



12.31.2016

FUND FACTS

Investment Objective:

Seeks to maximize total return.

Total Net Assets	\$43,058,808
Number of Holdings	143
Average Life	6.01 Years
Effective Duration	4.30 Years
Turnover	45%

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO

	Net	Gross
A Shares (SCSSX)	0.86%	0.90%
C Shares (SCSTX)	1.61%	1.65%
Inst'l Shares (SCSPX)	0.61%	0.65%

The Adviser has contractually agreed to limit certain fees from February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

Month	Rates/A Share
October	\$0.0204
November	\$0.0201
December	\$0.0196
December NAV	\$9.87

EFFECTIVE DURATION BREAKDOWN

0-1 Year	22.8
1-2 Years	4.3
2-3 Years	5.5
3-5 Years	36.0
5-10 Years	27.9
10+ Years	3.5

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

30-DAY SEC YIELD

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (SCSSX)	2.01%	1.98%
Inst'l Shares (SCSPX)	2.31%	2.27%

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

In managing the fund, the portfolio management team employs a multi-faceted approach to generate excess return and uses a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis, quantitative vs. qualitative analysis and fundamentals vs. valuation. There is a strong emphasis on risk management and an adherence to certain core investment beliefs: (1) "if you cannot measure it, you cannot manage it;" (2) avoid unintended exposures; (3) average duration is expected to be within 1.5 years of the duration of the Fund's index; (4) participate in longer term trends - don't buy on short-term trends or try to time what is going on in the market; and (5) attempts to achieve risk-adjusted performance over time.

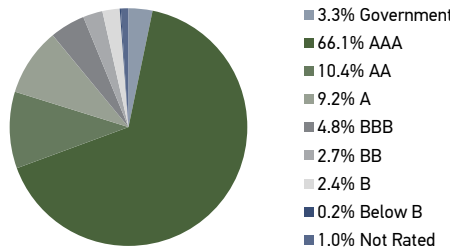
Fund Performance 12.31.2016	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
A Shares with 2.00% Sales Charge	-3.69%	0.36%	0.36%	2.34%	1.89%	2.33%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-1.69%	2.40%	2.40%	3.04%	2.31%	2.70%
Institutional Shares	-1.52%	2.76%	2.76%	3.33%	2.53%	2.90%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. MBS Index	-1.97%	1.67%	1.67%	3.07%	2.06%	2.47%
Lipper U.S. Mortgage Median	-1.94%	1.64%	1.64%	2.85%	2.05%	--

Year-End Returns	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A Shares without Sales Charge	4.42%	-1.87%	5.44%	1.33%	2.40%
Institutional Shares	4.42%	-1.65%	5.81%	1.48%	2.76%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. MBS Index	2.59%	-1.41%	6.08%	1.51%	1.67%

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.

Performance for Class A Shares and Institutional Shares for periods prior to inception on February 1, 2013 is based on performance of Class S Shares of the Fund which were re-designated as Institutional Shares as of February 1, 2013. The inception date for Class S Shares was June 30, 2011. Class A Shares and Institutional Shares of the Fund would have substantially similar performance because the Shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the performance would differ only to the extent that the Classes have different expenses.

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.

Portfolio Composition

	Fund	Index
<i>Corporate</i>	0.8%	--
Industrial	0.8%	--
<i>Securitized</i>	93.4%	100.0%
ABS	23.4%	--
ARM	--	0.6%
CMBS	20.3%	--
CMO	17.0%	--
MBS	0.1%	--
MBS Passthrough	32.6%	99.4%
<i>Treasury</i>	3.3%	--
Treasury	3.3%	--
<i>Cash & Equivalents</i>	2.5%	--
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Total	100.0%	100.0%

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

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

Michael Z. Sun, CFA®
Executive Director
Co-Portfolio Manager

Michael joined Sterling Capital in 2009 and has been a Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since February 2014. He has investment experience since 1998. Michael is a graduate of Bowling Green State University where he received his MA in Economics. He received his MS in Urban & Regional Study at Beijing University, and he received his BS in Geography at Nanjing University. He is a CFA Charterholder.

Byron G. Mims, CFA®
Director
Co-Portfolio Manager

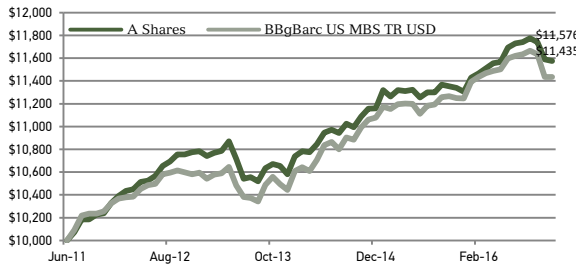
Byron joined Sterling Capital in 2012 and has been a Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since February 2016. He has investment experience since 2006. Byron is a summa cum laude graduate of North Carolina State University where he received his BS in Economics and was recognized as Valedictorian. He is a CFA charterholder.

Jeffrey D. Ormsby, CFA®
Director
Co-Portfolio Manager

Jeffrey joined Sterling Capital in 2011 and has been a Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since February 2016. He has investment experience since 2006. Jeff is a summa cum laude graduate of North Carolina State University where he received his BS in Economics and was recognized as Valedictorian. He received his MBA from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he was the Norman Block Valedictorian Award recipient. 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. Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trst, Ser 2010-C1, CLB	1.88%
2. Freddie Mac REMICS, Series 2525, Class AM	1.73%
3. FHLMC, Pool# Q40048	1.49%
4. FNMA, Pool #MA2260	1.47%
5. FHLMC, Pool #C91458	1.45%
6. Encore Credit Receivables Trust, Series 2005-4, CIM2	1.43%
7. FNMA, Pool #AT3868	1.37%
8. GNMA, Series 2012-16, Class GC	1.37%
9. Citibank Credit Card Issuance Trust	1.35%
10. FNMA, Pool #MA2127	1.35%

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

Lipper U.S. Mortgage Category

Based on Total Return as of 12.31.2016

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Lipper Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	15 / 121	16 / 102	32 / 89
Lipper Percentile	1st (13%)	1st (16%)	2nd (36%)

Morningstar Intermediate-Term Bond Category

Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 12.31.2016

	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★★	--	★★★★	★★★
Morningstar Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	869	558 / 985	169 / 869	409 / 759
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		3rd (57%)	1st (20%)	3rd (54%)

Firm Overview

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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. The fund may invest in more aggressive investments such as foreign securities which may expose the fund to currency and exchange rate fluctuations; derivatives (futures and swaps); mortgage backed securities sensitive to interest rates and high yield debt (also known as junk bonds), all of which may cause greater volatility and less liquidity. Derivatives may be more sensitive to changes in market conditions and may amplify risks.

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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