

Nuance Mid Cap Value Perspectives Discussion



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Commentary with President and Chief Investment Officer Scott A. Moore, CFA

The Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is a classic value separate account investment product investing primarily in the equity or equity-linked securities of United States based companies. The product will typically maintain 50-100 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 Midcap® Value Index. Clients may also compare the product to the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index.

Performance Update

Since its inception on November 3, 2008, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (through December 31, 2013) is up 20.89 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 19.09 percent, the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index up 18.90 percent, and the S&P 500 Index up 15.94 percent.

For the first twelve months of 2013 (ending December 31, 2013), the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was up 34.24 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 33.57 percent, the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index up 34.25 percent, and the S&P 500 Index up 32.38 percent.

Comparing our product to peers also displays excellent results since our inception. On a total return basis, we ranked 54th out of 374 (14th percentile) peer group members in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group we ranked 29th out of 161 (18th percentile).

As compared to these same peer groups on a risk-adjusted return basis (as measured by Sharpe Ratio), the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite also fared quite well. The product ranked 1st out of 374 (1st percentile) peers in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group, we ranked 1st out of 161 (1st percentile). The Sharpe Ratio is calculated by subtracting the return of the risk-free index (Citigroup 3-month Treasury Bill) from the Composite return divided by the Standard Deviation of the Composite to get the risk-adjusted return.

Risk-Adjusted Returns Rankings¹

1st PERCENTILE

Morningstar

Category: Mid-Cap Value

Ranking vs. Peers: 1st of 374

Lipper

Category: Multi-Cap Value

Ranking vs. Peers: 1st of 161

Scott A. Moore, CFA



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
- Co-owner and founder of Nuance Investments, LLC
- Lead Portfolio manager of the Nuance Concentrated Value Separate Account product
- Lead Portfolio manager of the Nuance Mid Cap Value Separate Account product
- Former Sr. Portfolio Manager at American Century Investments managing over \$10 billion

11/03/2008 - 12/31/2013	YTD 2013		3 Years APR	5 Years APR	Since Inception APR	Since Inception TR	Since Inception Standard Deviation (A)	Since Inception Sharpe Ratio (A)
	Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	35.45	35.45	19.81	23.62	21.82	176.83	15.77
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	34.24	34.24	18.73	22.65	20.89	166.12	15.83	1.31
Russell Midcap Value Index	33.57	33.57	16.00	21.15	19.09	146.40	19.31	0.98
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	34.25	34.25	15.74	20.53	18.90	144.36	19.47	0.97
S&P 500 Index	32.38	32.38	16.16	17.92	15.94	114.52	17.34	0.76

	11/03/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	(4.13)	38.69	21.08	4.04	22.02
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	(4.13)	38.20	20.01	3.38	20.61
Russell Midcap Value Index	(5.60)	34.20	24.75	(1.38)	18.50
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	(3.92)	33.77	22.79	(2.39)	19.10
S&P 500 Index	(5.95)	26.47	15.06	2.11	16.00

Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 12/31/2013

	Since Inception APR	Standard Deviation (A)	Sharpe Ratio (A)
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	23.61	15.54	1.51
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	22.66	15.60	1.45
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (median)	20.72	18.07	1.14
Peer Group Percentile	14th	9th	1st
Peer Group Ranking	54 of 374	33 of 374	1 of 374
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (median)	21.12	18.54	1.12
Peer Group Percentile	18th	1st	1st
Peer Group Ranking	29 of 161	2 of 161	1 of 161

Portfolio Attribution and Investment Strategy Review:

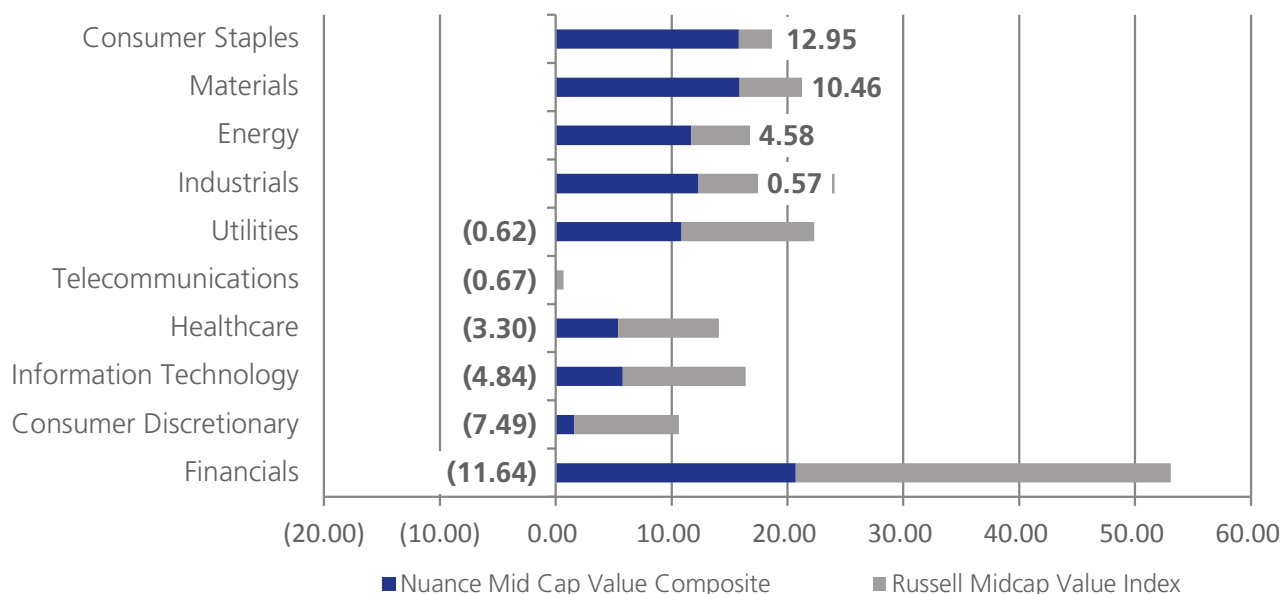
The bright spots in your portfolio for 2013 included the Industrial, Financial, and Utility. ITT Corp., MetLife Inc., Southwest Airlines Co., and TE Connectivity Ltd. were significant outperformers. Also, our underweight stance in the Utility and the Real Estate Investment Trust industry significantly impacted our results in a positive way.

The biggest detractors to performance were our cash position in such a large up market and the Consumer Discretionary and Energy sectors. Imperial Oil Ltd. and our underweight in the Consumer Cyclical sector were our biggest non-cash related detractors. MKS Instruments Inc., a semiconductor capital equipment company also lagged. We continue to like that business and its valuation.

Going forward, we are finding interesting opportunities in the Basic Materials and Consumer Staples sectors. We continue to be underweight in the Consumer Discretionary sector and the Real Estate Investment Trust industry. Those two spaces are not showing opportunities and continue to appear fully valued or overvalued in our opinion.

Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite vs Russell Midcap Value Index

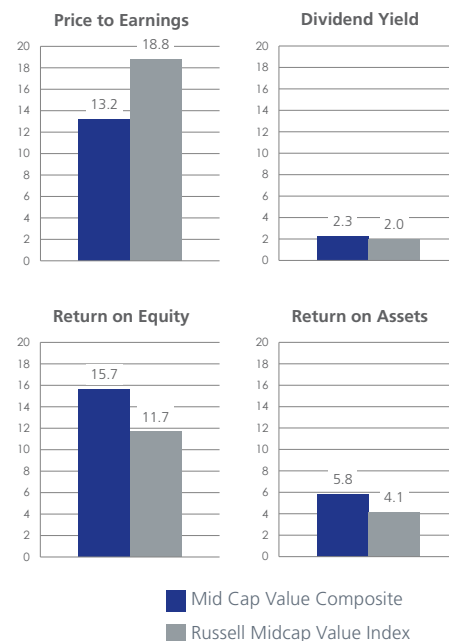
Sector Diversification as of 12/31/2013



Composition of the Portfolio

We continue to be pleased with the overall composition of the portfolio. Remember that we are seeking investment opportunities in leading business franchises with better than average valuation support. Using the table below, you can see that the portfolio has a Price to Earnings ratio of 13.2x versus the Russell Midcap Value Index of 18.8x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have returns on assets of 5.8 percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.1 percent. This dichotomy of above average companies selling at below average multiples is a recipe for outperformance over the long term in our opinion.

Characteristics as of 12/31/2013	Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	Russell Midcap Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	12.8b	10.6b
Median Market Cap	11.6b	5.3b
Price to Earnings	13.2x	18.8x
Dividend Yield	2.3%	2.0%
Return on Equity	15.7%	11.7%
Return on Assets	5.8%	4.1%
Number of Securities	52	534



Composite & Index statistics provided by Bloomberg & Russell, respectively: Weighted Average Market Cap, Median Market Cap, Dividend Yield & Number of Securities. Return on Equity & Return on Asset statistics are internally calculated using Bloomberg data. The P/E statistics are a Nuance internal calculation. Characteristics calculations use holdings at market close on the stated date, including cash and cash equivalents.

2013 Review and 2014 Outlook

Certainly 2013 will be a year to remember for our clients and for our firm and its employees. First we want to thank our clients for their continued confidence and support. We started the year with a little over \$200 million under management and today we stand right on \$500 million. 2013 will also be a year that should remind all of us that broad market generalizations that we all read, hear, and sometimes even write, are typically difficult to decipher with any depth and frankly often provide little to zero value to our clients. Phrases such as “low quality is winning”, “volatility is low”, “the market is overbought”, “the market likes momentum”, “this is a stock pickers market”, and oh so many more provide readers and listeners with very little investable information. The phrases just leave us wanting more information. In our opinion, the key to investing is leaving these tidbits and phrases out of the investment decision making process. Rather, having a consistent team, operating a consistent and time-tested investment process, and ensuring a day to day commitment and focus on our process and research is the key to long term success. Almost two years ago our process began showing us that higher dividend yielding stocks like utilities and real estate investment trusts were overvalued and that lower dividend-yielding stocks were undervalued, under researched, and completely under appreciated. As a direct result of our process and research we bought companies like ITT Corp., Xylem Corporation, Texas Instruments Inc., Stryker Corporation, Southwest Airlines Company, TE Connectivity Ltd., and many other companies that we view as leading business franchises with excellent competitive positions and characteristics that exude higher quality. As we progressed into 2013 it became clear to us that the broader market was beginning to find this 2013 “sweet spot” and began buying our stocks with vigor. As such, this very impressive market with the S&P 500 Index up 32.38 percent and the Russell 3000 Value Index up 32.72 percent was something we were able to beat. This despite the so many market pundits suggesting that lower quality stocks and speculative stocks were the “place to be in 2013.” We would simply disagree with those broad-based assertions.

As for 2014, we are excited as always. We have shared with our clients that we research, study, and value nearly 300 companies that fit our definition of leading business franchises. These are companies that we want to own when there is less than typical downside risk and significant upside potential. For our entire group, which we think is a nice barometer of the market, we think valuations suggest a broader market that is on the higher side of a fairly valued range. Some clients have asked us if that concerns us and we answer that it does not – over the long term. During fairly valued markets it is typical for us to be able to find leading business franchises with transitorily negative events that have hurt their earnings and cash flows temporarily. These leads to negative sentiment and the inevitable inexpensive valuations that we seek. Examples today would include Sysco Corp., Mosaic Corp., and Compass Minerals International to name but a few. We will close this letter stating that we continue to be pleased with our long term performance, but as always, we remind our readers that outperformance versus our primary and secondary benchmarks is not a given nor should it be your expectation for any single year or quarter. There will be times that the market and our team will simply disagree and the result will be underperformance.

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	Gross of Fees Return	Net of Fees Return	Benchmark Return (RMV Index)	Benchmark Return (MIDV 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 (RMV Index)
YTD 2008 (11/03/08-12/31/08)	(4.13)	(4.13)	(5.60)	(3.92)	N/A	1	\$9,531,045	\$18,657,997	0.00%	-	-
2009	38.69	38.20	34.20	33.77	-	4	\$50,600,141	\$137,943,058	1.12%	-	-
2010	21.08	20.01	24.75	22.79	0.20	4	\$60,702,099	\$181,201,036	1.13%	-	-
2011	4.04	3.38	(1.38)	(2.39)	0.13	4	\$55,186,800	\$152,976,943	0.86%	18.19	23.08
2012	22.02	20.61	18.50	19.10	0.06	4	\$58,463,905	\$214,936,666	1.00%	14.55	16.98
2013	35.45	34.24	33.57	34.25	N/A	8	\$80,358,264	\$507,569,897	0.99%	13.14	13.88

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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 a mid market capitalization value investment style. The Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (as selected by Morningstar) and the Lipper Mid-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 12/31/2013. 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.