

# Behavioral International Equity Fund



A Shares (SBIAX)  
Inception 12.01.2014

C Shares (SBIDX)  
Inception 12.01.2014

Inst'l Shares (SBIIX)  
Inception 12.01.2014

R6 Shares<sup>1</sup> (STRCX)  
Inception 02.01.2018

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## Fund Facts

### Investment Objective:

Seeks maximum long-term total return, by investing primarily in international developed market equity securities.

Total Net Assets	\$127,101,184
Number of Holdings	127
Wtd. Median P/E	10.7x
Wtd. Median P/B	1.3x
Wtd. Average Market Cap	\$45.04B
Active Share	79.1%
Turnover	78%

### Total Expense Ratio

	Net	Gross
A Shares (SBIAX)	0.93%	0.93%
C Shares (SBIDX)	1.68%	1.68%
Inst'l Shares (SBIIX)	0.68%	0.68%
R6 Shares <sup>1</sup> (STRCX)	0.62%	0.68%

<sup>1</sup>The Fund Administrator, Sterling Capital Management LLC, has contractually agreed to waive its administrative fees, pay Fund operating expenses, and/or reimburse the Fund .06% of the Class R6 avg. daily net assets for the period February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

### 30-Day SEC Yield

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (SBIAX)	3.02%	3.02%
Inst'l Shares (SBIIX)	3.47%	3.47%

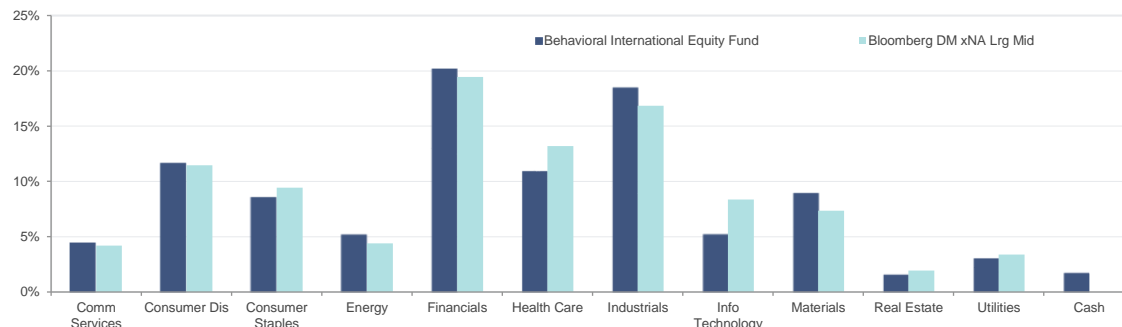
SEC Yield is an annualization of the fund's total net investment income per share for the 30-day period ended on the last day of the month.

Fund Performance 12.31.2023	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
A Shares with 5.75% Sales Charge	2.78%	13.69%	13.69%	4.67%	3.62%	2.32%
A Shares without Sales Charge	9.08%	20.57%	20.57%	6.77%	4.84%	2.99%
Institutional Shares	9.11%	20.74%	20.74%	7.04%	5.10%	3.23%
Bloomberg Dev. Mkts ex-NA Large/Mid (Net)	10.35%	18.31%	18.31%	4.13%	8.23%	4.91%
Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Median	8.56%	17.95%	17.95%	5.00%	7.20%	--

Year-End Returns	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
A Shares without Sales Charge	2.23%	26.77%	-18.30%	14.88%	-9.40%	12.81%	-10.52%	20.57%
Institutional Shares	2.37%	26.95%	-18.09%	15.16%	-9.21%	13.13%	-10.20%	20.74%
Bloomberg Dev. Mkts ex-NA Large/Mid (Net)	0.89%	24.97%	-13.83%	22.23%	7.63%	11.34%	-14.29%	18.31%

**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.

### 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 biases, heuristics (i.e., experienced-based techniques for decision making) and 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 opportunities in the marketplace. The portfolio management team seeks to capitalize on these behaviorally driven market anomalies by employing a disciplined investment process. In implementing behavioral finance principles, Sterling Capital ranks companies in the Fund's investment universe based on a number of factors that it believes can be indicators of under- or over-valuation of a security by the market, such as valuation (e.g., seeking to invest in companies that Sterling Capital believes are undervalued), price momentum (e.g., identifying securities that Sterling Capital believes will experience sustained positive price momentum) and earnings revisions (e.g., identifying and capitalizing on what Sterling Capital believes are under-reactions by the market to positive earnings revisions). The portfolio management team also takes into account such factors as market capitalization, country exposure, and sector exposure to construct a diversified portfolio. The portfolio management team considers selling a security when the security's ranking becomes less attractive and/or in light of liquidity, sector exposure, country 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 market momentum. The Fund will invest in foreign securities which may be more volatile and less liquid due to currency fluctuation, political instability, social and economic risks. 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.

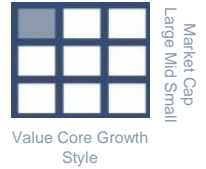
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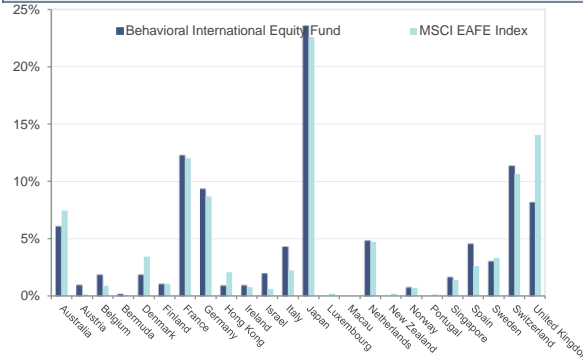
## Portfolio Management

**Robert W. Bridges, CFA®**  
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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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## Country Breakdown



Allocations are based on the current weight to funds in the cited category. The composition of the fund's holdings is subject to change. Percentages are based on securities at market value.

## Top Ten Equity Holdings

Roche Holding	2.18%
Novartis AG	2.16%
BP PLC	1.38%
Deutsche Telekom AG	1.38%
Itochu	1.32%
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya	1.27%
Unicredit S.P.A.	1.25%
Stellantis NV	1.24%
Mitsubishi	1.21%
CIE Financiere Richemont SA	1.21%

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

Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Category Based on Total Return as of 12.31.2023	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Lipper Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	29/238	57/217	185/202
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	1st (13%)	2nd (27%)	4th (92%)

Morningstar Foreign Large Value Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 12.31.2023	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★	--	★★★	★★
Morningstar Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	341	45/380	103/341	302/320
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		1st (13%)	2nd (32%)	4th (93%)

**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 **Bloomberg Developed Markets ex N. America Large & Mid Cap Index** is a float market-cap-weighted equity benchmark that covers 85% market cap of the measured market. The Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Index reflects the average time-weighted rate of return of a representative group of international multi-cap value funds over time. Refinitiv™ Lipper® defines an international multi-cap value fund as a fund that, by portfolio practice, invests in a variety of market-capitalization ranges without concentrating 75% of its equity assets in any one market-capitalization range over an extended period of time. Lipper ensures that no restricted track record extensions are permitted, meaning only real histories represent the independently collected data. Source: Refinitiv Lipper. Ratings and Rankings would have been lower for Class A shares due to fees and expenses. Lipper and Morningstar rankings are based on total return, including the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains but do not include sales charges for the periods indicated. Rankings shown are for Class I Shares and may be lower for Class A Shares due to higher fees and expenses. Mutual funds are assigned a rank within a universe of funds, relative to a peer group and similar in investment objective as determined by Lipper and Morningstar. The lower the number rank, the better the fund performed compared to other funds in the classification group. Lipper and Morningstar also calculate a percentile measure for each fund ranging from 1% (best) to 100% (worst). The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

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