

Sterling Capital Management–Stratton Small Cap Value Composite

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2020

Description: Consists of all discretionary separately managed small capitalization equity portfolios managed in the Stratton relative value style. Sterling's Stratton small capitalization equity accounts invest primarily in companies similar to the market capitalization of the Russell 2000® Index.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Return Gross of Fees</u>	<u>Total Return Net of Fees</u>	<u>No. of Portfolios</u>	<u>Total Assets End of Period (\$MM)</u>	<u>Total Firm Assets (\$MM)</u>	<u>Composite Dispersion (%)</u>	<u>Russell 2000® Value Index</u>	<u>Composite 3-yr St Dev (%)</u>	<u>Benchmark 3-yr St Dev (%)</u>
2020	2.22	1.38	1	490	70,108	not meaningful	4.63	24.31	26.12
2019	25.79	24.79	1	975	58,191	not meaningful	22.39	14.98	15.68
2018	-13.59	-14.30	1	961	56,889	not meaningful	-12.86	14.99	15.76
2017	14.37	13.41	1	1,184	55,908	not meaningful	7.84	13.00	13.97
2016	26.51	25.55	1	1,277	51,603	not meaningful	31.74	14.08	15.50
2015	-3.03	-3.93	2	1,163	51,155	not meaningful	-7.47	12.58	13.46
2014	4.24	3.31	2	1,419	2,984	not meaningful	4.22	11.26	12.79
2013	40.82	39.60	2	1,167	2,635	not meaningful	34.52	14.75	15.82
2012	16.48	15.44	2	832	2,078	not meaningful	18.05	17.37	19.89
2011	1.55	0.64	1	772	1,892	not meaningful	-5.50	21.93	26.05

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Notes:

1. Sterling Capital Management LLC (SCM) is a registered investment advisor with the SEC. Registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training. Sterling manages a variety of equity, fixed income and balanced assets. Prior to January 2001, Sterling was a wholly owned subsidiary of United Asset Management (UAM). In January 2001, Sterling Capital Management LLC purchased all the assets and business of Sterling Capital Management Company from UAM to become an employee owned firm. In April 2005, BB&T Corporation purchased a majority equity ownership stake in Sterling Capital Management LLC. In October 2010, the management group of Sterling Capital entered into an agreement with BB&T Corporation that reduced and restructured management's interest in Sterling Capital Management. Additionally, BB&T Asset Management merged into Sterling Capital Management. In January 2013, CHOICE Asset Management firm merged into Sterling Capital Management. In August 2015, eight new employees joined Sterling Capital management via Stratton Management Company following the close of BB&T's purchase of Susquehanna Bancshares. "Percent of Firm Assets" and "Total Firm Assets" prior to 2015 are for Stratton Management Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. In December 2019, BB&T Corporation and SunTrust Banks, Inc. Holding Company merged as equals to form Truist Financial Corporation. Sterling Capital Management LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Truist Financial Corporation. In August 2020, new employees joined Sterling Capital Management via the Investment Advisory Group of SunTrust Advisory Services. This reorganization aligns all of the discretionary fixed income asset management activities within Truist under Sterling.
2. Inception date of composite: December 31, 2001. Creation date: September 30, 2011. The appropriate index is the [Russell 2000® Value Index](#) which consists of stocks from the Russell 2000® Index with a less than average growth orientation and lower price-to-book ratios. It represents the universe of stocks from which value managers typically select. The index is reconstituted annually since 1989. A complete list of all of SCM's composites and SCM's broad distribution pooled funds and their descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Composite Reports are available upon request.
3. Performance reflects reinvested interest income and dividends and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. Valuations and performance are reported in US dollars. Beginning on August 1, 2015, all portfolios are valued monthly as of calendar month-end and utilize trade-date and accrued income accounting. Composite returns are asset weighted using the average capital base method that reflects both beginning market value and cash flows and uses the aggregate method. This method aggregates market values and cash flows for all the accounts and treats the composite as if it were one account. Composites are revalued for cash flows greater than 5%. Periodic time weighted returns are geometrically linked. Returns are not calculated net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes due to immaterial dollar amounts.
4. Gross of fees returns reflect the deduction of trading costs. Net of fee performance returns are presented after actual management fees and trading expense. Beginning on August 1, 2015, The stated fee schedule is: 1.00% on the first \$25 million and 0.75% on all incremental assets above \$25 million on an annual basis as described in Sterling Capital Management's Form ADV, Part 2A.
5. The annual composite dispersion presented is measured by an asset-weighted standard deviation calculation method of all portfolios in the composite for the entire year, and is calculated using gross of fee returns. It is not meaningful when there are less than six portfolios in the composite for the entire year. The three year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and benchmark returns over the preceding 36 month period. The composite 3-year standard deviation is calculated using gross of fee returns. It is not required to be presented for annual periods prior to 2011 or when a full three years of composite performance is not yet available.
6. The performance presented represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Stock market conditions vary from year to year and can result in a decline in market value due to material market or economic conditions.