	-	0.01	(0.01)
Performance			
Return after charges	24.25%	(9.59)%	4.14%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	245,013	90,704	65,612
Closing number of shares	187,707,191	85,652,504	55,121,343
Operating charges <sup>2</sup>	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	132.90	128.10	121.41
Lowest share price	106.30	103.20	110.75

Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transactions costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

In line with the Investment Association's "Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs" circular published on July 2020, the OCF quoted for the year ended 2nd April 2021 includes costs associated with investment in Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs) that were previously excluded from the OCF calculation.

Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last year's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. For the year ended 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2020 and 2nd April 2019: same), the ACD reduced their fee and capped the OCF to a maximum of 0.99%.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

**Sub-fund Information** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

B Sterling Income

	$02/04/2019^{1}$
	(pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value per Share Opening net asset value per share	115.89
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	4.83 (1.80)
Return after operating charges*	3.03
Distributions on income shares	(0.84)
Last quoted share price	118.08
Closing net asset value per share	
*After direct transaction costs of <sup>2</sup> :	(0.01)
Performance	
Return after charges	2.61%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	_
Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1.55% 0.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	121.08
Lowest share price	110.32

- <sup>1</sup> B Sterling Income share class was closed on 1st April 2019.
- Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transactions costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.
- Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last year's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. For the year ended 2nd April 2019, the ACD reduced their fee and capped the OCF to a maximum of 0.99%.

In line with the Investment Association's "Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs" circular published on July 2020, the OCF quoted for the year ended 2nd April 2021 includes costs associated with investment in Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs) that were previously excluded from the OCF calculation.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

**Sub-fund Information** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI")

]	Lower Risk						Higher Risk	
-	Гуріcally lower re	wards				Typica	lly higher rewards	
Ī	1	2	2	1	5	6	7	

The SRRI table demonstrates where a sub-fund ranks in terms of risk and reward. The higher the risk the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the risk profile of the sub-fund. The shaded area on the table above shows the sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.

TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Port	folio Fund				
Statement of Total Return for the year ended 2nd April 2021					
	Notes	£'000	2021 £'000	£'000	2020 £'000
Income Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue	5 7	2,149	26,018	1,512	(11,179)
Expenses	8	(1,023)		(482)	
Interest payable and similar charges					
Net revenue before taxation		1,126		1,030	
Taxation	9	(35)		(70)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		_	1,091	_	960
Total return before distributions			27,109		(10,219)
Distributions	10		(1,500)		(1,152)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		_	25,609	_	(11,371)
Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable for the year ended 2nd April 2021	le to Shareho	olders			
		£'000	2021 £'000	£'000	2020 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholder	·s		90,704		65,612
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares		150,641 (21,947)	_	40,449 (3,986)	
			128,694		36,463
Dilution levy			6		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			25,609		(11,371)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	š	_	245,013	<u> </u>	90,704

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Balance Sheet**

as at 2nd April 2021

	Notes	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Assets			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		235,276	77,435
Current assets:			
Debtors	11	6,968	12,778
Cash and bank balances	_	10,555	4,869
Total assets	_	252,799	95,082
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable	10	(705)	(559)
Other creditors	12	(7,081)	(3,819)
Total liabilities	_	(7,786)	(4,378)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	=	245,013	90,704

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021

### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounting, distribution and risk management policies for notes 1 to 4 are provided on pages 15 to 18.

### 5. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

Net capital gains/(losses) comprise:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	25,175	(9,901)
Forward currency contracts	813	(2,310)
Currency gains	42	1,042
Transaction charges	(12)	(10)
Net capital gains/(losses)	26,018	(11,179)

### 6. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs, please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 21.

### Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 2nd April 2021:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Cost £'000	, , , , , ,	
Purchases						
Collective Investment Schemes	186,617	5	4	186,626	_	_
	186,617	5	4	186,626		
Sales						
Collective Investment Schemes	50,788	_	_	50,788	_	_
	50,788	_	_	50,788		
Derivative purchases and sales						
Total cost as percentage of average ne	t asset value	0.00%	0.00%			

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 6. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 2nd April 2020:

					Commissions	Taxes
	Principal	Commissions	Taxes	<b>Total Cost</b>	% of	% of
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	principal	principal
Purchases						
Debt Securities	5,243	_	_	5,243	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	51,956	6	_	51,962	0.01	_
	57,199	6	_	57,205		
Sales						
Debt Securities	10,525	_	_	10,525	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	26,358	(2)	_	26,356	0.01	_
Equities	19	<del>-</del>	_	19	_	_
	36,902	(2)	_	36,900		
Derivative purchases and sales			_			
Total cost as percentage of average ne	t asset value	0.01%	0.00%			

### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.05% (2nd April 2020: 0.12%), based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

### 7. Revenue

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Franked CIS revenue	244	306
Interest on debt securities	_	12
Offshore CIS dividend revenue	706	372
Offshore CIS interest revenue	1,199	810
Unfranked CIS revenue	<del></del>	12
	2,149	1,512

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 8. Expenses

Expenses		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD or associates of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,112	557
<u>-</u>	1,112	557
Payable to the Depositary or associates of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fee	53	33
Safe custody charges	9	6
	62	39
Other expenses:		
Administration fees	46	29
Audit fees <sup>1</sup>	13	12
Electronic messaging fees	10	11
Printing fees	1	1
Registration fees	22	24
Subsidy of other expenses by the ACD	(243)	(191)
_	(151)	(114)
Total expenses	1,023	482

Total audit fees of £10,708 (2nd April 2020: £10,198), exclusive of VAT.

### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

#### 9. Taxation

9. Taxation	ı	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
a) Analysis	of charge for the year:		
Corporat		35	70
Irrecover	rable income tax	<del></del>	
Total cu	rrent taxation	35	70
Deferred	tax charge		
Total tax	cation	35	70
b) Factors	affecting taxation charge for the year:		
Net reve	nue before taxation	1,126	1,030
	nue multiplied by the standard rate of ation tax of 20% (2020: 20%)	225	206
Effects o			
	CIS revenue	(49)	(61)
Offshore	CIS dividend revenue	(141)	(75)
Total tax	c charge (note 9a)	35	70
c) Deferred	ltax		
Deferred	tax charge (note 9a)	_	_
	n at start of year		
Provisio	n at end of year		

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £Nil (2nd April 2020: £Nil) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses of £Nil (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

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### 10. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2021	2020
	€'000	£'000
First quarter distribution	182	182
Interim distribution	272	295
Third quarter distribution	375	199
Final distribution	705	559
	1,534	1,235
Add: Revenue deducted on shares cancelled	23	10
Deduct: Revenue received on shares created	(57)	(93)
Net distribution for the year	1,500	1,152
Reconciliation between net revenue and distribution		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation	1,091	960
Add: Expenses allocated to capital	511	240
Tax relief on expenses allocated to capital	(102)	(48)
	1,500	1,152
11. Debtors		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Accrued revenue	268	169
Amount receivable for issue of shares	422	6,520
Prepaid expenses	210	117
Sales awaiting settlement	6,068	5,972
	6,968	12,778
12. Other creditors		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Accrued expenses	234	102
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	5,612	443
Corporation tax payable	35	70
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,200	3,204
	7,081	3,819

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#### 13. Related Parties

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited is regarded as a related party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of the operations of the sub-fund in its capacity as the ACD.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through creations and liquidations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to/from Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited in respect of share transactions at the year end are disclosed within notes 11 and 12 as applicable.

Amounts paid to Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charges and if any rebates received are disclosed in note 8. £155,166 (2nd April 2020: £57,397) is the amount payable at the year end.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited did not enter into any other transactions with the sub-fund during the year.

At the year end, the sub-fund held the following Collective Investment Schemes, managed by the Investment Manager.

		Holdings	Bid I	Market Value
Fund Name	2021	2020	2021	2020
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity 'H' GBP Inc	87,523	34,136	£18,102,843	£5,137,897
TM Stonehage Fleming European All Cap Equity 'A' Inc	1,545,937	632,328	£6,775,843	£1,868,529

Where investments are held in funds managed by the Investment Manager and its associates, a rebate could be paid into the sub-fund. The rebate from underlying securities amounted to £Nil (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

### 14. Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued income included in the price of shares purchased during the accounting year, which, after using monthly groupings to average, is refunded as part of a shareholder's first distribution, resulting in the same rate of distribution on all shares. As a capital repayment, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

### 15. Contingent Assets, Liabilities and Outstanding Commitments

There are no contingent assets, liabilities and outstanding commitments as at 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

### 16. Share Classes

The sub-fund currently has one active share class: A Sterling Income. The distribution per unit is given in the distribution tables on page 37.

The ACD's service charge for the class of each share is as follows:

A Sterling Income 0.71%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Share Class	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
A Sterling Income	85,652,504	119,621,709	(17,567,022)	_	187,707,191

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### 17. Financial Instruments

In pursuing its investment objective set out on pages 4, the sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. These may comprise:

- equity shares, non-equity shares, shares in collective investment vehicles, fixed income securities and floating rate securities. These are held in accordance with the sub-fund investment objective and policies;
- cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations;
- · shareholders' funds which represent investors' monies which are invested on their behalf;
- borrowings used to finance investment activity; and
- forward foreign currency contracts, the purpose of which is to manage the currency risk arising from the sub-fund's investment activities (and related financing).

#### 18. Risks Disclosures

• Market price risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

At 2nd April 2021, if the price of the investments held by the sub-fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £11,763,810 (2nd April 2020: £3,863,360).

• Foreign currency risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

At the year end date, a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements. These net assets consist of the following:

### Foreign currency exposure as at 2nd April 2021:

Currency	Monetary Exposures 2021 £'000	Non Monetary Exposures 2021 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Pound sterling US dollar	9,737	225,580 9,696	235,317 9,696
	9,737	235,276	245,013

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### 18. Risks Disclosures (continued)

Foreign currency exposure as at 2nd April 2020:

			Non	
	Forward	Monetary	Monetary	
	Contracts	Exposures	Exposures	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	6,293	13,269	73,469	93,031
US dollar	(6,125)		3,798	(2,327)
	168	13,269	77,267	90,704

At 2nd April 2021, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 1% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £96,960 (2nd April 2020: £23,267).

• Interest rate risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

### Interest rate risk profile of financial assets as at 2nd April 2021:

	Floating Rate Financial	I	Financial Assets Not Carrying	
	Assets	Fixed Rate	Interest	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021
Currency	€'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	10,555	_	225,580	236,135
US dollar		_	9,696	9,696
	10,555	_	235,276	245,831

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets as at 2nd April 2020:

	Floating Rate Financial		Financial Assets Not Carrying	
	Assets	Fixed Rate	Interest	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	4,868	_	73,637	78,505
US dollar	1	_	3,798	3,799
	4,869	_	77,435	82,304

### There were no financial liabilities as at 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

Short term debtors and creditors are excluded in the interest rate risk tables above. Forward currency contracts are quoted net and are included in the financial assets and/or liabilities not carrying interest category as applicable.

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for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

### 18. Risks Disclosures (continued)

The sub-fund's net cash holdings of £10,554,377 (2nd April 2020: £4,868,204) are held in floating rate deposit accounts, whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate.

- Credit risk risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.
- Counterparty exposure risk The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date was forward foreign exchange contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet is as follows:

Counterparty Name <sup>1</sup>	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	_	168
Total	_	168

Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the sub-fund's exposure to that counterparty.

- *Derivative risks* the ACD of the sub-fund has entered into forward currency positions during the year for the purpose of hedging and investment purposes.
- Fair value in the opinion of the ACD, there is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

Valuation technique as at 2nd April 2021	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	90,037	145,239	_	235,276
	90,037	145,239	_	235,276
Valuation technique as at 2nd April 2020	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets Equities Collective Investment Schemes		1 47,399	_	1 77,266
Forward Currency Contracts	29,867 —	168	_	168
	29,867	47,568	_	77,435

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 (i.e., developed using market data).

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs (i.e., for which market data is unavailable).

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 19. Leverage

There are two ways in which the ACD can introduce leverage to the sub-fund. These are by borrowing money using its overdraft facility, and by investing in derivative positions. Approved derivative transactions may be used for investment purposes and Efficient Portfolio Management including hedging. There are no collateral, asset re-use or guarantee arrangements involved in the ACD's current approach to leverage.

The maximum leverage calculated on the commitment method permitted is 200%. It is expected that the ACD will operate the sub-fund well within these limits. The 'commitment' method is the sum of the absolute value of all positions and each derivative position (excluding forward currency positions) will be converted into the equivalent position in the underlying assets. The ACD sets maximum leverage levels and operates the sub-fund within these levels at all times.

As at year end 2nd April 2021, the total leverage in the sub-fund, using the commitment approach, did exceed 100% (gross 110.85%, commitment 103.39%). Given that the exposure of the sub-fund is 103.39% of NAV this means that some leverage was employed by the sub-fund.

#### 20. Post Balance Sheet Events

The latest NAV per Share Class A Sterling Income of 135.87p as at the close of business on 30th June 2021 had increased by 4.09% compared to the NAV at the year end of 130.53p.

## TM Stonehage Fleming Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

#### **Distribution Tables**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021

### First Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd April 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd April 2020 to 2nd July 2020

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2020 Net Distribution Paid	2019 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.1853 0.1510	0.0343	0.1853 0.1853	0.3068 0.3068

### Second Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd July 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd July 2020 to 2nd October 2020

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2020 Net Distribution Paid	2019 Net Distribution Paid
1	0.2540	_	0.2540	0.4718
2	0.1944	0.0596	0.2540	0.4718

# Third Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd October 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd October 2020 to 2nd January 2021

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2021 Net Distribution Paid	2020 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.2312 0.1899	0.0413	0.2312 0.2312	0.2882 0.2882

# Final Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd January 2021

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd January 2021 to 2nd April 2021

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2021 Net Distribution Payable	2020 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.3755	_	0.3755	0.6525
	0.2765	0.0990	0.3755	0.6525

# TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

# Portfolio Statement

as at 2nd April 2021

Holdings		Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 96.51% (94.87%)		
	Ireland 67.56% (54.54%)		
282,176	Comgest Growth Japan GBP SU Acc	2,610,130	2.23
901,554	Fidelity US Quality Income UCITS ETF	5,233,521	4.48
9,700	iShares NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF	5,255,945	4.50
212,631	iShares Physical Gold ETC	5,186,070	4.44
154,474	iShares S&P 500 GBP Hedged UCITS ETF Acc	14,108,110	12.08
26,874	Lyxor Sandler US Equity 'O' GBP Acc	2,883,340	2.47
550,791	PIMCO Global Investor Series Income Institutional GBP Hedged Inc	5,772,284	4.94
21,795	Sector Healthcare Value 'Y' GBP Acc	2,347,553	2.01
50,783	Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity 'H' GBP Inc <sup>1</sup>	10,503,737	8.99
45,185	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index GBP Dist Inc	9,898,610	8.47
124,457	Vanguard FTSE 250 UCITS ETF	4,234,649	3.63
152,190	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK UCITS ETF	4,437,860	3.80
125,639	Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF	3,216,358	2.75
3,034	Veritas Asian Fund 'C' GBP Acc	3,237,822	2.77
	_	78,925,989	67.56
	Luxembourg 15.04% (22.87%)		
399,510	BlackRock Global Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond 'D3' GBP		
277,010	Hedged	2,488,948	2.13
44,484	BlueBay Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond 'Q' GBP	5,036,942	4.31
38,695	Conventum Lyrical 'S' USD Acc	5,383,139	4.61
454,856	Lyxor Core MSCI World DR UCITS ETF	4,667,732	3.99
		17,576,761	15.04
	United Kingdom 13.91% (17.46%)		
3,734,731	Man GLG Undervalued Assets 'C' Acc	5,844,855	5.00
4,500,894	TB Evenlode Global Income 'F' Inc	5,803,903	4.97
1,050,155	TM Stonehage Fleming European All Cap Equity 'A' Inc <sup>1</sup>	4,602,828	3.94
1,030,133	The Stolichage Fleining European An Cap Equity A fine		
	_	16,251,586	13.91
	TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES	112,754,336	96.51

# TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

# **Portfolio Statement**

as at 2nd April 2021 (continued)

Holdings		Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS 0.00% (0.35%) Forward Currency Contracts 0.00% (0.35%)		
	Net investments 96.51% (95.22%)	112,754,336	96.51
	Net other assets	4,076,001	3.49
	Total net assets	116,830,337	100.00

Note: Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 2nd April 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Related party.

#### TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

#### **Sub-fund Information**

The Comparative Table on page 41 gives the performance of the only active share class in the sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the year-end published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include e broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

### Assessment of Value

A statement on the Assessment of Value will be available for all applicable funds managed by Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited. This report will be published at www.tutman.co.uk within four months of the annual accounting reference date.

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**Sub-fund Information** (continued)

#### **Comparative Table**

A Sterling Income

	02/04/2021 (pence per share)	02/04/2020 (pence per share)	02/04/2019 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value per Share Opening net asset value per share	118.98	138.50	134.39
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	40.87 (1.46)	(16.40) (1.41)	7.73 (1.36)
Return after operating charges*	39.41	(17.81)	6.37
Distributions on income shares	(0.97)	(1.71)	(2.26)
Closing net asset value per share	157.42	118.98	138.50
*After direct transaction costs of 1:	_	0.01	0.01
Performance			
Return after charges	33.12%	(12.86)%	4.74%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	116,830	52,141	53,040
Closing number of shares	74,217,798	43,822,016	38,296,584
Operating charges <sup>2</sup>	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	160.20	152.10	143.30
Lowest share price	119.50	115.20	126.60

Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transactions costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

In line with the Investment Association's "Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs" circular published on July 2020, the OCF quoted for the year ended 2nd April 2021 includes costs associated with investment in Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs) that were previously excluded from the OCF calculation.

Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last year's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. For the year ended 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2020: same), the ACD reduced their fee and capped the OCF to a maximum of 0.99%.

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**Sub-fund Information** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI")

1	Lower Risk	Risk Higher I					
Typically lower rewards  Typically higher rewards							
_	1	2	2	1	5	6	7

The SRRI table demonstrates where a sub-fund ranks in terms of risk and reward. The higher the risk the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the risk profile of the sub-fund. The shaded area on the table above shows the sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.

The prior year SRRI rating was 4 and it has increased due to increased volatility within the sub-fund. The risk rating is calculated using historical data and a prescribed standard deviation methodology.

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<b>Statement of Total Return</b> for the year ended 2nd April 2021					
	Notes	£'000	2021 £'000	£'000	2020 £'000
Income Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue	5 7	1,081	18,940	1,120	(8,880)
Expenses	8	(510)		(375)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(2)			
Net revenue before taxation		569		745	
Taxation	9	_		_	
Net revenue after taxation for the year	_		569		745
Total return before distributions			19,509		(8,135)
Distributions	10	_	(569)	_	(745)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		=	18,940	=	(8,880)
Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable for the year ended 2nd April 2021	e to Shareh	olders			
		£'000	2021 £'000	£'000	2020 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	8		52,141		53,040
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	_	57,861 (12,116)	_	17,473 (9,496)	
			45,745		7,977
Dilution levy			4		4
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			18,940		(8,880)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		=	116,830	_	52,141

# TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 2nd April 2021

	Notes	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Assets			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		112,754	49,650
Current assets:			
Debtors	11	1,030	3,314
Cash and bank balances	_	4,440	1,545
Total assets	_	118,224	54,509
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable	10	(366)	(343)
Other creditors	12	(1,028)	(2,025)
Total liabilities	_	(1,394)	(2,368)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	=	116,830	52,141

## TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounting, distribution and risk management policies for notes 1 to 4 are provided on pages 15 to 18.

# 5. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

Net capital gains/(losses) comprise:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	17,888	(7,509)
Forward currency contracts	985	(2,440)
Currency gains	74	1,075
Transaction charges	(7)	(6)
Net capital gains/(losses)	18,940	(8,880)

#### 6. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs, please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 40.

# Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 2nd April 2021:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Cost £'000		Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Collective Investment Schemes	42,508	4	_	42,512	0.01	_
Equities	38,510	_	_	38,510	_	_
	81,018	4	_	81,022		
Sales						
Collective Investment Schemes	10,835	_	_	10,835	_	_
Equities	23,392	_	_	23,392	_	_
	34,227	_	_	34,227		
Derivative purchases and sales						
Berryative parenases and sales						
Total cost as percentage of average ne	t asset value	0.01%	-%			

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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# 6. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 2nd April 2020:

	Principal	Commissions	Taxes	Total Cost	Commissions % of	Taxes % of
Donahasaa	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	principal	principal
Purchases		_				
Collective Investment Schemes	26,920	5	_	26,925	0.02	<u> </u>
	26,920	5	_	26,925		
Sales						
Collective Investment Schemes	22,055	(2)	_	22,053	0.01	_
	22,055	(2)	_	22,053		
Derivative purchases and sales						
Total cost as percentage of average ne	t asset value	0.01%	0.00%			

### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.06% (2nd April 2020: 0.09%), based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

# 7. Revenue

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Bank interest	1	1
Franked CIS revenue	187	339
Offshore CIS dividend revenue	510	388
Offshore CIS interest revenue	383	392
	1,081	1,120

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# 8. Expenses

Expenses		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD or associates of the ACD:		
AČD's periodic charge	555	426
	555	426
Payable to the Depositary or associates of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fee	27	22
Safe custody charges	6	5
	33	27
Other expenses:		
Administration fees	29	25
Audit fees <sup>1</sup>	13	12
Electronic messaging fees	10	10
Printing fees	1	1
Registration fees	20	23
Subsidy of other expenses by the ACD	(151)	(149)
_	(78)	(78)
Total expenses	510	375

Total audit fees of £10,708 (2nd April 2020: £10,198), exclusive of VAT.

# TM Stonehage Fleming Global Growth Portfolio Fund

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 2nd April 2021 (continued)

#### 9. Taxation

a) Analysis of charge for the year:  Corporation tax  Irrecoverable income tax  Total current taxation  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -  -	_ 
Irrecoverable income tax	_ 
	<u> </u>
Total current taxation –	_
Deferred tax charge	
Total taxation	_
b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year:	
Net revenue before taxation 569	745
Net revenue multiplied by the standard rate of	
corporation tax of 20% (2020: 20%) 114	149
Effects of:	
Excess management expenses not utilised 25	(4)
	68)
Offshore CIS dividend revenue (102)	77)
Total tax charge (note 9a)	_
c) Deferred tax	
Deferred tax charge (note 9a)	_
Provision at start of year	
Provision at end of year	

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £67,853 (2nd April 2020: £42,307) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses of £339,263 (2nd April 2020: £211,537). The unutilised management expenses will only be recovered to the extent that the sub-fund has sufficient future taxable revenue.

### 10. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
First quarter distribution	60	119
Interim distribution	89	166
Third quarter distribution	105	113
Final distribution	366	343
	620	741
Add: Revenue deducted on shares cancelled	10	20
Deduct: Revenue received on shares created	(61)	(16)
Net distribution for the year	569	745
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#### 11. Debtors

11. Debtors		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Accrued revenue	135	132
Amount receivable for issue of shares	766	713
Sales awaiting settlement	_	2,377
Subsidy of other expenses by the ACD	129	92
	1,030	3,314
12. Other creditors		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Accrued expenses	127	76
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	277	349
Purchases awaiting settlement	624	1,600
	1,028	2,025

#### 13. Related Parties

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited is regarded as a related party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of the operations of the sub-fund in its capacity as the ACD.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through creations and liquidations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to/from Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited in respect of share transactions at the year end are disclosed within notes 11 and 12 as applicable.

Amounts paid to Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charges and if any rebates received are disclosed in note 8. £67,385 (2nd April 2020: £36,824) is the amount payable at the year end.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited did not enter into any other transactions with the sub-fund during the year.

At the year end, the sub-fund held the following Collective Investment Schemes, managed by the Investment Manager.

		Holdings	Bid N	Market Value
Fund Name	2021	2020	2021	2020
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity 'H' GBP Inc	50,783	28,630	£10,503,737	£4,309,117
TM Stonehage Fleming European All Cap Equity 'A' Inc	1,050,155	544,812	£4,602,828	£1,609,919

Where investments are held in funds managed by the Investment Manager and its associates, a rebate could be paid into the sub-fund. The rebate from underlying securities amounted to £Nil (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

#### 14. Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued income included in the price of shares purchased during the accounting year, which, after using monthly groupings to average, is refunded as part of a shareholder's first distribution, resulting in the same rate of distribution on all shares. As a capital repayment, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

## 15. Contingent Assets, Liabilities and Outstanding Commitments

There are no contingent assets, liabilities and outstanding commitments as at 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2020: £Nil).

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#### 16. Share Class

The sub-fund currently has one share class: A Sterling Income. The distribution per share is given in the distribution tables on page 54.

The ACD's service charge for the class of each share is as follows:

A Sterling Income

0.71%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Share Class	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
A Sterling Income	43,822,016	38,245,763	(7,849,981)	_	74,217,798

#### 17. Financial Instruments

In pursuing its investment objective set out on page 4, the sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. These may comprise:

- equity shares, non-equity shares, shares in collective investment vehicles, fixed income securities and floating rate securities. These are held in accordance with the sub-fund's investment objective and policies;
- cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations;
- shareholders' funds which represent investors' monies which are invested on their behalf;
- borrowings used to finance investment activity; and
- forward foreign currency contracts, the purpose of which is to manage the currency risk arising from the sub-fund's investment activities (and related financing).

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#### 18. Risks Disclosures

• Market price risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

At 2nd April 2021, if the price of the investments held by the sub-fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £5,637,717 (2nd April 2020: £2,473,312).

• Foreign currency risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

At the year end date, a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements. These net assets consist of the following:

### Foreign currency exposure as at 2nd April 2021:

		Non	
	Monetary	Monetary	
	Exposures	Exposures	Total
	2021	2021	2021
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	4,076	107,371	111,447
US dollar		5,383	5,383
	4,076	112,754	116,830

Foreign currency exposure as at 2nd April 2020:

			Non	
	Forward	Monetary	Monetary	
	Contracts	Exposures	Exposures	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	6,873	2,491	45,373	54,737
US dollar	(6,689)		4,093	(2,596)
	184	2,491	49,466	52,141

At 2nd April 2021, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 1% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £53,832 (2nd April 2020: £25,956).

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# 18. Risks Disclosures (continued)

• Interest rate risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 16 to 18.

#### Interest rate risk profile of financial assets as at 2nd April 2021:

	Floating Rate Financial		Financial Assets Not Carrying	
	Assets	Fixed Rate	Interest	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pound sterling	4,440	_	107,371	111,811
US dollar		_	5,383	5,383
	4,440	_	112,754	117,194

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets as at 2nd April 2020:

	Floating Rate	Financial Assets		Floating Rate Financial Assets		Floating Rate Financial Asse		
	Financial		Not Carrying					
	Assets	Fixed Rate	Interest	Total				
	2020	2020	2020	2020				
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000				
Pound sterling	1,545	_	45,556	47,101				
US dollar			4,094	4,094				
	1,545	_	49,650	51,195				

### There were no financial liabilities as at 2nd April 2021 (2nd April 2021: £Nil).

Short term debtors and creditors are excluded in the interest rate risk tables above. Forward currency contracts are quoted net and are included in the not carrying interest category.

The sub-fund's net cash holdings of £4,439,942 (2nd April 2020: £1,545,035) are held in floating rate deposit accounts, whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate.

• Counterparty exposure risk - The type of derivatives held at the balance sheet date was forward foreign exchange contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet is as follows:

Counterparty Name <sup>1</sup>	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	_	184
Total	_	184

Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the sub-fund's exposure to that counterparty.

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#### 18. Risks Disclosures (continued)

- Derivative risks -the ACD of the sub-fund has entered into forward currency positions during the year for the purpose of hedging and investment purposes.
- Fair value in the opinion of the ACD, there is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

Valuation technique as at 2nd April 2021	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	46,340	66,414		112,754
Valuation technique as at 2nd April 2020	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets Collective Investment Schemes Forward Currency Contracts	19,489	29,977 184	-	49,466 184
_	19,489	30,161	_	49,650

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument that the entity can access at the measurement date.

### 19. Leverage

There are two ways in which the ACD can introduce leverage to the sub-fund. These are by borrowing money using its overdraft facility, and by investing in derivative positions. Approved derivative transactions may be used for investment purposes and Efficient Portfolio Management including hedging. There are no collateral, asset re-use or guarantee arrangements involved in the ACD's current approach to leverage.

The maximum leverage calculated on the commitment method permitted is 200%. It is expected that the ACD will operate the sub-fund well within these limits. The 'commitment' method is the sum of the absolute value of all positions and each derivative position (excluding forward currency positions) will be converted into the equivalent position in the underlying assets. The ACD sets maximum leverage levels and operates the sub-fund within these levels at all times.

As at year end 2nd April 2021, the total leverage in the sub-fund, using the commitment approach, did exceed 100% (gross 106.56%, commitment 101.03%). Given that the exposure of the sub-fund is 101.03% of NAV this means that some leverage was employed by the sub-fund.

#### 20. Post Balance Sheet Events

The latest NAV per Share Class A Sterling Income of 165.29p as at the close of business on 30th June 2021 had increased by 5.00% compared to the NAV at the year end of 157.42p.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 (i.e., developed using market data).

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs (i.e., for which market data is unavailable).

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#### **Distribution Tables**

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### First Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd April 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd April 2020 to 2nd July 2020

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2020 Net Distribution Paid	2019 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.1216	_	0.1216	0.2932
	0.1069	0.0147	0.1216	0.2932

# Second Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd July 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd July 2020 to 2nd October 2020

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2020 Net Distribution Paid	2019 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.1717	_	0.1717	0.3868
	0.1614	0.0103	0.1717	0.3868

# Third Interim Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)\*

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd October 2020

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd October 2020 to 2nd January 2021

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2021 Net Distribution Paid	2020 Net Distribution Paid
1 2	0.1834	_	0.1834	0.2478
	0.1834	_	0.1834	0.2478

### Final Distribution A Sterling Income (in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 3rd January 2021

Group 2: Shares purchased from 3rd January 2021 to 2nd April 2021

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (note 14)	2021 Net Distribution Paid	2020 Net Distribution Paid
1	0.4939	0.2005	0.4939	0.7817
2	0.2934		0.4939	0.7817

<sup>\*</sup> There were no group 2 shares for this period.



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