

A Shares (OVEAX) Inception 08.01.1996 C Shares (OVECX) Inception 07.25.2001 Inst'l Shares (OVEIX) Inception 08.01.1996 R6 Shares (STRMX) Inception 02.01.2018

MID VALUE FUND

## 03.31.2018

# Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>



Overall rating based on risk-adjusted returns against 356 Morningstar US Fund Mid-Cap Blend Funds as of 03.31.2018, derived from a weighted average of the programment of the programmen

#### **FUND FACTS**

# Investment Objective:

Seeks long-term growth of capital by investing the Fund's assets primarily in equity securities of companies that are considered to be undervalued.

Total Net Assets	\$700,604,018
Number of Holdings	42
Weighted Average P/E	14.35
Weighted Average P/B	1.97
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$14.11B
Active Share	93.55
Turnover	31%

## **TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO**

	Net	Gross
A Shares (OVEAX)	1.16%	1.16%
C Shares (OVECX)	1.91%	1.91%
Inst'l Shares (OVEIX)	0.91%	0.91%
R6 Shares (STRMX)*	0.83%	0.91%

<sup>\*</sup>The Advisor and Administrator has contractually agreed to waive and or limit certain fees and expenses from February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

# RISK/RETURN STATISTICS VS. RUSSELL MIDCAP® VALUE INDEX

10-Year	
Alpha	0.97
Beta	0.98
R-Squared	91.03
Standard Deviation	18.33
Sharpe Ratio	0.56
Capture Ratio Up	101.39
Capture Ratio Down	98.28

## 30-DAY SEC YIELD

A Shares (OVEAX)	0.12%
Inst'l Shares (OVEIX)	U 3/10%

SEC Yield is an annualization of the fund's total net investment income per share for the 30-day period ended on the last day of the month.

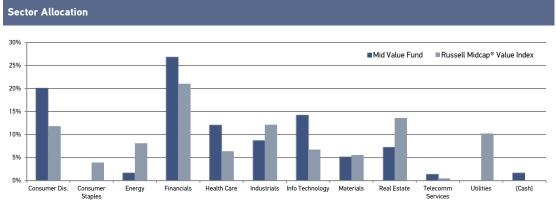
# **Philosophy and Process**

The fund purchases companies that the portfolio manager believes are priced significantly below their intrinsic worth as well as those that demonstrate sustainable competitive advantages and high returns on invested capital. The portfolio management team partners with shareholder-oriented company management that has demonstrated a track record of strong capital allocation. The management process identifies investment opportunities from the broad equity universe using fundamental analysis, valuation and risk management to select 30 to 50 holdings within the fund. The strategy is oriented toward long-term investing but the manager will sell a holding that has become less attractive or underperforms expectations or has excessive leverage.

Fund Performance 03.31.2018	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
A Shares 5.75% Sales Charge	-6.69%	-6.69%	-0.68%	4.74%	9.77%	9.69%	9.49%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-1.01%	-1.01%	5.37%	6.84%	11.08%	10.33%	9.79%
Institutional Shares	-0.94%	-0.94%	5.62%	7.10%	11.36%	10.57%	10.05%
Russell Midcap® Value Index	-2.50%	-2.50%	6.50%	7.23%	11.11%	9.81%	10.99%
Lipper Mid-Cap Core Median	-1.17%	-1.17%	9.27%	6.91%	10.50%	8.89%	

Year-End Returns	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
A Shares without Sales Charge	37.42%	20.05%	-3.75%	12.03%	45.45%	5.39%	-2.15%	16.24%	13.87%
Institutional Shares	37.90%	20.31%	-3.46%	12.31%	45.80%	5.61%	-1.94%	16.53%	14.15%
Russell Midcap® Value Index	34.21%	24.75%	-1.38%	18.51%	33.46%	14.75%	-4.78%	20.00%	13.34%

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month end and information on other share classes, please visit www.sterlingcapitalfunds.com.



Allocations are based on the current weight to funds in the cited Sector. The composition of the fund's holdings is subject to change.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus or summary prospectus with this and other information about the fund, please call (888) 228-1872 or visit our website at www.sterlingcapitalfunds.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

## MID VALUE FUND





# Portfolio Management

Timothy P. Beyer, CFA® Managing Director Lead Portfolio Manager

Tim joined Sterling Capital Management in 2004 and has managed the fund since 2005. He has investment experience since 1989. He is a graduate of East Carolina University where he received a BSBA in Finance. He is a CFA® charterholder.

# Patrick W. Rau, CFA® Managing Director Associate Portfolio Manager

Patrick joined Sterling Capital in 2001 and has been an Associate Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2016. He has investment experience since 1991. He is a graduate of Duke University where he received his AB in Political Science. He received his MBA from Vanderbilt University. He is a CFA® charterholder.

The investment team supporting the Mid Value Fund includes eight investment professionals.

The Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) charter is a graduate-level investment credential awarded by CFA Institute the largest global association of investment professionals. To earn the CFA charter, candidates must: 1) pass three sequential, six-hour examinations; 2) have at least four years of qualified professional investment experience; 3) join CFA Institute as members: and 4) commit to abide by, and annually reaffirm, their adherence to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.



The Growth of \$10,000 chart is hypothetical based upon the performance of A Shares without sales charge for the period ended 03.31.2018. It includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

Тор	Ten Equity Holdings	
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1.	E*TRADE Financial Corp.	4.68%
2.	NCR Corp.	4.31%
3.	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	4.13%
4.	CBRE Group, Inc., Class A	4.08%
5.	Gentex Corp.	4.05%
6.	Leucadia National Corp.	3.98%
7.	Axalta Coating Systems, Ltd.	3.72%
8.	Sensata Technologies Holding PLC	3.66%
9.	HCA Holdings, Inc.	3.66%
10.	Realogy Holdings Corp.	3.28%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to change and risk. Based on Market Value of securities.

<b>Lipper Mid-Cap Core Category</b> Based on Total Return as of 03.31.2018	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Lipper Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	386 / 439	165 / 344	83 / 297	19 / 203
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	4th (88%)	2nd (48%)	2nd (28%)	1st (10%)

Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 03.31.2018	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	***		***	***	****
Morningstar Ranking / Number of Funds In Category	356	396 / 449	161 / 356	104 / 322	23 / 223
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		4th (90%)	3rd (51%)	2nd (40%)	1st (17%)

#### Firm Overview

Sterling Capital Management LLC is a registered investment adviser founded in 1970. An investment firm, Sterling is an independently operated subsidiary of BB&T Corporation, one of the nation's largest financial services holding companies. Sterling is headquartered in Charlotte, NC with offices in Raleigh, NC; Atlanta, GA; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; Richmond, VA; and Virginia Beach, VA. As of 03.31.2018, Sterling has over \$55 billion in assets under management overseen by 136 investment and client service professionals.

# **Investment Considerations**

The fund may invest in undervalued securities which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or remain undervalued for longer than anticipated. Investments made in small to mid-capitalization companies are subject to greater risks than large company stocks due to limited resources and inventory as well as more sensitivity to adverse conditions. The fund may invest in foreign securities which may be more volatile and less liquid due to currency fluctuation, political instability, social and economic risks.

Ratings and Rankings would have been lower for Class A shares due to fees and expenses.

Lipper and Morningstar rankings are based on total return, including the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains but do not include sales charges for the periods indicated. Rankings shown are for Class I Shares and may be lower for Class A Shares due to higher fees and expenses. Mutual funds are assigned a rank within a universe of funds, relative to a peer group and similar in investment objective as determined by Lipper and Morningstar. The lower the number rank, the better the fund performed compared to other funds in the classification group. Lipper and Morningstar also calculate a percentile measure for each fund ranging from 1% (best) to 100% (worst).

The Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year overall star rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

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Technical Terms: Weighted Average P/E: A ratio used to compare the price of a fund's stocks with their per-share earnings, with a higher ratio indicating the market has belief that a company has the ability to increase its earnings. Weighted Average P/B: A weighted harmonic average ratio used to compare the book value of fund's stocks with their market value. The price to book ratio indicates how much an investor is paying for a company's assets based on historical valuations. It does not reflect current market value. Active Share: Measures the degree of active management by a portfolio manager represented as a percentage of the fund's holdings that differ from the benchmark. Portfolio Turnover Rate: A measure of how frequently assets within a fund are bought and sold by the managers. Alpha: measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis by comparing it to the benchmark index. Beta: A measure of relative risk. A Beta rating above 1.0 indicates greater volatility than the market while below 1.0 indicates lower volatility. R-Squared: A statistical measure that represents what amount of a fund's movements can be explained by movements in its benchmark index. A high R-Squared (between 85 and 100) indicates the fund's performance patterns have been in line with the index. Standard Deviation: A statistical measurement showing how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time. When a fund has a high standard deviation, it may imply greater volatility. Sharpe Ratio: The measurement of a fund's excess return due to sound investment decisions or excess risk. The greater a fund's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been. Upside/Downside Capture Ratio: The measurement of a fund's cumulative return divided by its benchmark's cumulative return during positive and negative market periods.

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