Real Estate SMA

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Relative Value Team

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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

Top Ten Equity Holdings⁵	
American Tower Corporation	9.54%
Prologis, Inc.	9.06%
Equinix, Inc.	7.14%
Welltower Inc.	4.71%
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	4.29%
Extra Space Storage Inc.	4.04%
VICI Properties Inc	3.86%
SBA Communications Corp. Class A	3.82%
Invitation Homes, Inc.	3.66%
Essex Property Trust, Inc.	3.24%
Total % of Portfolio	53.36%

Performance	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD ¹
Real Estate SMA (Gross)	17.18%	13.94%	13.94%	5.72%	8.61%	9.05%	9.68%
Real Estate SMA (Net)	16.36%	10.65%	10.65%	2.64%	5.46%	5.88%	6.49%
Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT	17.99%	11.31%	11.31%	5.55%	7.61%	8.02%	3.98%

Portfolio Characteristics						
	Portfolio	Index				
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap	\$39.9B	\$41.9B				
Wtd. Med. Market Cap	\$21.7B	\$26.6B				
Wtd. Avg. P/FFO	18.71x	17.98x				
Wtd. Avg. P/ReNAV	1.02x	1.01x				
Wtd. Avg. Dividend Yield	2.43%	2.36%				
Number of Holdings	31	147				
Turnover ²	7.56%					

Risk Statistics ³ vs. Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT						
	Gross	Net				
Up Market Capture	101.71%	93.80%				
Down Market Capture	97.70%	102.55%				
Std. Deviation (Portfolio)	16.96%	16.96%				
Std. Deviation (Index)	17.29%					
Annualized Alpha	1.12%	-1.82%				
Beta	0.97	0.97				
Tracking Error	2.03	2.03				
R-Squared	98.64%	98.64%				
Information Ratio	0.50	-1.06				





¹The performance inception date is 12.31.2001. Performance results prior to 08.01.2015 are considered "predecessor performance" and were achieved by the Relative Value team when they were part of the Stratton Management Company. Effective 06.30.2023, the net of fee performance reflects the deduction of the maximum SMA bundled fee of 3.00% annually for all periods presented. 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. "Pure" Gross of fees performance returns do not reflect the deduction of any fees including 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 Sterling'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. The benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT Index. ²Turnover is for the last 12 months. ³Risk statistics are based on monthly returns for the trailing ten-year period. Risk statistics are calculated using the gross and net performance of the strategy composite. 4The Growth of \$1 Million chart depicts a hypothetical investment based upon actual returns of the composite since inception. ⁵Specific 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		3Yr Ex-Post Std Dev Composite	3Yr Ex-Post Std Dev	Internal Asset Wtd.	Number Of	Composite	Total Firm
	AWR	AWR	Benchmark	Gross	Benchmark	Dispersion	Portfolios	Assets (MM)	Assets (MM)
2022	-25.56%	-27.79%	-25.08%	21.87%	22.25%	n/a	1	74	62,842
2021	39.30%	35.34%	41.02%	17.22%	18.35%	n/a	1	111	75,309
2020	0.14%	-2.79%	-4.60%	17.09%	18.24%	n/a	1	92	70,108
2019	27.75%	24.10%	28.64%	11.41%	11.54%	n/a	1	105	58,191
2018	-2.10%	-4.96%	-4.08%	12.89%	12.81%	n/a	1	84	56,889
2017	8.70%	5.54%	8.86%	12.75%	12.56%	n/a	1	98	55,908
2016	9.04%	5.88%	8.59%	14.14%	14.10%	n/a	1	93	51,603
2015	2.70%	-0.29%	3.17%	13.72%	13.65%	n/a	1	96	51,155
2014	31.97%	28.20%	28.16%	12.41%	12.61%	n/a	1	94	2,984
2013	3.37%	0.35%	3.04%	15.60%	16.25%	n/a	1	79	2,635

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. 3000 REIT Index Composite Creation Date: 09.26.2023 Inception Date: 01.01.2002

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- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
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