

# Real Estate SMA

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## Insight Equity Group

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## Investment Philosophy

- We believe that real estate assets are an important part of a diversified portfolio and can provide an attractive combination capital appreciation and current income
- We view real estate securities as offering investors a cost-effective, liquid way to participate in the asset class
- We aim to add value primarily through positive stock selection within each property type subsector
- Our long-term perspective values companies with multi-year catalysts and typically produces low portfolio turnover

## Investment Process

- Disciplined “Relative Value” approach
- Quantitative Analysis: compare REITs to their property subsector peers on the basis of valuation, cash flow growth, and financial leverage
- Qualitative Analysis: identify those REITs which offer the most attractive relative value and possess a catalyst to drive earnings and valuation

## Portfolio Structure

- Real estate, total return focus
- Relative value process; value added primarily through stock selection
- High active share portfolio

Performance	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Real Estate SMA (Gross)	-1.10%	2.22%	2.22%	7.67%	5.29%	6.75%
Real Estate SMA (Net)	-1.83%	-0.76%	-0.76%	4.54%	2.23%	3.64%
Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT	-2.15%	2.23%	2.23%	6.09%	4.76%	5.79%

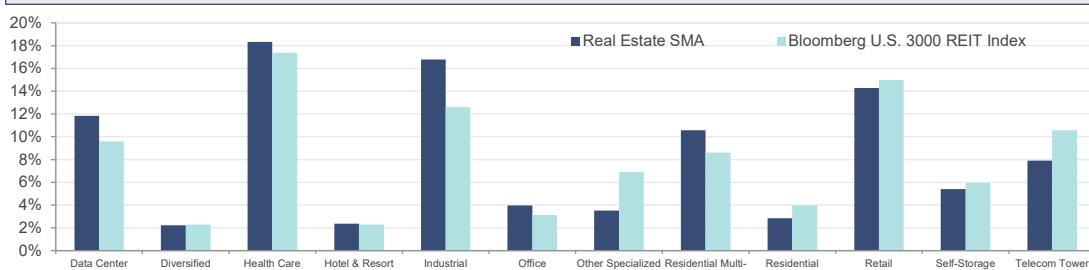
Portfolio Characteristics		
	Portfolio	Index
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap	\$42.2B	\$48.5B
Wtd. Med. Market Cap	\$17.0B	\$36.3B
Wtd. Avg. P/FFO	18.24x	18.35x
Wtd. Avg. P/ReNAV	1.06x	1.06x
Wtd. Avg. Dividend Yield	3.98%	4.24%
Number of Holdings	29	143
Turnover <sup>2</sup>	4.49%	---

Risk Statistics <sup>3</sup> vs. Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT	
(Gross of Fees, Trailing 10 Years)	
Up Market Capture	100.59%
Down Market Capture	97.02%
Std. Deviation (Portfolio)	16.92%
Std. Deviation (Index)	17.31%
Annualized Alpha	1.05%
Beta	0.97
Tracking Error	2.10
R-Squared	98.55%
Information Ratio	0.45

## Growth of \$1 Million (Gross & Net of Fees, Trailing Ten Years)<sup>1,4</sup>



## Sector Allocation<sup>5</sup>



## Top Ten Equity Holdings<sup>5</sup>

Welltower Inc.	9.60%
American Tower Corporation	7.66%
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	7.00%
Prologis, Inc.	6.06%
Ventas, Inc.	5.43%
Equinix, Inc.	4.46%
UDR, Inc.	3.80%
VICI Properties Inc	3.40%
Extra Space Storage Inc.	3.36%
Essex Property Trust, Inc.	3.32%
<b>Total % of Portfolio</b>	<b>54.10%</b>

<sup>1</sup>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. 3000 REIT Index. <sup>2</sup>Turnover is for the last 12 months. <sup>3</sup>Risk statistics are based on monthly returns for the trailing ten-year period. Risk statistics are calculated using the gross performance of the strategy composite. <sup>4</sup>The Growth of \$1 Million chart depicts a hypothetical investment based upon actual returns of the composite since inception. <sup>5</sup>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. 3000 REIT Index** is a float market-capitalization-weighted index that provides exposure to companies classified as per the Bloomberg Industry Classification System (BICS) with a level 3 sub-industry of REIT. 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: Bloomberg L.P.; FactSet; Sterling Capital Management Analytics; S&P; eVestment Analytics.

## Sterling Capital Real Estate 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)
2024	7.16%	4.04%	4.93%	21.05%	21.21%	Not Calculable	1	\$69	\$66,160
2023	13.94%	10.65%	11.31%	21.14%	21.12%	Not Calculable	1	\$70	\$66,746
2022	-25.56%	-27.79%	-25.08%	21.87%	22.25%	Not Calculable	1	\$74	\$62,842
2021	39.30%	35.34%	41.02%	17.22%	18.35%	Not Calculable	1	\$111	\$75,309
2020	0.14%	-2.79%	-4.60%	17.09%	18.24%	Not Calculable	1	\$92	\$70,108
2019	27.75%	24.10%	28.64%	11.41%	11.54%	Not Calculable	1	\$105	\$58,191
2018	-2.10%	-4.96%	-4.08%	12.89%	12.81%	Not Calculable	1	\$84	\$56,889
2017	8.70%	5.54%	8.86%	12.75%	12.56%	Not Calculable	1	\$98	\$55,908
2016	9.04%	5.88%	8.59%	14.14%	14.10%	Not Calculable	1	\$93	\$51,603
2015	2.70%	-0.29%	3.17%	13.72%	13.65%	Not Calculable	1	\$96	\$2,984

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT Index

Composite Creation Date: 09.26.2023

Inception Date: 01.01.2002

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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 the pooled vehicle account.
9. The appropriate benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT Index. This index is a float market-cap-weighted equity benchmark that covers companies classified as REIT per BICS level 3 sub-industry classifications and are of the 3000 most highly capitalized U.S. companies. Prior to 3/31/23, the benchmark was the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index, which contains all tax-qualified REITs with more than 50% of total assets in qualifying real estate assets other than mortgages secured by real property that also meet minimum size and liquidity criteria.
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 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.