

Global Leaders SMA

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Equity Opportunities Team

- Portfolio Manager:
 - Colin R. Ducharme, CFA®
- Long-term experience
- Long-tenured investment team
- 19 years' average investment experience

Investment Philosophy

Seek long-term appreciation and total return by identifying global companies with:

- Sustainable competitive advantages and pricing power
- Above-average return on capital
- Strong free cash flows and financial profiles
- Attractive valuation

Investment Process

- Internal screens and external sources used to identify investment candidates
- Team-based approach to fundamental research
- Valuation assessed relative to historical range, industry peers, growth rate, and the market

Portfolio Structure

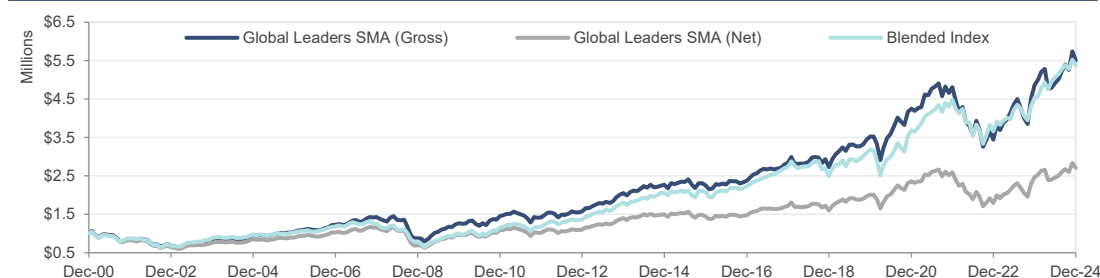
- Global large-cap portfolio focused on industry leaders
- Concentrated portfolio of 25-30 securities
- Investment considerations drive decisions but long-term, tax-efficient orientation
- Typical turnover of 40% or below

Performance	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD ¹
Global Leaders SMA (Gross)	2.04%	13.08%	13.08%	4.61%	9.34%	9.27%	7.37%
Global Leaders SMA (Net)	1.29%	9.81%	9.81%	1.56%	6.16%	6.10%	4.25%
Bloomberg Dev. Mkt L/M	-0.09%	18.77%	18.77%	6.29%	11.03%	10.12%	7.26%

Portfolio Characteristics	Portfolio	Index
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap	\$493.3B	\$817.4B
Wtd. Med. Market Cap	\$65.7B	\$154.0B
Wtd. Harmonic Med. P/E (FY1)	41.58x	21.16x
Med. Hist. 3Y EPS Growth	18.31%	11.44%
Med. Est. 3-5Y EPS Growth	14.75%	8.65%
Med. Net Debt/EBITDA	-0.51x	1.27x
Med. Return on Equity	20.23%	12.87%
Number of Holdings	23	1274
Active Share	89.60%	---
Turnover ²	42.22%	---

Risk Statistics ³ vs. Bloomberg Dev. Mkt L/M Index	Gross	Net
Up Market Capture	108.80%	101.57%
Down Market Capture	113.16%	117.05%
Std. Deviation (Portfolio)	21.23%	21.23%
Std. Deviation (Index)	14.98%	---
Annualized Alpha	-2.17%	-5.02%
Beta	1.09	1.09
Tracking Error	8.39	8.39
Outperforms in Down Periods	30.43%	30.43%

Growth of \$1 Million (Gross & Net of Fees, Since Inception)^{1,4}



Sector Allocation⁵



Top Ten Equity Holdings ⁵	
Adyen N.V. Un-sponsored ADR	7.93%
Brookfield Asset Management Ltd.	7.31%
Shopify, Inc. Class A	6.64%
Microsoft Corporation	5.59%
Atlassian Corp Class A	5.58%
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.52%
S&P Global, Inc.	5.37%
Constellation Software Inc.	5.14%
ServiceNow, Inc.	4.98%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.97%
Total % of Portfolio	59.05%

¹The performance inception date is 12.31.2000. Performance results prior to 01.01.2013 are considered "predecessor performance" and were achieved by the Equity Opportunities team when they were known as CHOICE Asset Management, a division of Scott & Stringfellow. 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 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. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap NR Index. Prior to 12.31.2015 the benchmark was the S&P 500® Index. ²Turnover is for the last 12 months. ³Risk statistics are based on monthly returns for the trailing five-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 Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap Index** is a float market-cap-weighted equity benchmark that covers 85% market cap of the measured market. 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; Sterling Capital Management Analytics; S&P; eVestment Analytics.

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	Total "Pure" 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)
2023	41.54%	37.52%	23.73%	21.89%	16.73%	0.20%	12	\$7	\$66,746
2022	-28.45%	-30.61%	-18.29%	21.13%	20.46%	0.23%	20	\$7	\$62,842
2021	13.19%	9.92%	21.56%	16.06%	17.09%	0.59%	25	\$18	\$75,309
2020	20.58%	17.11%	15.60%	16.50%	18.31%	0.62%	42	\$30	\$70,108
2019	29.39%	25.69%	27.77%	10.44%	11.15%	0.87%	51	\$29	\$58,191
2018	-4.23%	-7.03%	-8.80%	9.90%	10.38%	0.50%	57	\$26	\$56,889
2017	19.80%	16.36%	22.40%	9.54%	10.04%	0.51%	63	\$29	\$55,908
2016	5.25%	2.19%	7.51%	10.07%	10.77%	0.30%	88	\$37	\$51,603
2015	-0.63%	-3.53%	1.38%	10.05%	10.47%	0.37%	80	\$38	\$51,155
2014	10.40%	7.20%	13.69%	9.12%	8.97%	0.40%	89	\$41	\$47,539

Benchmark: 01.01.2016 - Present: 100% Bloomberg Developed Markets Large/Mid Cap Net Index.
Prior to 01.01.2016: 100% S&P 500® Index

Composite Creation 12.31.2000 Inception Date: 01.01.2001
Date:

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- 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.
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- "Pure" gross of fees returns are presented as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of any fees including trading costs. Net returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable wrap fee of 3.00% annually from the pure gross composite return. As of 6/30/23, the composite model fee was updated to 3.00% annually for all periods presented. Prior to this change, the net of fees returns reflected the maximum bundled external platform fee of 2.52%. Prior to 1/1/21, the net of fees returns reflect the actual SMA fee of the individual portfolios in each platform except for one platform where the maximum fee is deducted from the gross return. The SMA fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees. The actual fee may vary by size and type of portfolio. The maximum SMA or bundled external platform fee is 2.52% annually and includes Sterling's actual management fee of 0.27%. Sterling's actual management fees are 50 basis points annually or less. Since inception, the composite is comprised 100% of wrap fee portfolios.
- Effective 1/1/22, portfolios are removed from the composite for flows 10% or greater of prior month portfolio market value. Portfolio remains out of the composite for the month of the flow and for one additional period. Prior to 1/1/22, portfolios were not removed from the composite for flows.
- The Secondary Benchmark shown is the Bloomberg Developed Markets Large/Mid Cap Net Index. As of 6/30/23, the benchmark was changed from the MSCI World Net Index to the Bloomberg Developed Markets Large/Mid Cap Net Index beginning 1/1/16. The Bloomberg Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap Net Return Index is a float market-cap-weighted equity benchmark that covers 85% market cap of the measured market. Effective 1/1/16, the composite was renamed from "Leaders" to "Global Leaders" and the benchmark was changed at that time to the MSCI World Net Index. The MSCI World Index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country, and does not offer exposure to emerging markets. Prior to 1/1/16 the benchmark was the S&P 500® Index. The S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged, weighted index of 500 stocks providing a broad indicator of price movements. Total return includes price appreciation/depreciation and income as a percent of the original investment.
- 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.