



12.31.2016

FUND FACTS

Investment Objective:

Seeks current income consistent with the preservation of capital.

Total Net Assets	\$25,249,329
Number of Holdings	45
Average Life	4.76 Years
Effective Duration	4.08 Years
Turnover	40%

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO

A Shares (BGVAX)	0.86%
C Shares (BIUCX)	1.61%
Inst'l Shares (BBGVX)	0.61%

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

Month	Rates/A Share
October	\$0.0167
November	\$0.0162
December	\$0.0157
December NAV	\$9.92

EFFECTIVE DURATION BREAKDOWN

0-1 Year	15.8
1-2 Years	19.1
2-3 Years	6.1
3-5 Years	25.5
5-10 Years	33.5

The composition of the fund's holdings is subject to change.

30-DAY SEC YIELD

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (BGVAX)	1.07%	0.96%
Inst'l Shares (BBGVX)	1.34%	1.23%

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 and Process

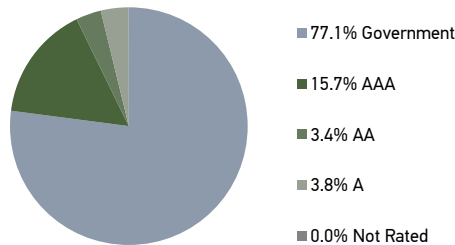
The fund invests, under normal market conditions, in U.S. Government Securities, some of which may be subject to repurchase agreements, or in "high grade" (rated at the time of purchase in one of the three highest rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or are determined by the portfolio manager to be of comparable quality) mortgage-backed securities, including collateralized mortgage obligations.

Fund Performance 12.31.2016	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
A Shares with 2.00% Sales Charge	-4.61%	-1.61%	-1.61%	0.60%	0.29%	2.81%	4.29%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-2.65%	0.45%	0.45%	1.29%	0.69%	3.01%	4.38%
Institutional Shares	-2.59%	0.70%	0.70%	1.54%	0.93%	3.26%	4.63%
Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Govt Index	-2.18%	1.05%	1.05%	1.58%	1.04%	3.42%	4.65%
Lipper Intermediate U.S. Govt Median	-2.78%	1.10%	1.10%	1.96%	1.02%	3.26%	--

Year-End Returns	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A Shares without Sales Charge	7.97%	2.94%	3.38%	5.99%	2.11%	-2.45%	3.42%	0.02%	0.45%
Institutional Shares	8.23%	3.19%	3.64%	6.35%	2.27%	-2.21%	3.68%	0.28%	0.70%
Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Govt Index	10.43%	-0.32%	4.98%	6.08%	1.73%	-1.25%	2.52%	1.18%	1.05%

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.sterlingcapitalfunds.com.

Quality Breakdown



Credit quality ratings using S&P's ratings symbols reflect the credit quality of the underlying bonds in the fund portfolio and not of the fund itself. Securities are rated by S&P's, Moody's and Fitch; when ratings vary the highest rating available for each security is applied. Credit quality ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). "NR" is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Bond quality ratings are subject to change.

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

Portfolio Composition*	Fund	Index
<i>Corporate</i>	7.2%	--
Financial Institutions	4.6%	--
Industrial	2.2%	--
Utility	0.4%	--
<i>Government Related</i>	25.9%	6.5%
Agency	25.6%	6.5%
Local Authority	0.3%	--
<i>Securitized</i>	14.6%	--
ABS	1.4%	--
CMBS	1.8%	--
CMO	6.8%	--
MBS Passthrough	4.5%	--
<i>Treasury</i>	51.4%	93.5%
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<i>Cash & Equivalents</i>	0.8%	--
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Total	100.0%	100.0%

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus or summary prospectus with this and other information about the fund, please call (888) 228-1872 or visit our website at www.sterlingcapitalfunds.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.



Portfolio Management

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Director
Lead Portfolio Manager

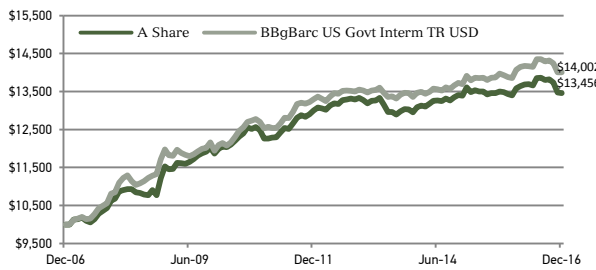
Brad joined BB&T Asset Management in 2003 and Sterling Capital Management through merger in October 2010. He has managed the fund since 2003. He has investment experience since 1985. He is a graduate of Radford University where he received a BS in Business Administration/Accounting. He is a CFA Charterholder.

Neil T. Grant
Managing Director
Associate Portfolio Manager

Neil joined Sterling Capital in 2004. He has managed the fund since 2016. He has investment experience since 1991. Neil is a graduate of Syracuse University where he received his BS in Finance. Neil received his MBA from Emory University. He is a CFA charterholder.

The investment team supporting the fund includes 24 investment professionals.

Growth of 10,000



The Growth of \$10,000 chart is hypothetical based upon the performance of A Shares for the period ended 12.31.2016. It includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

Top Ten Holdings

1. Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp. 4.67% 27-FEB-2018	12.42%
2. U.S. Treasury Notes 0.63% 05-31-2017	6.96%
3. FNMA 6.25% 05-15-2029	5.27%
4. U.S. Treasury Notes 2.75% 02-15-2024	4.66%
5. U.S. Treasury Notes 3.31% 05-15-2021	4.19%
6. U.S. Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.13% 04-15-2019	4.16%
7. U.S. Treasury Notes 2.13% 08-31-2020	4.04%
8. U.S. Treasury Notes 2.00% 02-28-2021	4.01%
9. U.S. Treasury Notes 1.63% 02-15-2026	3.72%
10. FNMA, Pool #FN0000 3.59% 09-01-2020	3.36%

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

Lipper Intermediate U.S. Govt Category
Based on Total Return as of 12.31.2016

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Lipper Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	50/68	43/64	37/64	17/33
Lipper Percentile	3rd (73%)	3rd (67%)	3rd (57%)	2nd (50%)

Morningstar Intermediate Term Bond Category
Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 12.31.2016

	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★	--	★	★	★★
Morningstar Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	869	972 / 985	812 / 869	737 / 759	456 / 541
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		4th (98%)	4th (93%)	4th (97%)	4th (84%)

Firm Overview

Sterling Capital Management LLC is a registered investment adviser founded in 1970. An investment firm, Sterling is an independently operated subsidiary of BB&T Corporation, one of the nation's largest financial services holding companies. Sterling is headquartered in Charlotte, NC with offices in Raleigh, NC; Atlanta, GA; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; Richmond, VA; and Virginia Beach, VA. As of 12.31.2016, Sterling has more than \$51 billion in assets under management overseen by 131 investment and client service professionals.

Investment Considerations

The fund is subject to the same risks as the underlying bonds in the portfolio such as credit, prepayment, call and interest rate risk. As interest rates rise the value of bond prices will decline and an investor may lose money. The fund may invest in mortgage backed securities which tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates. The fund invests in U.S. Government securities or its agencies (such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac securities). Although U.S. Government Securities issued directly by the U.S. Government are guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, other U.S. Government Securities issued by an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. government may not be. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government would provide financial support to its agencies and instrumentalities if not required to do so by law.

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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Technical Terms:

Effective Duration: A calculation of the average life of individual bonds within a bond fund, and serves as a useful measure of the entire portfolio's sensitivity to rising and falling interest rates. An Effective Duration of 2.00 means that with a 1% decline in interest rates, the principal value should rise by 2%, and vice versa. **Portfolio Turnover Rate:** A measure of how frequently assets within a fund are bought and sold by the managers.

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