

## SHORT TERM CORPORATE SMA | 09.30.2020

### **Sterling Capital**

- \$70 Billion in AUM and AUA as of 09.30.2020\*\*
- Specialize in Fixed Income Management
- Strong Partnership with BB&T now Truist

### Philosophy

- Multi-faceted Process Adds Value
- Conservative Approach to Fixed Income Management
- Bond Market Inefficiencies Offer Opportunities for Selective Investors
- Fundamental Research Drives Security Selection

#### **Process**

#### Top Down

- Duration Management
- Yield Curve Analysis
- Sector Analysis

#### **Bottom Up**

- Proprietary Analysis
- Fundamental Research
- Security Selection



Performance	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception*
Sterling (Gross)	0.68%	4.92%	5.75%	4.05%	3.50%
Sterling (Net)	0.60%	4.67%	5.41%	3.60%	2.97%
Index	0.58%	4.66%	5.49%	3.92%	3.39%



Performance	2016*	2017	2018	2019
Sterling (Gross)	-0.71%	2.15%	1.10%	6.32%
Sterling (Net)	-0.84%	1.38%	0.58%	5.95%
Index	-0.80%	2.19%	1.05%	6.27%

Index is Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate (1-5 Y) (A+). Performance is preliminary and is annualized for periods longer than one year. Net of fees performance returns are presented net of the investment management fees, trading expenses, custody and other administrative fees. Gross of fees performance returns are presented before investment management fees and custodial fees but after all trading expenses; a client's return will be reduced by the management fees and other expenses it may incur. Investment management fees are described in Sterling's Form ADV 2A. Performance reflects the reinvestment of interest income and dividends and realized capital gains. The performance presents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Performance is compared to an index, however, the volatility of an index varies greatly and investments cannot be made directly in an index. Market conditions vary from year to year and can result in a decline in market value due to material market or economic conditions. The Performance is considered Supplemental Information to the Composite Disclosure Presentation which is attached. Source: Bloomberg Barclays Capital, Sterling Capital Management Analytics.

<sup>\*</sup>Inception date is 10.31.2016.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please see the attached Disclosures page for more information on AUM and AUA.

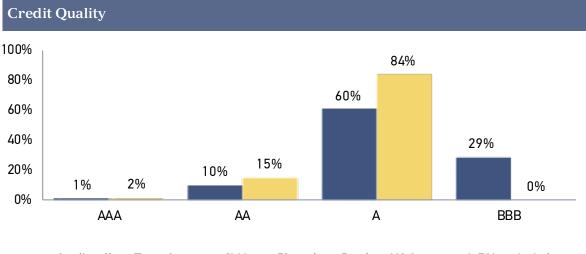


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Portfolio Characteristics								
Sterling	Index							
2.70 Years	2.67 Years							
BBB+	Α							
2.86 Years	2.84Years							
3.09%	2.92%							
0.83%	0.73%							
	Sterling 2.70 Years BBB+ 2.86 Years 3.09%							

Sector Composition										
60%	57%	53%								
50%				44%						
40%			37%							
30%										
20%										
10%						5%	3%		1%	0%
0%										
	Financial Institutions		Indu	Industrial		Utility		Cash		

Duration Distribution								
	Sterling	Index						
0-1 Year	5%	5%						
1-2 Years	24%	27%						
2-3 Years	25%	27%						
3-4Years	29%	24%						
4-5 Years	17%	17%						
> 5 Years	0	0%						
Total	100%	100%						



■ Sterling Short Term Corporate SMA ■ Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate 1-5 Year A+ Index

Data as of 0 9 30 .2020. Index is Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate (1-5 Y) (A+). Performance is compared to an index; however, the volatility of an index varies greatly and investments cannot be made directly in an index. Credit Rating Source: Bloomberg Barclays. The Portfolio Characteristics are considered Supplemental information which complements the attached Composite Disclosure. Portfolio characteristics totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. Source: Bloomberg Barclays Capital, Sterling Capital Management Analytics.



## **Disclosures**

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The volatility of an index varies greatly. All indices are unmanaged and investments cannot be made directly in an index.

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#### Sterling Capital Management - Short Term Corporate SMA Composite

November 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019

Description: Consists of all bundled fee-paying, discretionary SMA fixed income accounts that are measured against the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 year US Corporate – ex Baa or similar index.

				Total Assets		Total		Bloomberg Barclays	Composite	Benchmark
	Total Return	Total Return	No. of	End of Period	Percent of	Firm Assets	Composite	1-5 Yr Corp exBaa	3-yr St Dev	3-yr St Dev
<u>Year</u>	Gross of Fees	Net of Fees	<b>Portfolios</b>	<u>(\$MM)</u>	Firm Assets	(\$MM)	Dispersion (%)	<u>Index</u>	<u>(%)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
2019	6.32	5.95	2	38	0.1	58,191	not meaningful	6.27	1.32	1.39
2018	1.10	0.58	2	23	0.0	56,889	not meaningful	1.05	N/A	N/A
2017	2.15	1.38	2	3	0.0	55,908	not meaningful	2.19	N/A	N/A
2016*	-0.71	-0.84	1	1	0.0	51,603	not meaningful	-0.80	N/A	N/A
Annualized Since Inception	2.78	2.20					O .	2.72		
*11/1/16 to 12/31/16										

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- 2. Inception date of composite: November 1, 2016. Creation Date: November 1, 2016. The appropriate benchmark for this composite is the <u>Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 year US Corporate ex Baa Index</u>. This index is a component of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index and includes both corporate and non-corporate sectors. The corporate sectors are Industrial, Utility, and Finance, which include both U.S. and non-U.S. corporations. The non-corporate sectors are Sovereign, Supranational, Foreign Agency, and Foreign Local Government. Securities must have a maturity from 1 year up to (but not including) 5 years; must be rated A or better (A3/A- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch; must have at least \$250 million par outstanding; must be dollar denominated, non-convertible and publicly issued. A complete list of all SCM's composites and their descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- 3. Performance reflects reinvested interest income and dividends and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. All portfolios are valued monthly as of calendar month-end and utilize trade-date and accrued income accounting. Valuations and performance are reported in US dollars. Portfolio returns are based on the aggregate method and are calculated monthly using the Modified Dietz method. Portfolios in one platform are revalued for cash flows greater than 5% while the other platform revalues portfolios for cash flows greater than 10%. Periodic time weighted returns are geometrically linked. Composite returns are calculated monthly by weighting the aggregate SMA/Wrap sponsor returns using beginning of period market values. 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 performance returns are presented before management and custodian fees but after all trading expenses. The net of fee return reflects the actual SMA fee of the individual portfolios in one platform while the other platform deducts the highest applicable SMA fee (inception through 6 /30/18 = 0.75% on an annual basis and beginning 7 /1/18 = 0.30% on an annual basis) from the gross return. The SMA fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees.
- 5. The annual composite dispersion is measured by an equal weighted standard deviation calculation method. It is not meaningful when there have been less than six portfolios in composite for entire calendar year. The three year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. 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. Fixed income conditions vary from year to year and can result in a decline in market value due to material market or economic conditions.