## Sterling Capital Management - SMID Opportunities SMA Composite

June 30, 2011 – December 31, 2017

<u>Description:</u> Consists of all discretionary separately managed wrap SMID Opportunities portfolios. Sterling's SMID Opportunities equity portfolios invest primarily in companies similar to the market capitalization of the Russell 2500 index.

	Total Return			Composite Assets		Total			Composite	Benchmark
	"Pure"	Total Return	No. of	End of Period	Percent of	Firm Assets	Composite	Russell	3-yr St Dev	3-yr St Dev
<u>Year</u>	Gross of Fees	Net of Fees	<u>Portfolios</u>	<u>(\$MM)</u>	Firm Assets	<u>(\$MM)</u>	Dispersion (%)	<u>2500</u>	<u>(%)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
2017	13.93	12.62	30	8	0.0	55,908	0.41	16.81	9.14	12.13
2016	16.08	14.64	67	14	0.0	51,603	1.20	17.59	10.67	13.67
2015	-0.39	-1.64	31	8	0.0	51,155	0.73	-2.90	10.53	12.42
2014	13.30	11.94	32	6	0.0	47,540	0.40	7.07	10.58	11.67
2013	25.34	23.89	20	4	0.0	45,638	0.25	36.80		
2012	17.47	16.08	13	2	0.0	4,422	0.16	17.88		
2011 (Inception 6/30/11)	-10.17	-10.72	3	0	0.0	3,932		-9.78		
Annualized Since Inception	11.02	9.69						11.90		

Sterling Capital Management LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Sterling Capital Management LLC has been independently verified for the periods 01/01/01 to 12/31/16. The verification report(s) is/are available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.

## *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. There were no changes in personnel. In April 2005, BB&T Corporation purchased a majority equity ownership stake in Sterling Capital Management LLC. There were no changes in personnel. 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. There were no changes in personnel. In January 2013, CHOICE Asset Management firm merged into Sterling Capital Management. There were no changes in personnel. In August 2015, 8 new employees joined Sterling Capital management via Stratton Management Company following the close of BB&T's purchase of Susquehanna Bancshares. There were no changes to personnel.
- 2. Joshua L. Haggerty, CFA, has managed the portfolio since inception. No alterations of composites, as presented herein, have occurred due to changes in personnel or other reasons at any time.
- 3. Inception date of composite: June 30, 2011. Creation date: June 30, 2011. The appropriate index is the Russell 2500 Index which measures the performance of the smallest 2,500 companies in the Russell 3000. It represents the universe of stocks from which small- and mid-cap managers typically select. The index is reconstituted annually. Total return includes price appreciation/depreciation and income as a percent of the original investment. A complete list of all of SCM's composites and their descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- 4. 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 calculated monthly using the Modified Dietz method. Portfolios are revalued for cash flows greater than 10%. Composite returns are calculated by weighting the individual portfolio returns using beginning of period market value plus weighted cash flows. Periodic time weighted returns are geometrically linked. Returns are not calculated net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes due to immaterial dollar amounts.
- 5. "Pure" gross of fees returns do not reflect the deduction of any fees including trading costs. The net of fee return reflects the actual SMA fee of the individual account. The SMA fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees.
- 6. 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. 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. 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.
- 7. 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.