

# Enhanced Cash SMA

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## Investment 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

## Investment Process

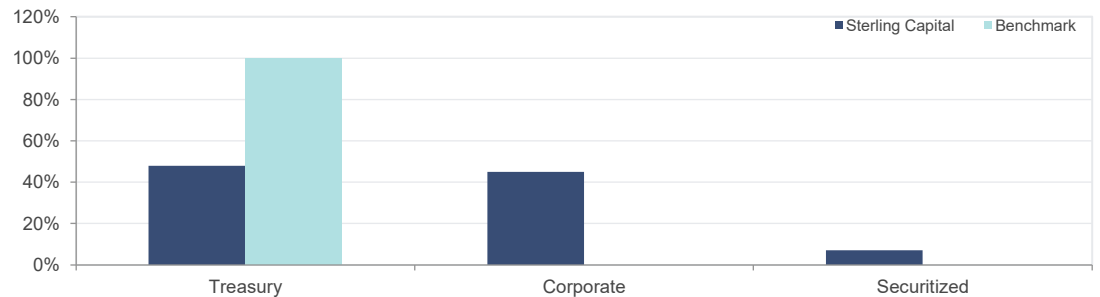
- Top-down analysis:**
  - Duration management
  - Yield curve analysis
  - Sector analysis
- Bottom-up analysis:**
  - Proprietary analysis
  - Fundamental research
  - Security selection

Performance <sup>1</sup>	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	ITD <sup>1</sup>
Enhanced Cash SMA (Gross)	1.99%	4.21%	6.09%	2.77%	2.32%	2.47%
Enhanced Cash SMA (Net)	1.61%	3.05%	4.53%	1.26%	0.80%	0.96%
ICE BofA 1Y U.S. Treasury Note Index	2.03%	4.01%	5.87%	2.48%	1.99%	2.14%

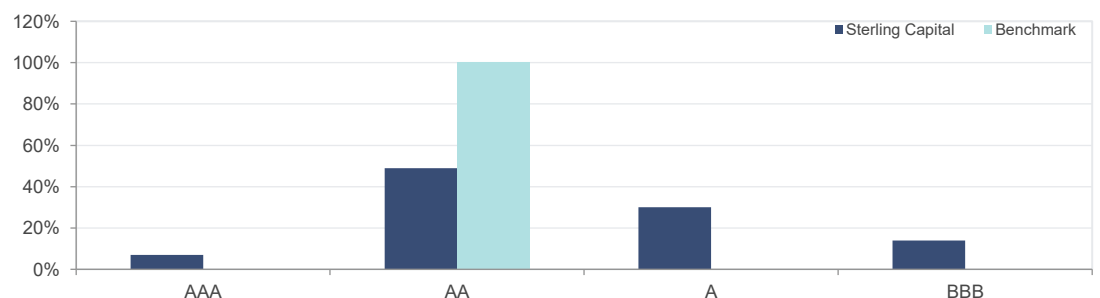
Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>		
	Portfolio	Index
Yield-to-Worst	4.34%	3.99%
Yield-to-Maturity	4.36%	3.99%
Current Yield	3.12%	4.95%
Average Coupon	3.03%	5.00%
Average Life	0.92 Yrs	1.00 Yrs
Effective Duration	0.88 Yrs	0.97 Yrs
Average Quality	A+	AA+

Duration Distribution <sup>3</sup>		
	Portfolio	Index
1-2 Years	41.95%	0.00%
0-1 Year	58.05%	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Sector Allocation<sup>3</sup>



## Credit Quality Allocation<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>The performance inception date is 04.01.2018. Performance is preliminary and is annualized for periods longer than one year. Net of fees performance returns are presented net of the SMA bundled fee, which includes all charges for trading costs, advisory services, portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees. Gross of fees performance returns reflect the deduction of trading costs: a client's return will be reduced by the management fees and other expenses it may incur. Investment management fees are described in SCM's Form ADV 2A. Performance reflects the reinvestment of interest income and dividends and realized capital gains. The performance presented represents 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. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Please refer to the attached GIPS Composite Report for additional disclosures. The benchmark is the ICE BofA 1Y U.S. Treasury Note Index Index. <sup>2</sup>Yields are subject to market conditions and are therefore expected to fluctuate. <sup>3</sup>Portfolio characteristics totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. The ICE BofA 1-Year U.S. Treasury Note Index consists of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding two-year Treasury note that matures closest to, but not beyond, one year from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date. Sources: Bloomberg L.P.; FactSet; Sterling Capital Management Analytics. Credit rating source: Bloomberg L.P.

## Sterling Capital Enhanced Cash SMA

	Total Gross Return	Total Net Return	Benchmark Return	3Y Composite Std. Dev. (Gross)	3Y Benchmark Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite AUM (MM)	Total Firm AUM (MM)	Percent Wrap
2023	4.90%	3.35%	4.74%	1.05%	1.05%	0.09%	51	\$167	\$66,746	38%
2022	-0.49%	-1.96%	-1.02%	0.81%	0.89%	0.09%	58	\$148	\$62,842	1%
2021	0.11%	-1.37%	-0.07%	0.58%	0.72%	0.04%	16	\$35	\$75,309	3%
2020	2.34%	0.83%	1.82%	< 3 Years	< 3 Years	Not Calculable	2	\$33	\$70,108	0%
2019	3.31%	1.79%	2.93%	< 3 Years	< 3 Years	Not Calculable	1	\$57	\$58,191	0%
2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.79%	0.66%	1.60%	< 3 Years	< 3 Years	Not Calculable	1	\$28	\$56,889	0%

<sup>1</sup>Represents data from 04.01.2018-12.31.2018

Benchmark: ICE BofA 1-Year U.S. Treasury Note Index Composite Creation Date: 04.02.2018 Inception Date: 04.01.2018

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- Gross of fees returns are presented before management fees but after all trading costs. Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable wrap fee of 1.50% annually from the gross of fees composite return. As of 6/30/23, the composite model fee was updated to 1.50% annually for all periods presented. Prior to this change, effective 1/1/20, the net of fees returns reflected a maximum SMA or bundled external platform fee of 1.47% annually and included Sterling's actual management fee of 0.12%. The SMA fee includes all charges for portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees. Prior to 1/1/20, net of fees returns were calculated by subtracting the following bundled 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.
- Effective 1/1/24, portfolios are removed from the composite for flows 10% or greater of prior month portfolio market value. Portfolio remains out of the composite for the month of the flow and for two additional time periods. For 1/1/22 through 12/31/23, portfolios were removed from the composite for flows 15% or greater of prior month portfolio market value. Portfolio remained out of the composite for the month of the flow and for two additional time periods. For 1/1/21 through 12/31/21, portfolios were not removed from the composite for flows. For 1/1/18 through 12/31/20, portfolios were removed from the composite for flows greater than 10% of prior month composite market value. Portfolio remained out of the composite until cash was invested or withdrawn and portfolio was fully repositioned back to strategy, typically within 1-2 months. For 1/1/15 through 12/31/17, portfolios were removed from the composite for flows greater than 20% of prior month portfolio market value. Portfolio remained out of the composite until cash was invested or withdrawn and portfolio was fully repositioned back to strategy, typically within 1-2 months. Prior to 1/1/15, portfolios were not removed from the composite for flows.
- The appropriate benchmark is the ICE BofA 1 Year Treasury Note Index. This index consists of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding two-year Treasury note that matures closest to, but not beyond, one year from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date.
- 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 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 when a full three years of composite performance is not yet available. Starting with 2021, the number of portfolios represents the actual number of portfolios in the composite. Prior to 2021, the number of portfolios represented the number of SMA/Wrap platforms.