

# Behavioral Large Cap Value Equity Fund



A Shares (BBTGX)  
Inception 10.09.1992

C Shares (BCVCX)  
Inception 02.01.2001

Inst'l Shares (BBISX)  
Inception 10.09.1992

R6 Shares\* (STRAX)  
Inception 02.01.2018

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09.30.2023

## Fund Facts

### Investment Objective:

Seeks maximum long-term total return, by investing primarily in equity securities of large companies.

Total Net Assets	\$30,565,911
Number of Holdings	116
Wtd. Median P/E	16.2x
Wtd. Median P/B	2.4x
Wtd. Average Market Cap	\$106.00B
Active Share	79.3%
Turnover	120%

### Total Expense Ratio

	Net	Gross
A Shares (BBTGX)	1.03%	1.03%
C Shares (BCVCX)	1.78%	1.78%
Inst'l Shares (BBISX)	0.78%	0.78%
R6 Shares* (STRAX)	0.71%	0.78%

The Fund Administrator, Sterling Capital Management LLC, has contractually agreed to waive its administrative fees, pay Fund operating expenses, and/or reimburse the Fund .07% of the Class R6 avg. daily net assets for the period February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

### Risk/Reward Statistics vs. Russell 1000® Value Index

#### 10-Year

Alpha	-0.05
Beta	0.98
R-Squared	95.00
Standard Deviation	15.17
Sharpe Ratio	0.47
Up Market Capture	96.22%
Down Market Capture	96.77%

#### 30-Day SEC Yield

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (BBTGX)	1.47%	1.35%
Inst'l Shares (BBISX)	1.82%	1.68%

SEC Yield is an annualization of the fund's total net investment income per share for the 30-day period ended on the last day of the month.

## Philosophy & Process

The portfolio management team applies "behavioral finance" principles in the construction of the fund's portfolio. Behavioral finance theorizes that investment decisions are often influenced by emotion, and that investors can be predictable (and, at times, irrational) in their decision making. These emotionally charged investment decisions can lead to stock price anomalies that create buying opportunities in the marketplace. The portfolio management team seeks to capitalize on these behaviorally driven market anomalies by employing a disciplined investment process that ranks companies in the fund's investment universe based on a number of factors, such as valuation, price momentum and earnings revisions, and also takes into account such factors as liquidity and sector exposure to construct a diversified portfolio. The team considers selling a security when the security's ranking becomes less attractive and/or in light of liquidity, sector exposure or diversification considerations.

## Investment Considerations

The overall results of the Fund will be dependent on the process and ability of the Adviser to apply "behavioral finance" principles to recognize a company's value, earnings revisions and price momentum. The Fund may invest in undervalued securities which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or remain undervalued for longer than anticipated. The overall results of the fund will be dependent on the process and ability of the Adviser to recognize a company's value. The Fund may invest in REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts), the value of which will be affected by conditions of the real estate industry and exchange-traded funds (ETFs), thus shareholders may bear additional costs and the ETF may not exactly replicate the performance it seeks to track.

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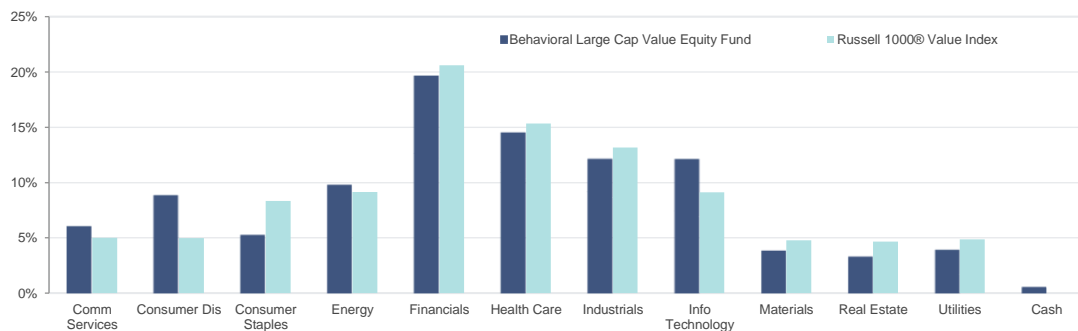
Fund Performance 09.30.2023	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception
A Shares with 5.75% Sales Charge	-6.94%	-3.25%	9.74%	10.83%	3.85%	7.54%	7.17%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-1.28%	2.65%	16.42%	13.04%	5.08%	8.18%	7.37%
Institutional Shares	-1.20%	2.86%	16.74%	13.32%	5.34%	8.45%	7.64%
Russell 1000® Value Index	-3.16%	1.79%	14.44%	11.05%	6.23%	8.45%	9.54%
Bloomberg U.S. 1000 Value	-1.65%	0.21%	14.99%	13.79%	6.82%	9.01%	---
Lipper Multi-Cap Value Median	-2.43%	1.91%	14.92%	12.40%	6.20%	8.19%	---

Year-End Returns	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A Shares without Sales Charge	10.41%	18.46%	-10.51%	19.88%	-1.82%	30.78%	-5.72%
Institutional Shares	10.69%	18.82%	-10.31%	20.17%	-1.59%	31.07%	-5.48%
Russell 1000® Value Index	17.34%	13.66%	-8.27%	26.54%	2.80%	25.16%	-7.54%
Bloomberg U.S. 1000 Value	17.68%	16.28%	-9.49%	27.28%	-0.16%	28.55%	-2.51%

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month end and information on other share classes, please visit [www.sterlingcapital.com](http://www.sterlingcapital.com). Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized.

## Sector Allocation



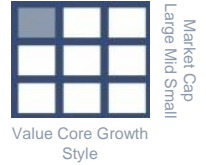
Allocations are based on the current weight to funds in the cited Sector. The composition of the fund's holdings is subject to change.



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Morningstar Style Box



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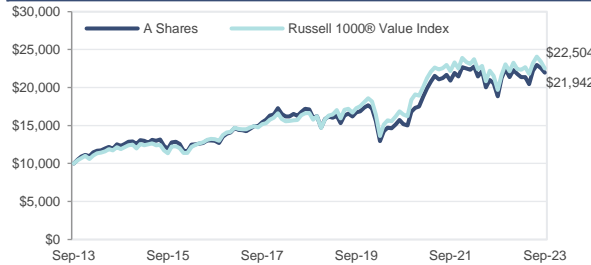
## Portfolio Management

**Robert W. Bridges, CFA®**  
Senior Managing Director | Co-Portfolio Manager  
Bob joined SCM in 1996 and is head of equity. He also serves as co-head of Factor Investing/Behavioral Finance and has investment experience since 1991. Bob received a B.S. in Business from Wake Forest University. He holds the CFA® designation.

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Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager  
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## Growth of \$10,000



The Growth of \$10,000 chart is hypothetical based upon the performance of A Shares without sales charge for the period ended 09.30.2023. It includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

## Top Ten Equity Holdings

JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.60%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	2.40%
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.37%
Comcast Corp.	2.33%
AT&T Inc	1.76%
Fedex Corp.	1.74%
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	1.73%
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	1.71%
Phillips 66	1.67%
Oracle Corp.	1.67%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to change and risk. Based on Market Value of securities.

## Lipper Multi-Cap Value Category Based on Total Return as of 09.30.2023

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Lipper Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	222/675	231/627	431/591	166/416
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	2nd (33%)	2nd (37%)	3rd (73%)	2nd (40%)

## Morningstar Large Value Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 09.30.2023

	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★★	--	★★★★	★★	★★★
Morningstar Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	1,138	343/1,221	328/1,138	831/1,084	359/821
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		2nd (33%)	2nd (30%)	4th (78%)	2nd (49%)

**A Note on Indices:** The volatility of an index varies greatly. All indices are unmanaged and investments cannot be made directly in an index.

**The Russell 1000® Value Index** measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The Russell 1000® Value Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap value segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics.

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