

# 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\* (STRCX) Inception 02.01.2018

# 06.30.2021

# Fund Facts

#### Investment Objective:

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

Total Net Assets	\$88,973,026
Number of Holdings	115
Weighted Median P/E	14.5x
Weighted Median P/B	1.4x
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$43.22B
Active Share	90.9%
Turnover	185%

#### **Total Expense Ratio**

	Net	Gross
A Shares (SBIAX)	0.88%	0.88%
C Shares (SBIDX)	1.63%	1.63%
Inst'l Shares (SBIIX)	0.63%	0.63%
R6 Shares* (STRCX)	0.58%	0.63%

The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit certain fees paid by the Fund from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

\*The Fund Administrator, Sterling Capital Management LLC, has contractually agreed to waive its administrative fees, pay Fund operating expenses, and/or reimburse the Fund .05% of the Class R6 average daily net assets for the period February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

### 30-Day SEC Yield

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	With Waivers	Without Waivers		
A Shares (SBIAX)	2.39%	2.39%		
Inst'l Shares (SBIIX)	2.80%	2.80%		
SEC Yield is an annualization of the fund's total ne investment income per share for the 30-day perior ended on the last day of the month.				

# Philosophy and Process

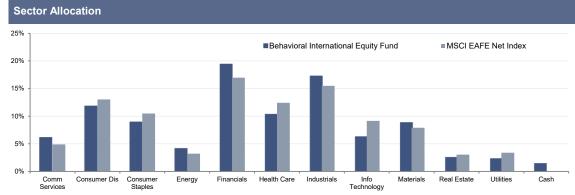
The portfolio management team applies "behavioral finance" principles in the construction of the Fund's portfolio. Behavioral finance theorizes that investment decisions are often influenced by biases, heuristics (i.e., experienced-based techniques for decision making) and emotion, and that investors 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 underreactions 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.

Fund Performance 06.30.2021	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
A Shares with 5.75% Sales Charge	-1.67%	7.39%	23.03%	-1.43%	4.71%	2.20%
A Shares without Sales Charge	4.37%	13.98%	30.52%	0.53%	5.96%	3.12%
Institutional Shares	4.37%	14.11%	30.81%	0.75%	6.18%	3.34%
MSCI EAFE Net Index	5.17%	8.83%	32.35%	8.27%	10.28%	6.27%
Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Median	4.35%	12.14%	36.51%	5.28%	8.29%	
Year-End Returns	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A Shares without Sales Charge	0.15%	2.23%	26.77%	-18.30%	14.88%	-9.40%
Institutional Shares	0.42%	2.37%	26.95%	-18.09%	15.16%	-9.21%
MSCI EAFE Net Index	-0.81%	1.00%	25.03%	-13.79%	22.01%	7.82%

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. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized.

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 MSCI EAFE Index is an equity index that captures large and mid-cap representation across 21 Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and Canada. With 900 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. Developed Markets countries in the MSCI EAFE Index include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.K.

The Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Index reflects the average time-weighted rate of return of a representative group of international multicap value funds over time. Refinitiv™ Lipper<sup>®</sup> 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. International multi-cap value funds typically have below-average characteristics compared with the MSCI EAFE Index. The funds that comprise the index are intended to be employed as a good representation of combined peer group performance, acting as relevant benchmarks to measure single fund manager performance and rankings within that peer group. Lipper ensures that no restricted track record extensions are permitted, meaning only real histories represent the independently collected data. Source: Refinitiv Lipper.



Allocations are based on the current weight to funds in the cited Sector. 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.sterlingcapital.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.



**Top Ten Equity Holdings** 

Deutsche Post AG

Deutsche Telekom AG

National Australia Bank

Australia and New Zealand

Banking Group Limited

10 CNH Industrial NV

Compagnie De Saint-Gobain 1.28%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to

change and risk. Based on Market Value of

Novartis AG

Daimler AG

4 Rio Tinto Plc

Limited

2 Nestle S.A.

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securities



2.20%

1.86%

1.49%

1.45%

1.43%

1.36%

1.31%

1.27%

1.21%

#### BEHAVIORAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND



**Portfolio Management** 

#### Robert W. Bridges, CFA<sup>®</sup> Senior Managing Director Co-Portfolio Manager

Bob joined Sterling Capital in 1996 and is head of equity. He also leads Sterling Capital's fundamental equity team and serves as co-head of the factor investing/behavioral finance portfolios. He has

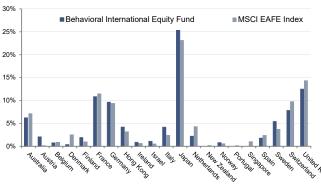
investing/behavioral finance portfolios. He has investment experience since 1991. Bob is a graduate of Wake Forest University where he received a BS in Business. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup> designation.

#### Robert O. Weller, CFA® Executive Director Co-Portfolio Manager

Rob joined Sterling Capital in 2012 and is co-head of the factor investing/behavioral finance. He has investment experience since 1996. Rob is a graduate of Loyola University Maryland where he received a BBA in Finance. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup> designation.

The **Chartered Financial Analyst**<sup>®</sup> **(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.

# **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.

Lipper International Multi-Cap Value Category Based on Total Return as of 06.30.2021	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Lipper Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	184 / 219	187 / 190	144 / 159
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	4th (84%)	4th (98%)	4th (90%)

Morningstar Foreign Large Value Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 06.30.2021	Overall Rating	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	**		*	**
Morningstar Ranking / Number of Funds in Category	318	271 / 353	315 / 318	242 / 272
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		4th (76%)	4th (99%)	4th (90%)

## **Firm Overview**

Sterling Capital Management LLC, founded in 1970, is the institutional investment management arm of Truist Financial Corporation. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, Sterling provides investment advisory services through mutual funds, separately managed accounts, model portfolios, and other commingled vehicles offered through a variety of intermediary and managed account platforms. Sterling's six distinct investment teams provide a full complement of fixed income, concentrated active equity, and multi-asset solutions.

## **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.

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<sup>TM</sup> 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 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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annual trading activity. It is a percentage used to demonstrate how many holdings in a mutual fund were replaced within the year. Weighted Average P/B: a weighted median ratio used to compare the book value of fund's stocks with their market value. The price to book ratio indicates how much an investor is paying for a company's assets based on historical valuations. It does not reflect current market value. Weighted Median P/E: a weighted median ratio used to compare the price of a fund's stocks with their per-share earnings, with a higher ratio indicating the market believes that a company has the ability to increase its earnings. (Technical definitions are sourced from Corporate Finance Institute and Investopedia.)

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