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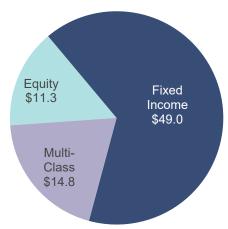
Providing Investment Expertise Since 1970

The Firm

- Institutional investment advisor headquartered in Charlotte with additional offices in Raleigh, Virginia Beach, Jupiter, FL, Philadelphia & San Francisco
- \$75 Billion in Assets Under Management and Assets Under Advisement¹
- Independently-managed subsidiary of Truist Financial Corporation

The People

- 180 seasoned investment professionals, client service and administrative teammates
- Highly-motivated personnel with varied experience to act as subject matter experts:
 - 50 CFA[®] designees in the firm²
 - Independent fundamental equity and credit research
 - Quantitative proprietary risk modeling



43 Portfolio Managers	19 Investment Analysts	5 Traders	28 Client Strategists	14 Client Ar	alysts 52 O	perations	7 Compliance	12 Staff
		Diver	sified Investmer	nt Strategi	es			
Key Professionals	Experience	Fixed I	ncome	Multi-C	lass Portfolios	Equity		
Portfolio Managers	21 Years	 Multi- 	-Sector Governmer	ntal • Total	Return	 Large 	Cap • N	lid Cap
Investment Analysts	17 Years	 Secu 	ritized • Municipal	Risk-	Based	 Small 	Cap • A	ll Cap
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Traders	22 Years	 TIPS 		 Yield 	-Focused	 Active 	/Factor F	Real Estate
Client Strategists	22 Years							

Data is as of 03.31.2023. ¹Sterling's preliminary "AUA" (Assets Under Advisement) differs from our regulatory "AUM" (Assets Under Management) for which we provide continuous and regular investment management services as disclosed in our ADV. AUA generally refers to non-discretionary assets for which Sterling provides advice or consultation for which Sterling does not have authority to effectuate transactions. Such services include model portfolios and assets Sterling advises as an outsourced Chief Investment Officer on a non-discretionary basis. ²The Chartered Financial Analyst[®] (CFA) charter is a graduate-level investment credential awarded by the 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.



Total Assets (\$Billions)

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

Balanced Objective

The primary structural objective of the Fund, which is determined by the Trustees, is to provide a commingled pool of long-term assets that will enable Fund Participants, which include individual parishes, churches, and institutions as well as Diocese funds (the "Fund Participants"), to gain access to a level of investment counsel and advice, take advantage of certain economies of scale, and capitalize on investment opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them. The Fund is designed to include long-term assets with limited scheduled withdrawals consistent with the spending objective outlined below. This will allow the Fund to make opportunistic investments including a limited exposure to illiquid investments while also enabling the Fund to withstand short-term market fluctuations, given its long-term investment horizon.

The overall financial objectives of the Fund, which are determined by the Trustees, are (a) to provide support for the current and future operations of the Fund Participants and the EDNC and (b) to grow and preserve the real value of the Fund over time.

The spending objective is to distribute approximately 4.0% of the Fund's market value (calculated as a trailing 12 quarter average) to Fund Participants each fiscal year.

The primary investment objective of the Fund is to earn a total real return (on average and net of all fees) of at least 5.0% per year over rolling 10-year periods. It is recognized that the real return objective may not be achieved in every 10-year period, but should be achievable over a series of 10-year periods. The Fund will also be measured against a policy benchmark comprising 70% MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (the "MSCI ACWI IMI") and 30% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index.



Investment Objectives & Guidelines

Objective

Achieve consistent asset and income growth over the long-term investment horizon (5.0% per year over rolling 10-year periods)

Performance Goals

70% MSCI ACWI IMI; 30% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index; Prior to 7/1/18, 70% Russell Global Equity Index; 30% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

Guidelines & Restrictions – Equity Securities

- Traditional, long-only security investments (common stocks) as well as hedging investments
- No individual security may represent more than 8% of the Fund's total equity exposure
- No single major industry shall represent more than 30% of the Fund's total equity exposure
- Hedging investments may be both opportunistic and core investments

Guidelines & Restrictions – Fixed Income Securities

- Overall average quality will be BBB-/Baa3 or higher
- Non-investment grade securities shall be limited to 15% of total fixed income exposure
- Obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government will have no limit
- All securities should be well diversified with respect to type, industry, and issuer in order to minimize default exposure
- Foreign currency denominated bonds shall be limited to 50% of total fixed income exposure

Guidelines & Restrictions – Cash & Equivalents

• Eligible investments may include; money market instruments, readily marketable bank CDs, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, short-term corporate notes, government and government agency obligations, and other similar instruments, all with a duration typically less than one year

Guidelines & Restrictions – Liquidity

Minimum of 35% of portfolio market value should mature in less than 45 days. Minimum of 40% of portfolio market value should mature in less than one year.
 Minimum of 75% of portfolio market value should mature in less than three years



Performance & Portfolio Values

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

Total Portfolio Market Values

Beginning Market Value (12/31/22)	\$37,315,395
Net Capital Contributions	4,757,448
Quarter Investment Return	2,060,060
Ending Market Value (3/31/23)	\$44,132,903

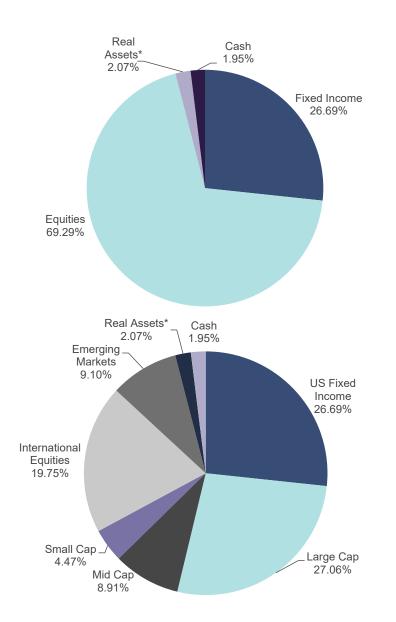
Performance

				Annualize	d
	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since
	Ending	Ending	Ending	Ending	Inception*
	3/31/23	3/31/23	3/31/23	3/31/23	(12/31/16)
Portfolio - Gross	6.07%	-4.97%	11.01%	5.38%	7.17%
Portfolio - Net	6.01	-5.21	10.72	5.10	6.90
70% MSCI ACWI IMI / 30% BBg Barclays U.S. Agg Bond Index**	5.76	-6.60	10.04	5.15	6.65



Portfolio Breakdown

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina



Manager Name	Allocation	Expense Ratio	Trailing 12-Month Performance
Sterling Capital Equity Income	5.98%	0.35%	-1.47%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	13.44%	0.03%	-7.77%
Loomis Sayles - LCG	7.64%	0.35%	-4.62%
Touchstone Mid Cap Value Fund	6.09%	0.84%	-7.86%
Touchstone Mid Cap Growth Fund	2.82%	0.79%	-12.93%
Hotchkis & Wiley Small Cap Diversified Value	1.94%	0.76%	-5.39%
Federated MDT Small Cap Growth Fund	2.53%	0.88%	-13.45%
Causeway International Value ADR	6.42%	0.35%	14.88%
iShares Core MSCI Intl Developed ETF	4.13%	0.04%	-2.43%
Harding Loevner – Intl ADR	6.24%	0.35%	-2.09%
Allspring International Small Cap ETF	2.96%	0.96%	0.49%
Principal Origin Emerging Markets Fund	3.45%	0.99%	-15.78%
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	2.28%	0.09%	-9.91%
Victory Sophus Emerging Markets Fund	3.37%	0.89%	-12.10%
Total Equities	69.29%		
Sterling Capital Funds Total Return R6	7.60%	0.35%	-4.68%
Guggenheim Total Return Bond I	5.78%	0.52%	-6.14%
Hartford Total Return Bond ETF	4.75%	0.29%	-5.14%
Neuberger Berman Strategic Income I	2.61%	0.60%	-3.19%
Prudential Total Return Bond Z	5.43%	0.39%	-6.05%
Hotchkis & Wiley High Yield I	0.20%	0.60%	-2.91%
Payden Emerging Markets Bond	0.32%	0.69%	-8.07%
Total Fixed Income	26.69%		
Real Assets*	2.07%		
Cash	1.95%		
Total	100.00%	0.42%	-4.97%



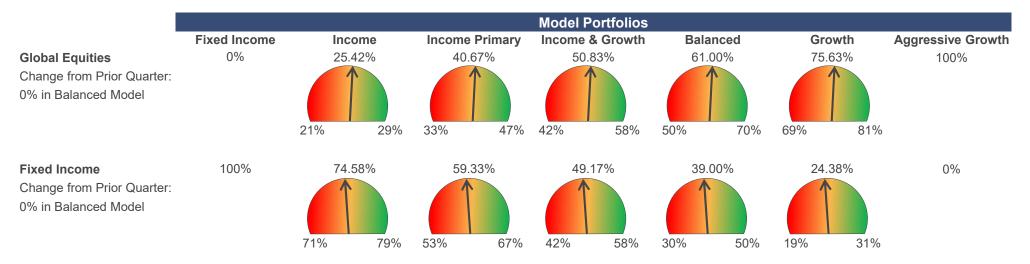
Asset Allocation

Commentary Global Equity/Fixed Income Allocations Across Model Portfolios as of 04.12.2023

Overweight Global Equities vs. Fixed Income: After a challenging 2022, equity and fixed income markets posted solid returns in the first quarter. Markets, however, remained volatile, particularly following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and subsequent concerns over the stability of the regional banking sector. Market expectations for Federal Reserve policy hikes pushed higher early in the quarter following strong job reports and continued elevated inflation, but concerns over credit availability and potential recession pushed rate hike expectations lower by quarter end. Looking ahead, our one-year equity return expectations have moderated but remain higher than our fixed income return expectations. The Global Equity forecast benefited relative to year end from year-over-year inflation that has continued to moderate, but deterioration in valuation metrics following strong returns in the first quarter and more negatively sloped government yield curves are offsetting negatives. In total, expected returns for Global Equities are lower than year end but remain positive. The Fixed Income forecast, meanwhile, has dropped by more than the Global Equity forecast, primarily due to the drop in U.S. Treasury yields. The Treasury yield curve appears priced for economic weakness that will bring a swift end to inflation and be accompanied by near-term cuts to Fed policy rates. While we share concerns over potential economic weakness, our analytics suggest that Treasury yields are too low across the curve in the context of current Fed interest rate policy, high trailing inflation, and very tight employment markets. In addition to low Treasury yields, expected excess returns to U.S. investment grade corporate bonds are a headwind to expected Fixed Income returns. While credit spreads ended the quarter little changed, the more negatively sloped U.S. yield curve is a negative indicator for corporate bond excess returns.

Global Equity Model Forecast

U.S. Aggregate Fixed Income Model Forecast



Model Forecast Graphs display forecasted Sharpe Ratios for each sector within a range of -1.5 to 1.5. Net of Benchmark weights calculated as of 04.12.2023. Net weights will change over time due to differences in index and portfolio returns and other factors. Forecasted returns generated by Sterling Capital Advisory Solutions' analytics contain a high degree of uncertainty, are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual investment results, and are not guarantees of future results. Actual results may vary widely from projections, and may not account for extreme negative scenarios that are not well represented by model estimation samples. All investing is subject to risk, including possible loss of principal.



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Asset Allocation

Commentary Global Equity Allocation Summary as of 04.12.2023

	Total Allocation	Net of Benchmark Allocation	Change from Prior Quarter	Model Forecast	Summary of Allocations and Model Forecasts
<u>U.S. Equities</u> Large Cap Value Large Cap Growth Mid Cap Value Mid Cap Growth Small Cap Value Small Cap Growth	59.34% 17.63% 22.85% 8.91% 3.39% 2.33% 4.23%	0.00% -0.75% -0.75% 0.00% -1.75% 0.75% 2.50%	0.50% 0.75% 0.25% -0.75% -0.50% 0.50%		Overall Neutral, Overweight Small Cap and Underweight Large and Mid Cap: We have moved from an underweight to neutral weight in U.S. Equities. We continue to overweight Small Cap equities but concentrate this overweight further in the Small Cap Growth segment. Our analytics point to a larger relative valuation advantage in the Small Cap Growth segment based on sales to firm value and book to market ratios. The increased overweight to Small Cap Growth is largely funded through an increased underweight to Mid Cap Growth, which had a larger decline in expected return in part due to a richer relative sales-to-firm value ratio. In total we have reduced our underweight to the Large Cap segment, particularly by adding to the Large Cap Value segment, where relative expected returns have increased following underperformance in the first quarter.
International Developed Value Growth Small Cap	27.53% 11.69% 11.75% 4.08%	-2.00% -1.00% -1.00% 0.00%	-0.50% 0.00% -0.50% 0.00%		Underweight to Large Value and Growth: International Developed markets continued to outperform in the first quarter, led by the Growth segment. Price increases in the segment have richened valuations and lowered return expectations, with a larger drop in the Growth segment. As a result, we have reduced the net of benchmark weight to the Growth segment.
Emerging Markets	13.13%	2.00%	0.00%	•	Overweight: Emerging Markets maintain a relative value advantage

Overweight: Emerging Markets maintain a relative value advantage as measured by sales and dividend ratios. Additionally, real debt growth in the segment remains moderate. We, therefore, are maintaining our overweight to Emerging Markets.

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Commentary Fixed Income Allocation Summary as of 04.12.2023

	Total Allocation	Net of Benchmark Allocation	Change from Prior Quarter	Model Forecast	Summary of Allocations and Model Forecasts
<u>Expectations vs. U.S. Treasuries¹</u> U.S. Aggregate Fixed Income	96.25%	-3.75%	-1.75%	•	Overweight to Emerging Market Debt and Short U.S. Government Bonds, Underweight U.S. Aggregate Fixed Income: Interest rates
U.S. High Yield	0.00%	0.00%	-0.75%	•	moved lower across the yield curve since year end, leaving them well
U.S. TIPS	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	•	below our estimates of fair value. While potential economic weakness is a legitimate concern, our analytics suggest rates have moved too
International Fixed Income (Hedged) 0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	•	far given the backdrop of still high inflation and tight employment
Emerging Markets Debt	1.25%	1.25%	0.00%		markets. As a result, we are reducing the duration, or interest rate
<u>U.S. Treasury Bonds</u> U.S. Government: Short U.S. Government Intermediate U.S. Government: Long	2.50% 0.00% 0.00%	2.50% 0.00% 0.00%	2.50% 0.00% 0.00%		sensitivity, of the portfolio by initiating an overweight to the short U.S. Government segment. This allocation leaves the portfolio better protected against increases in interest rates. Additionally, the allocation reduces portfolio exposure to U.S. investment grade credit, for which our analytics project negative excess returns. We also have removed our allocation to U.S. High Yield due to a continued move lower in high yield credit spreads during the first quarter. While
Total U.S. Aggregate Fixed Income ²	2				forecasted returns to U.S. High Yield remain positive, they have declined since year-end, and we view opportunities to reduce portfolio duration as more attractive. We are maintaining our overweight to Emerging Market Debt as expected returns remain attractive following little change in segment credit spreads since year-end.

¹Model forecasts in this section are based on expected risk and return after controlling for and excluding the expected impact of changes in U.S. Treasury Yields on returns. U.S. Treasury Yield exposure (Duration) is measured and managed at the portfolio level and thus, excluded from consideration at the individual asset class level. The U.S. Government Bond asset classes can be utilized to manage duration to target levels.

²The Total U.S. Aggregate Fixed Income model forecast is inclusive of the expected impact of changes in U.S. Treasury Yields on returns.

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Sterling Capital Advisory Solutions Monthly Update

April 2023

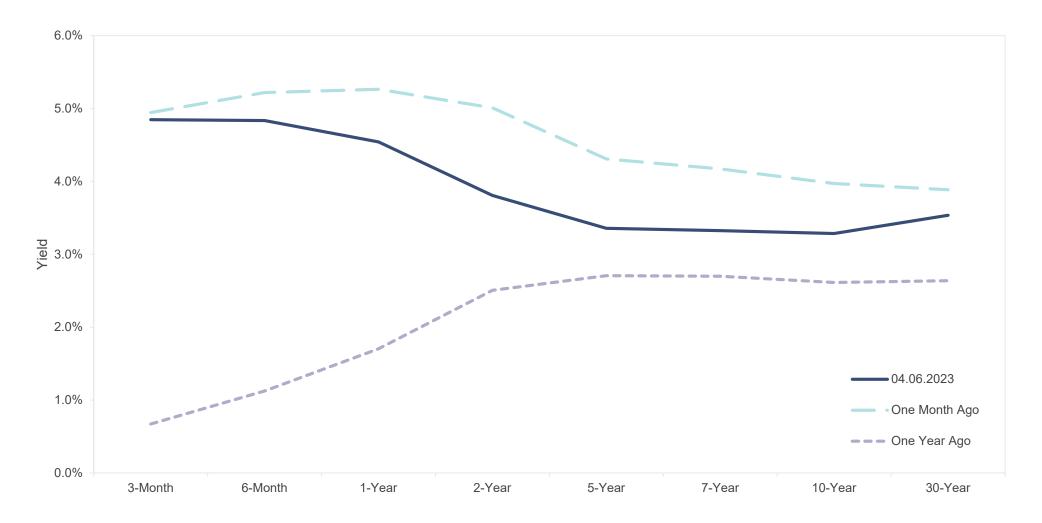
Asset Allocation Update	
 We recommend a small overweight to global equities versus fixed income. Within the equity allocation, we recommend an overweight to emerging markets a Within the fixed income allocation, we recommend overweights to emerging mark Equity Market Highlights 	
 Constituents of the equity opportunity set delivered mixed performance during the month of March. The Russell Top 200[®] Growth Index was the top performer in the opportunity set, returning 8.13% during March, followed by the MSCI World Ex USA Growth Index, returning 5.00%, and the MSCI EM IMI Index, returning 2.75%. The Russell 2000[®] Value Index was the worst performer in the opportunity set, returning -7.17% during the month. The Russell Mid Cap Value Index, which returned -3.15%, and Russell 2000[®] Growth Index, which returned - 2.47%, were also relative laggards for the month of March. Year to date, active strategies in the U.S. Mid Cap Value, U.S. Small Cap Growth, Foreign Large Blend and Diversified Emerging Markets categories outperformed their passive counterparts. Within the opportunity set, active strategies outperformed passive strategies by 0.52%. On a rolling five-year basis, U.S. growth outperformance relative to value moved higher in March and remained elevated relative to levels seen after the Great Financial Crisis of 2008-09. Growth's outperformance was driven partially by a prolonged low economic growth environment and significant outperformance from large-cap information technology, communication services, and consumer discretionary companies. Stretched growth valuations could lead to improvement in value-relative performance. 	 Fixed income returns were positive across the opportunity set during the month of March. The Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index was the top performer, returning 2.89%. The Bloomberg U.S. Government Index followed closely, with a return of 2.87%, and the Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index was also a top performer, with a return of 2.74%. The Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index was the worst performer in the opportunity set with a return of 1.07%, followed by the Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index, which returned 1.24%, and the Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index, which returned 1.95%. Ten-year government bond yields from select countries moved lower month-overmonth in March. The U.S. ten-year yield experienced the sharpest decline, dropping 42 basis points to 3.49% month-over-month. The Italian ten year was close behind with a 39 basis point decline to 4.14%. The German and French ten year yields fell by 34 basis points and 31 basis points to 2.33% and 2.83%. Rounding out the opportunity set, the U.K. ten year fell by 21 basis points to 3.52%.

Stock Indices	s YTD	Bond Indices YTD		Other Indices YTD		U.S. Trea	asury Yields	Rates/Comm	odities
MSCI ACWI IMI	6.95%	Bloomberg US Aggregate	2.96%	US Fund Multialternative	1.03%	6-month	4.89%	Prime Rate	8.00%
Russell 3000	7.18%	Bloomberg Gbl Treas xUS Hdg	3.16%	DJ Equity All REIT	1.81%	1-year	4.67%	LIBOR (3 Mo)	5.19%
S&P 500	7.50%	Bloomberg US TIPS	3.34%	Bloomberg Commodity	-5.36%	3-year	3.83%	Oil Price (\$/barrel)	\$75.67
MSCI EAFE	8.47%	Bloomberg US High Yield	3.57%			5-year	3.61%	Gold (\$/t oz)	\$1,807.90
MSCI EM	3.96%	Bloomberg EM Aggregate	2.15%			10-year	3.49%		
						30-year	3.69%		

Data is as of 03.31.2023. Sources: Morningstar; FactSet; Russell Investments; Bloomberg L.P.; U.S. Department of Treasury. Asset allocation and diversification do not assure a profit or protect against loss in declining financial markets. For illustrative purposes only. The views expressed represent the opinions of Sterling Capital Management. Any type of investing involves risk and there are no guarantees that these methods will be successful. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



As of 04.06.2023, yields fell across the curve compared to a month earlier. The two-year yield fell by the widest margin, declining 120 basis points to 3.81% month-over-month.

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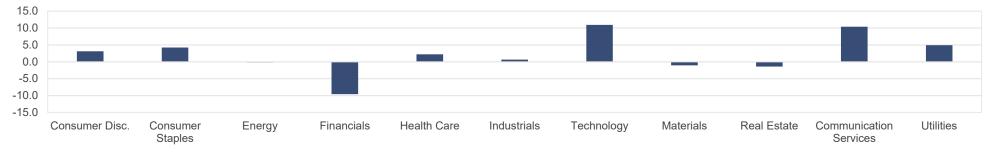


U.S. Equity Market Style and Sector Returns

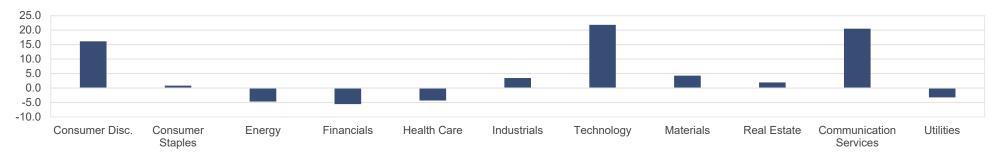
S&P 1500 by Capitalization & Style ¹							
	1-Month			YTD			
	Value	Blend	Growth		Value	Blend	Growth
	1.31%	3.67%	5.85%	Large	5.17%	7.50%	9.63%
	-5.33%	-3.21%	-1.13%	Mid	2.51%	3.81%	5.04%
	-6.40%	-5.16%	-3.97%	Small	3.05%	2.57%	2.14%

S&P 500 Sector Returns (%)

1-Month



YTD



¹Style boxes are derived from the components of the S&P 1500[®] Index. Please refer to the appendix for further information about capitalization/style returns. Data is as of 03.31.2023. Source: FactSet. For illustrative purposes only. The views expressed represent the opinions of Sterling Capital Management. Any type of investing involves risk and there are no guarantees that these methods will be successful. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



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The **Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor**[®] (**CRPC**) designation is a retirement planning credential and is awarded by the College for Financial Planning. To earn the CRPC, candidates must: 1) complete the educational program; 2) pass the final examination; 3) complete the designation application.

The **Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor (CTFA)** designation is a professional designation offered by the American Bankers Association (ABA), which provides training and knowledge in taxes, investments, financial planning, trusts, and estates.

The **Accredited Investment Fiduciary**[®] (AIF[®]) designation is a professional certification that demonstrates an advisor or other person serving as an investment fiduciary has met certain requirements to earn and maintain the credential. The purpose of the AIF[®] Designation is to assure that those responsible for managing or advising on investor assets have a fundamental understanding of the principles of fiduciary duty, the standards of conduct for acting as a fiduciary, and a process for carrying out fiduciary responsibility

