# Nuance Mid Cap Value Perspectives Discussion



June 30, 2014

# 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 50-90 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 June 30, 2014) is up 21.04 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 19.49 percent, the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index up 19.10 percent, and the S&P 500 Index up 15.85 percent.

For the first six months of 2014 (ending June, 2014), the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was up 10.61 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 11.13 percent, the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index up 10.01 percent, and the S&P 500 Index up 7.13 percent.

Comparing our product to peers also displays excellent results since our inception. On a total return basis, we ranked 32nd out of 383 (9th percentile) peer group members in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group we ranked 9th out of 155 (6th 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 faired quite well. The product ranked 1st out of 383 (1st percentile) peers in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group, we ranked 1st out of 155 (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.

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# Risk-Adjusted Returns Rankings<sup>1</sup>

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Morningstar Lipper

Category: Mid-Cap Value Category: Multi-Cap Value
Ranking vs. Peers: 1st of 383 Ranking vs. Peers: 1st of 155

# 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

							Since Inception	
	YTD		3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	Since Inception	Standard	Since Inception
11/03/2008 - 06/30/2014	2014	1 Year	APR	APR	APR	TR	Deviation (A)	Sharpe Ratio (A)
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	10.93	31.11	20.81	24.15	21.95	207.11	14.99%	1.57
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	10.61 30.12		19.66	23.17	21.04	194.36	15.06%	1.5
Russell Midcap Value Index	11.13 27.7		17.59	22.96	19.49	173.82	18.57%	1.04
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	10.01	27.34	16.99	21.80	19.10	168.82	18.72%	1.02
S&P 500 Index	7.13	24.60	16.56	18.81	15.85	129.83	16.73%	0.79
	11/03/08 - 12/31/08		2009		2010	2011	2012	2013
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	(4.13)		38.69		21.08	4.04	22.02	35.45
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	(4.13)		38.20		20.01	3.38	20.61	34.24
Russell Midcap Value Index	(5.60)		34.20		24.75	(1.38)	18.50	33.57
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	(3.92)		33.77		22.79	(2.39)	19.10	34.25
S&P 500 Index	(5.95)		26.47		15.06	2.11	16.00	32.38

# Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 06/30/2014

	Since Inception APR	Standard Deviation (A)	Sharpe Ratio (A)
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	23.56	14.99	1.57
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	22.63	15.06	1.50
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (median)	20.47	17.62	1.15
Peer Group Percentile	9th	7th	1st
Peer Group Ranking	32 of 383	26 of 383	1 of 383
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (median)	20.22	17.98	1.11
Peer Group Percentile	6th	2nd	1st
Peer Group Ranking	9 of 155	2 of 155	1 of 155

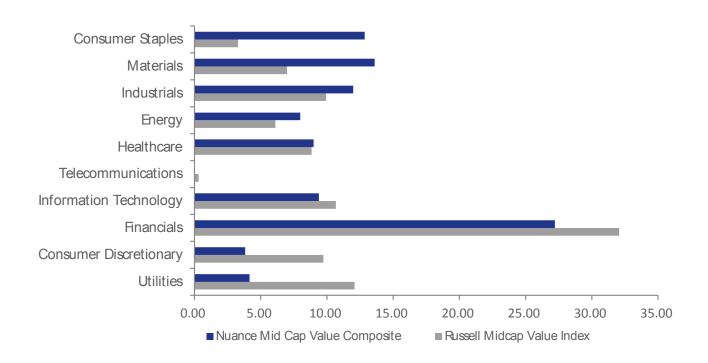
# Portfolio Attribution and Investment Strategy Review:

The bright spots in your portfolio for the first six months of 2014 included the Materials, Industrial, and Consumer Discretionary sectors. Clean Harbors Inc., Innophos Holdings Inc., Compass Minerals International, and Goldcorp Inc. were significant outperformers.

The biggest detractors to performance was in the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) industry and Healthcare sector. A large underweight in a nicely outperforming REIT industry hurt performance while Patterson Companies Inc. also underperformed.

Going forward, we are finding interesting opportunities in the Basic Materials and Consumer Staples sectors. We continue to be underweight the Consumer Discretionary sector, Real Estate Investment Trust industry, and the Utility sector. 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 06/30/2014

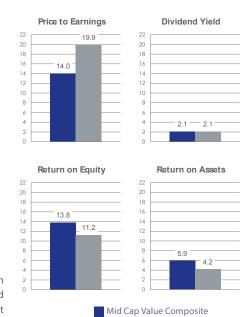


# Composition of the Portfolio

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 14.0x versus the Russell Midcap Value Index of 19.9x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have returns on assets of 5.9 percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.2 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 06/30/2014	Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	Russell Midcap Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	10.4b	11.2b
Median Market Cap	7.2b	6.0b
Price to Earnings	14.0x	19.9x
Dividend Yield	2.1%	2.1%
Return on Equity	13.8%	11.2%
Return on Assets	5.9%	4.2%
Number of Securities	53	561

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 Assets tatistics 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.



Russell Midcap Value Index

## Second Quarter of 2014

We hope that this past six months performance was pleasing to our clients. Achieving greater than 10 percent returns in six months is certainly a positive period for us. However, with the continuation of a now five year rally in the market (and in our products), we are fielding more and more calls asking us about valuations and about the opportunity set going forward. And while we answer these questions daily and have for a very long time, there are certain periods during a market cycle when the question becomes more difficult to answer. Such is life in July of 2014. Our group of nearly 300 leading business franchises which we have studied and monitored for years is clearly at the higher end of a normal valuation range (our opinion). As such the opportunity set for our products and clients has narrowed. Themes today are scarce and our portfolio appears and is focused on one-off stock issues and opportunities. So the obvious question is does this market environment bother us? The answer is certainly not. Fairly valued to moderately overvalued markets are typical for us to navigate and during these periods were are usually able to find leading business franchises with transitorily negative events that have hurt their earnings and cash flows temporarily. These negative events and the resulting inexpensive valuations that result are normal even during these periods. Today would include holdings in Sysco Corp., Mosaic Corp., and Target Corporation as examples. In each case there is a company-specific negative event(s) occurring that has dampened the earnings power of the company below what we believe to be normalized levels. This same issue has also resulted in a negative sentiment which has resulted in stock price underperformance which has led to valuation levels that are attractive from our perspective. Such is the makeup of your portfolio today.

We also want to use this letter to introduce Chad Baumler, CFA® to you as a member of your Nuance investment team. Chad will be a portfolio manager for all products at Nuance and his expertise in classic value investing as a portfolio manager and investment analyst is certainly a positive development for your team. I personally hired Chad (while at my former firm) from the University of Texas MBA program and had a hand in training him. I have known him and the quality of his work for a very long time. Chad likes to say that I have given him his only two jobs in the investment world. The first at my former firm, and the second and hopefully last one here at Nuance Investments. As a long-time friend and colleague I could not be happier to add him to our already outstanding staff of investment professionals.

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.

Please visit our website at www.nuanceinvestments.com for more information about our team, our process, and value investing. You can also get real-time access to the Nuance Investment website updates and information via traditional mail or e-mail. Simply contact us at client.services@nuanceinvestments. com or call 816-743-7080 to sign-up.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Scott A. Muore, CFA

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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 Compos- ite 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%	-	- (KINV IIIGEX)
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
YTD 2014 (06/30/2014)	10.93	10.61	11.13	10.01	N/A	31	\$132,763,299	\$1,037,500,875	3.33%	13.13	13.94

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

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Nuance Investments, LLC (the "Firm") is a Registered Investment Advisor. The Firm's Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (the "Composite") is a composite of actual accounts invested in the Nuance Mid Cap Value investment strategy. The inception date for the Composite is 11/03/2008. The Composite includes all accounts that have invested in the strategy; including accounts no longer managed by the Firm and are presented in US Dollars. The Primary Benchmark for the Composite is the Russell Midcap Value Index. The Russell Midcap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Secondary Benchmarks for the Composite are the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index TR. The S&P MidCap 400 Value Index measures value in separate dimensions across six risk factors. The Value factors include book value to price ratio, sales to price ratio and dividend yield. The S&P 500 Index TR is a market-value weighted index representing the performance of 500 widely held publicly traded large-capitalization stocks. Individuals cannot invest directly in any index. These indices are used for comparison purposes only and are not meant to be indicative of a portfolio's performance, asset composition, or volatility. The performance of the Composite may differ markedly from that of compared indices due to varying degrees of diversification and/or other facts. Return calculations for the Composite are provided by Advent Portfolio Exchange. Return calculations for all indices are provided by Bloomberg. A full schedule of fees for all Firm products is available upon request. The collection of fees has a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of investment management fees. Net of fee performance is presented after all actual investment management fees and trading expenses.

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The Price-Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio) is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings as calculated by the market value per share divided by earnings per share. The Dividend Yield is calculated based on how much an investment pays in dividends each year relative to its share price. The Return on Equity is calculated by dividing net income by shareholder equity. The Return on Equity is calculated by taking the net income divided by shareholder equity.

The Return on Assets is calculated based on net income divided by average total assets. The Growth of \$100 chart is calculated by Zephyr Style Advisor assuming the same cash value at inception and the variance of the investment using monthly return data for each strategy

(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 06/30/2014. 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.