

Nuance Concentrated Value Perspectives Discussion

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Commentary with President and Chief Investment Officer
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The Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is a classic value investment product investing primarily in the equity or equity-linked securities of United States based companies. The product will typically maintain 15-35 positions in the securities of companies that, in the opinion of the Nuance Investments Team, have leading and sustainable market share positions, above average financial strength, and are trading at prices materially below our internally derived view of intrinsic value. The product's primary benchmark is the Russell 3000 Value Index. Clients may also compare the product to the S&P 500 Index.

Performance Update

We continue to be pleased with our overall performance. Since its inception on November 13, 2008, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (through August 31, 2014) is up 22.71 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index, up 16.18 percent, and the S&P 500 Index, up 17.07 percent.

Year-to-date through August 31, 2014, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is up 11.25 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index, up 9.67 percent, and the S&P 500 Index, up 9.88 percent.

Risk-Adjusted Returns Rankings¹

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Morningstar	Lipper
Category: Large Value	Category: Multi-Cap Value
Ranking vs. Peers: 1 st of 1,115	Ranking vs. Peers: 1 st of 227

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President and Chief Investment Officer

- 22+ years of investment analyst experience
- 20+ years of classic value investment experience
- 14+ years of portfolio management experience using a classic value approach
- Lead Portfolio manager of the Morningstar 5-Star rated² Nuance Concentrated Value Separate Account product
- Lead Portfolio manager of the Morningstar 5-Star rated² Nuance Mid Cap Value Separate Account product
- Former Sr. Portfolio Manager at American Century Investments managing over \$10 billion

11/13/2008 - 08/31/2014	YTD				Since Inception		Since Inception	
	2014	1 Year	3 Years APR	5 Years APR	APR	TR	Standard Deviation (A)	Sharpe Ratio (A)
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	11.81	28.03	23.31	20.36	23.37	237.86	13.47	1.71
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	11.25	27.11	22.57	19.67	22.71	227.49	13.44	1.67
Russell 3000 Value Index	9.67	23.91	21.34	16.54	16.18	138.65	16.59	0.96
S&P 500 Index	9.88	25.24	20.58	16.86	17.07	149.47	14.96	1.13

Monthly Review and Outlook

After the first small step backward in the market in quite some time last month, the market responded by retracing those downward steps upward very quickly. Probably the most interesting part of the retracement was that interest sensitive stocks were among the leading performers once again. This brings us back to a long written about topic for our regular readers. We continue to believe that interest sensitive stocks in industries whose valuations are often based upon interest rates are either fully valued or significantly over valued. The two spaces we have continued to discuss are the Real Estate Investment Trust industry (REITS) and Utility Sector (although we have been able to find some interesting one-off opportunities in the Utility space). As the 10 year treasury yield has slowly but surely fallen from an approximately 3.0 percent yield at year end 2013 to end of August 2014 at approximately 2.3 percent, we have seen a rekindling of this theme which was trying to abate this past December. As we have said many times, this particular economic data item simply does not fit with the rest of the data we view. Whether it is the profitability cycle amongst our industries and sectors, the valuation cycle we view over time, or various economic cycle indicators, the 10 year treasury at 2.3 percent is just inconsistent with basically everything else. The rest of the indicators point to mid- to slightly past mid-cycle data points (in our opinion). However, the 10 year Treasury yield suggests very early cycle economic periods. As we are not economists, nor do we pretend to be able to pick near term economic directions, we would not suggest that we know when, or in which direction, rates will go up. Rather, what we are seeing is consistent with many periods over the last year or two. The valuations of interest sensitive names are simply full or overvalued and we believe that is due to the persistent chase for yield by many investors. As such, we are underweight or void in these areas as we are finding better risk versus reward alternatives in other industries and sectors. As of this writing, we continue to believe our portfolio is comprised of leading business franchises that are trading below our internal view of intrinsic value due to a specific transitory item.

Stocks we recently added to your portfolio (during August 2014):

Avery Dennison Corporation (AVY): AVY develops, manufactures, and markets pressure-sensitive materials, office materials, and a variety of tags and labels. The company has leading market share positions across its primary business lines after having restructured the firm over the last few years. Through this transitioning period expectations were high regarding cost reductions and it has taken more time than expected to take those costs out of the legacy areas of the firm. This disappointment has led to an interesting opportunity.

Great Plains Energy Inc. (GXP): After selling GXP earlier this year, a sharp period of underperformance has led us to add the stock back to our portfolios. GXP is a Midwest based public utility with operations in Kansas and Missouri. The company is going through a multi-year capital spending program that has resulted in the company under-earning its potential due to what is known as regulatory lag. As such, we believe the market is under appreciating the true earnings potential of the company and believe that the medium term growth of both the earnings and dividend should be very good once the construction spend is completed. After the recent sell-off the risk reward is significant enough to begin a position.

Stocks we recently sold from your portfolio (during August 2014):

None.

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Thank you for your continued confidence and support.



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	Gross of Fees Return	Net of Fees Return	Benchmark Return (RAV Index)	Benchmark Return (SPX Index)	Composite Dispersion (Full Period)	Number of Separate Accounts (End of Period)	Total Composite Assets (End of Period)	Total Firm Assets (End of Period)	% of Non-Fee paying accounts	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation (Composite Gross)	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation (RAV Index)
YTD 2008	4.47	4.47	0.38	(0.47)	N/A	7	\$9,126,951	\$18,657,997	4.57%	-	-
2009	42.21	41.72	19.78	26.47	1.17	79	\$87,342,803	\$137,943,058	0.60%	-	-
2010	18.79	18.13	16.26	15.06	0.25	145	\$119,543,453	\$181,201,036	0.46%	-	-
2011	6.85	6.29	(0.06)	2.11	0.48	181	\$96,831,359	\$152,976,943	0.85%	16.13	21.31
2012	18.41	17.79	17.62	16.00	0.19	259	\$154,693,966	\$214,936,666	0.77%	13.05	16.02
2013	35.33	34.45	32.72	32.38	N/A	411	\$418,085,862	\$507,569,897	0.79%	12.20	13.08
YTD 2014 (08/31/2014)	11.81	11.25	9.67	9.88	N/A	554	\$927,420,989	\$1,113,363,510	0.36%	11.65	12.27

The Composite's performance returns have been audited by Absolute Performance Verification through March 31, 2013. The verification report is available upon request by contacting Client Services at 816-743-7080 or client.services@nuanceinvestments.com. Verification assesses whether (1) The Firm has complied with all the composite requirements of the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) on a firm-wide basis and (2) The Firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS® standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation. **Nuance has three composites. The Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite and the Nuance Super Concentrated Value Composite.** More information regarding Composite descriptions and policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request by contacting client.services@nuanceinvestments.com or 816-743-7080.

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(1) Risk-Adjusted Return (Sharpe Ratio) calculations and Standard Deviation for the Composite and indices provided by Zephyr Style Advisor. The Composite has been compared to various peer groups defined by investment style. The Composite is an mid market capitalization value investment style. The Morningstar Large Value Peer Group (as selected by Morningstar) and the Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group have been presented as investment strategies with similar investment styles. For peer group comparisons all Returns, Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio calculations, including those of the Composite were calculated by Zephyr Style Advisor based upon strategies with monthly return data from December 2008 to 07/31/2014. Zephyr reports on month end returns only. For the purposes of peer group comparisons Since Inception returns are shown beginning 11/30/2008. The Sharpe Ratio is a calculation of a product's risk-adjusted performance over time. The Ratio is calculated by taking a product's annualized excess return over a risk-free rate (The Firm uses the Citigroup 3-Month Treasury Bill as the risk-free rate) and dividing by its annualized standard deviation calculated using monthly returns.

(2) The Morningstar® ratings (the "Rating(s)") provided are as of 06/30/14. The Rating is a measure of a separate account's risk-adjusted return, relative to other separate accounts in the same Morningstar Category. Separate accounts are rated from 1 to 5 stars, with the best performers receiving 5 stars and the worst performers receiving 1 star. Separate accounts are rated for up to three periods (three, five, and 10 years), and ratings are recalculated each quarter. The Morningstar Rating for separate accounts uses an enhanced risk-adjusted return measure, which accounts for all variations in a separate account's monthly performance, with more emphasis on downward variation. Separate accounts are ranked against others in the same category and stars are assigned as follows: the top 10% of separate accounts in a category earn 5 stars, the next 22.5% 4 stars, the middle 35% 3 stars, the next 22.5% 2 stars, and the bottom 10% 1 star. The Morningstar Category identifies separate accounts based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying representative holdings (portfolio statistics and compositions). Ratings are not indicative of Nuance's future performance. For more information regarding the rating methodology or past ratings, please contact client.services@nuanceinvestments.com.