Quality Income Fund

A Shares (SCSSX)	C Shares (SCSTX)	Inst'l Shares (SCSPX)
Inception 02.01.2013	Inception 02.01.2013	Inception 02.01.2013

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09.30.2026

Overall Morningstar Rating™

★★★★

Overall rating against 421 Funds in the Morningstar US Fund Intermediate Core Bond Category as of 09.30.2026, derived from a weighted average of the risk-adjusted performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. (SCSPX)

Fund Facts

Investment Objective:
Seeks to maximize total return.

Total Net Assets	$93,965,489
Number of Holdings	205
Average Life	6.61 Years
Effective Duration	5.56 Years
Turnover	35%

Annual turnover data is shown as of 09.30.2025, the most recent fiscal year end.

Total Expense Ratio

	Net	Gross
A Shares (SCSSX)	0.85%	0.91%
C Shares (SCSTX)	1.60%	1.66%
Inst'l Shares (SCSPX)	0.60%	0.66%

The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit certain fees paid by the Fund from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

Dividend Distribution

Month	Rates/A Share
July	$0.0287
August	$0.0289
September	$0.0292
September NAV	$8.67

Effective Duration Breakdown

0-2 Years	17.1%
2-4 Years	16.9%
4-6 Years	27.4%
6-8 Years	26.1%
8-10 Years	2.9%
10+ Years	9.6%

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

30-Day SEC Yield

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (SCSSX)	4.24%	4.18%
Inst'l Shares (SCSPX)	4.49%	4.43%

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.

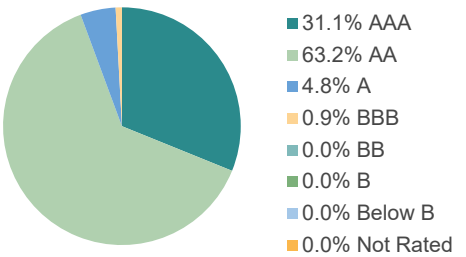
Fund Performance For the Period Ended 09.30.2026	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception
A Shares with 2.00% Sales Charge	-5.45%	-4.74%	-3.68%	3.35%	-0.30%	1.03%	1.76%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-3.47%	-2.77%	-1.67%	4.03%	0.10%	1.24%	1.90%
Institutional Shares	-3.40%	-2.57%	-1.42%	4.33%	0.37%	1.51%	2.14%
Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index	-4.25%	-3.31%	-1.65%	4.53%	-0.39%	0.88%	1.60%
Lipper U.S. Mortgage Median	-4.09%	-2.99%	-1.53%	4.56%	-0.43%	0.85%	---

Year-End Performance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Shares without Sales Charge	5.96%	4.43%	-1.30%	-9.26%	4.81%	2.14%	7.22%
Institutional Shares	6.23%	4.58%	-1.05%	-9.02%	5.07%	2.40%	7.60%
Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index	6.35%	3.87%	-1.04%	-11.81%	5.05%	1.20%	8.58%

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 is annualized for periods greater than one year.

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



Quality ratings using S&P's ratings reflect the credit quality of the underlying bonds in the Fund and not of the Fund itself. Securities are rated by S&P's, Moody's and Fitch; when ratings vary the median rating available for each security is applied. 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. Quality ratings are subject to change.

Portfolio Composition	Fund	Index
Government Related	0.5%	--
Agency	0.5%	--
Securitized	89.5%	100.0%
ABS	11.7%	--
CLO	7.7%	--
CMBS	23.8%	--
CMO	22.5%	--
MBS	23.9%	100.0%
Treasury	8.4%	--
Cash	1.6%	--
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.

Philosophy & 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.

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.

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Morningstar Style Box



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Portfolio Management

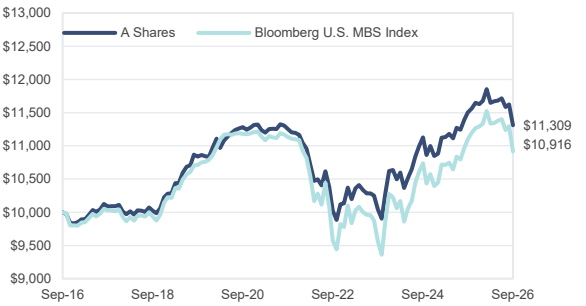
Michael Sun, CFA®
Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager
Michael joined SCM in 2009 and has co-managed the Fund since February 2014. He has investment experience since 1998. Michael received a M.A. in Economics from Bowling Green State University, a M.S. in Urban and Regional Study from Beijing University, and a B.S. in Geography from Nanjing University. He holds the CFA® designation.

Byron Mims, CFA®
Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager
Byron joined SCM in 2012 and has co-managed 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 a B.S. in Economics and was recognized as valedictorian. He holds the CFA® designation.

Jeff Ormsby, CFA®
Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager
Jeff joined SCM in 2011 and has co-managed 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 a B.S. in Economics and was recognized as valedictorian. He received a M.B.A. from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he was the Norman Block Valedictorian Award recipient. He holds the CFA® designation.

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Growth of $10,000



The Growth of $10,000 chart is hypothetical based upon the performance of A Shares without sales charge for the period ended 09.30.2026. It includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

Top Ten Holdings

US 10YR ULTRA FUT DEC26	2.66%
US ULTRA BOND CBT DEC26	1.89%
Government Of The United States Of America 2.375% 15-feb-2042	1.80%
LCM 33A AR CALLABLE 07/20/26 144A VRN	1.62%
Bmo 2023-c7 Mortgage Trust 6.16% 15-dec-2056	1.53%
Bank 2024-bnk47 5.716% 15-jun-2057	1.51%
Benchmark 2023-b39 Mortgage Trust 5.754% 17-jul-2056	1.51%
Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust 2024-c63 5.309% 17-aug-2057	1.46%
Bbcms Mortgage Trust 2025-c39 5.297% 17-dec-2058	1.46%
FHLMC REMIC SERIES 5419 Z	1.45%

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 09.30.2026	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Lipper Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	87/189	99/167	44/151	17/109
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	2nd (47%)	3rd (60%)	2nd (30%)	1st (16%)

Morningstar U.S. Intermediate Core Bond Category For the Period Ended 09.30.2026	Overall Rating	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★★★	---	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★
Morningstar Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	421	46/452	69/421	19/383	44/292
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		1st (15%)	1st (20%)	1st (8%)	1st (19%)

Note: Morningstar Ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Morningstar Rankings are based on total return.

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 U.S. MBS Index** covers the mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). It is formed by grouping the universe of individual fixed rate MBS pools into generic aggregates.
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