Small Cap Value SMA

09.30.2026

STERLING CAPITAL

Insight Equity Group
- Lead Portfolio Manager:
  - Gerald Van Horn, CFA®
- Associate Portfolio Manager
  - Andrew DiZio, CFA®

Investment Philosophy
- We believe that undervalued stocks may provide appreciation potential with reduced volatility
- Focused on relative value: identifying stocks which are undervalued versus their peers
- Aim to add value primarily through positive stock selection across economic sectors
- Long-term perspective values companies with multi-year catalysts and produces low portfolio turnover

Investment Process
- Disciplined "Relative Value" approach
- Quantitative Analysis: reduces the small-cap universe to a select group of undervalued stocks with favorable earnings and price momentum characteristics
- Qualitative Analysis: identify those undervalued stocks which possess a fundamental catalyst to drive earnings and valuation

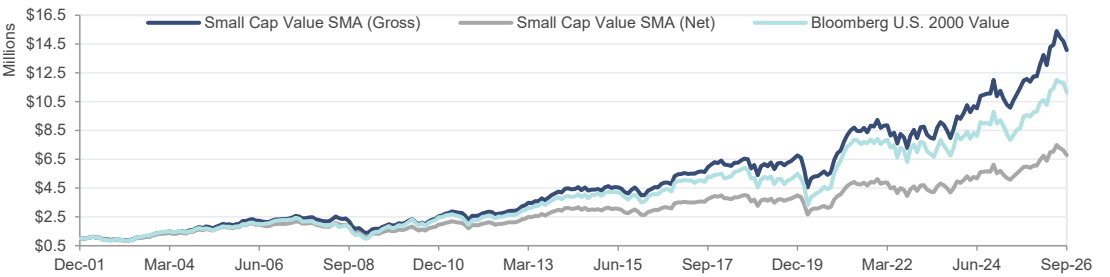
Portfolio Structure
- Small-cap relative value focus
- High active share portfolio with value added primarily through stock selection
- Consistent process since inception

Performance	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD[1]
Small Cap Value SMA (Gross)	-8.55%	14.82%	16.67%	18.39%	10.97%	11.19%	11.28%
Small Cap Value SMA (Net)	-9.25%	12.33%	13.31%	14.98%	7.75%	7.97%	8.05%
Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value	-7.26%	13.58%	16.42%	16.04%	7.90%	9.61%	10.23%

Portfolio Characteristics	Portfolio	Index
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap	$11.2B	$3.2B
Wtd. Med. Market Cap	$7.9B	$2.8B
Wtd. Med. P/E (FY1)	14.19x	10.78x
Wtd. Med. P/B	2.92x	1.48x
Wtd. Avg. Dividend Yield	1.46%	2.26%
Number of Holdings	46	1402
Active Share	95.91%	---
Turnover[2]	6.69%	---

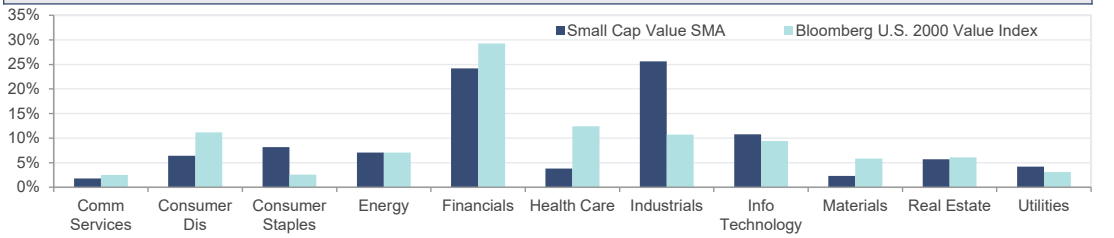
Risk Statistics[3] vs. Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value	
(Gross of Fees, Since Inception[1])	
Up Market Capture	84.26%
Down Market Capture	83.04%
Std. Deviation (Portfolio)	18.03%
Std. Deviation (Index)	21.81%
Annualized Alpha	2.88%
Beta	0.78
Tracking Error	7.53
Rolling 3Y Batting Avg.	67.56%
Rolling 5Y Batting Avg.	67.65%
Outperforms in Down Periods	72.81%

Growth of $1 Million (Gross & Net of Fees, Since Inception)[1,4]



Top Ten Equity Holdings[5]	
Moog Inc. Class A	4.34%
Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	4.09%
EnerSys	4.05%
CACI International Inc Class A	3.74%
Crane Company	3.56%
Wintrust Financial Corporation	3.36%
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	3.05%
United Rentals, Inc.	3.05%
First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	2.89%
Oshkosh Corp	2.87%
Total % of Portfolio	**35.02%**

Sector Allocation[5]



[1]The performance inception date is 12.31.2001. Performance results prior to 08.01.2015 are considered "predecessor performance" and were achieved by the investment team when they were part of the Stratton Management Company. Performance is preliminary and is annualized for periods longer than one year. Net of fees performance returns are preliminary and are presented net of the investment management fees and trading expenses. 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. Please refer to the attached GIPS Composite Report for additional disclosures. Net returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable wrap fee of 3.00% annually from the gross composite return. The benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value Index. [2]Turnover is for the last 12 months. [3]Risk statistics are based on monthly returns since inception. Risk statistics are calculated using the gross performance of the strategy composite. [4]The Growth of $1 Million chart depicts a hypothetical investment based upon actual returns of the composite since inception. [5]Specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended to clients. There are no assurances that securities identified will be profitable investments. The securities described are neither a recommendation nor a solicitation. The **Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value Index** is a float market-cap-weighted benchmark of the lower 2000 in capitalization of the Bloomberg U.S. 3000 Index that provides exposure to companies with superior value factor scores based on their earnings yield, valuation, dividend yield, and growth.

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. Sources: FactSet; Bloomberg L.P.; eVestment Analytics; Sterling Capital Management Analytics.

Sterling Capital Small Cap Value 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)
2025	12.68%	9.42%	8.96%	17.31%	20.43%	Not Calculable	18	$185	$69,234
2024	14.75%	11.43%	9.01%	21.42%	24.29%	Not Calculable	2	$187	$66,160
2023	18.89%	15.46%	17.93%	20.39%	22.71%	Not Calculable	1	$261	$66,746
2022	-13.59%	-16.15%	-11.70%	25.44%	30.70%	Not Calculable	1	$317	$62,842
2021	33.29%	29.49%	31.49%	23.05%	28.56%	Not Calculable	1	$523	$75,309
2020	2.22%	-0.78%	9.71%	24.31%	29.93%	Not Calculable	1	$490	$70,108
2019	25.79%	22.18%	20.92%	14.98%	17.09%	Not Calculable	1	$975	$58,191
2018	-13.59%	-16.14%	-16.34%	14.99%	16.97%	Not Calculable	1	$961	$56,889
2017	14.37%	11.07%	8.54%	13.00%	15.00%	Not Calculable	1	$1,184	$55,908
2016	26.51%	22.88%	31.33%	14.08%	16.16%	Not Calculable	1	$1,277	$2,984

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value Index Composite Creation Date: 09.30.2011 Inception Date: 12.31.2001

1. Consists of all discretionary separately managed small capitalization equity portfolios managed in the relative value style. SCM's small capitalization equity accounts invest primarily in companies similar to the market capitalization of the Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Index.
2. The material risks of this strategy include, but are not limited to, the following: Market Risk, Management Risk, Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk, Company Specific Risk, Equity Securities Risk. For a full list of strategy risks, please reference Sterling Capital Management's Form ADV, Part 2A.
3. Sterling Capital Management LLC (SCM) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. SCM has been independently verified for the periods 01/01/2001-12/31/2024. The verification report(s) is/are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. GIPS® is a registered trademark of the CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.
4. SCM is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC). Registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training. SCM manages a variety of equity, fixed income and multi-asset portfolios. Prior to January 2001, SCM was a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Asset Management (UAM). In January 2001, SCM purchased all the assets and business of Sterling Capital Management Company from UAM to become an employee-owned firm. In April 2005, BB&T Corporation (BB&T) purchased a majority equity ownership stake in SCM. In October 2010, the management group of SCM entered into an agreement with BB&T that reduced and restructured management's interest in SCM. Additionally, BB&T Asset Management merged into SCM. In January 2013, CHOICE Asset Management merged into SCM. In August 2015, eight new employees joined SCM via Stratton Management Company following the close of BB&T's purchase of Susquehanna Bancshares. In December 2019, BB&T and SunTrust Banks, Inc. Holding Company merged as equals to form Truist Financial Corporation (Truist). SCM was then a wholly-owned subsidiary of Truist. In August 2020, eight new employees joined SCM via the Investment Advisory Group of SunTrust Advisory Services. In July 2024, Guardian Capital U.S. Asset Management (formerly Guardian Capital LLC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guardian Capital Group Limited (Guardian), completed the acquisition of SCM from Truist. In March 2026, Desjardins Group completed its acquisition of Guardian Capital Group Limited. SCM is now an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., which is part of the Desjardins Group.
5. The performance presented represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Market and economic conditions vary from year to year and can result in a decline in market value due to material market or economic conditions. Please refer to the slide titled "Performance" for the one-, five-, and ten-year returns of the composite.
6. 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.
7. Performance reflects reinvested interest income and dividends and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. Valuations and performance are reported in U.S. dollars. Periodic time-weighted returns are geometrically linked. Returns are not calculated net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes due to immaterial dollar amounts. Effective 1/1/22, composite returns are calculated by weighting the individual portfolio returns using beginning of period market values. From 8/1/15-1/1/22, composite returns were asset weighted using the average capital base method that reflects both beginning market value and cash flows and uses the aggregate method. Prior to 8/1/15 composite returns were calculated by weighting the individual portfolio returns using beginning of period market values. Performance results prior to 8/1/15 are considered "predecessor performance" and were achieved by the Relative Value Team when they were part of the Stratton Management Company.
8. Gross of fees returns are presented before management fees but after all trading costs. Net returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable wrap fee of 3.00% annually from the gross composite return. Since inception, the composite contains only non-wrap accounts.
9. The appropriate benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value Index since inception, effective 6/30/26. The Bloomberg U.S. 2000 Value Index is a float-adjusted, market-capitalization-weighted benchmark that measures the performance of small-cap U.S. companies exhibiting value characteristics, representing the lower 2000 in capitalization of the broader Bloomberg U.S. 3000 Index. Prior to 6/30/26, the benchmark was the Russell 2000® Value Index.
10. 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, 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 3-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.