Sterling Capital Management – Short-Term Government SMA Composite

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2020

Description: Consists of all bundled fee-paying, discretionary SMA fixed income accounts that are measured against the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year Government or similar index and average maturity for the portfolio ranging from 2 - 4 years.

Year	Total Return Gross of Fees	Total Return Net of Fees	No. of Portfolios	Total Assets End of Period ($MM)	Total Firm Assets ($MM)	Composite Dispersion (%)	Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year Government Index	Composite 3-yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-yr St Dev (%)	% of Composite Assets in Wrap Fee Portfolios (%)
2020	4.46	2.92	1	42	70,108	not meaningful	4.34	1.63	1.71	0
2019	4.27	3.97	1	73	58,191	not meaningful	4.23	1.32	1.43	0
2018	1.46	0.93	1	67	56,889	not meaningful	1.53	1.24	1.44	0
2017	0.76	0.01	1	47	55,908	not meaningful	0.69	1.22	1.35	0
2016	1.26	0.53	2	44	51,603	not meaningful	1.02	1.25	1.39	2
2015	0.89	0.14	1	44	51,155	not meaningful	0.93	1.09	1.12	0
2014	1.14	0.38	1	44	47,540	not meaningful	1.18	0.94	0.95	0
2013	0.06	-0.69	1	3	45,638	not meaningful	-0.12	1.02	1.08	0
2012	1.49	0.73	1	3	38,676	not meaningful	0.97	N/A	N/A	0
2011	2.92	2.15	1	2	34,131	not meaningful	3.21	N/A	N/A	0

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Notes:

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2. Inception date of composite: October 1, 2010. Creation date: January 1, 2011. The appropriate benchmark for this composite is the Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year Government Index. This index is a component of the Bloomberg Barclays Government Index with sectors including Treasuries, and Agencies. Securities must have a maturity from 1 year up to (but not including) 5 years. Securities must have at least one year to final maturity regardless of call features; must have at least $250 million par outstanding; must be dollar denominated, non-convertible and publicly issued. From October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012, the minimum initial portfolio size for inclusion in the composite was $1,000,000. From April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, the minimal initial portfolio size for inclusion in the composite is $250,000. Beginning January 1, 2014, the minimal initial portfolio size was removed. Until 12/31/13, portfolios were excluded from the composite when the asset value falls below the minimum for a period of 3 consecutive months. 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. 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. Composite returns are based on the aggregate method and calculated monthly using the Modified Dietz method. Composites are revalued for cash flows greater than 5%. From March 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017, composite returns were calculated monthly by weighting the aggregate SMA/Wrap platform returns using beginning of period market values. Cash flows were accounted for at the portfolio level. 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. Beginning January 1, 2020, the net of fee return reflects a max SMA or bundled external platform fee of 1.47% annually and includes Sterling's actual management fee of 0.12%. The SMA fee includes all charges for portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees. Prior to January 1, 2020, the net of fee return reflected the actual SMA fee of the individual portfolios in one platform while the other platform deducted the following bundled 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.
5. The annual composite dispersion presented is measured by an equal 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 have been less than six portfolios in composite for entire calendar year. The number of portfolios reported represents the number of SMA/Wrap platforms. 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. Fixed income conditions vary from year to year and can result in a decline in market value due to material market or economic conditions.