

# Nuance Concentrated Value Composite Perspectives



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## Description of the Product

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.

### Portfolio Managers



Scott Moore, CFA  
President & CIO

25 Years of Experience

Chad Baumler, CFA  
Vice President

9 Years of Experience

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

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Lipper  
Category: Multi-Cap Value  
Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 237

Morningstar  
Category: Large Value  
Ranking vs. Peers: 7 of 1,141

Morningstar  
Category: Mid-Cap Value  
Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 373

## Longer Term Performance Update

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (11/13/2008) through 8/31/2016 is 17.5 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index, which have returned 13.0 percent and 14.2 percent respectively. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 8/31/2016 is 1.3 (net of fees) versus Russell 3000 Value Index at 0.8 and the S&P 500 Index at 1.0.

Peer Group Returns through 6/30/2016: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/08, we ranked 30 of 1,141 peer group members (3rd percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Value universe, 22 of 373 (7th percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 9 of 237 (3rd percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 6/30/2016: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 7 of 1,141 peer group members (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Value universe, 1 of 373 (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 1 of 237 (1st percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 6/30/2016	Since Inception APR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation (A) <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio (A) <sup>1</sup>
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	17.8	13.4	1.3
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	17.1	13.3	1.3
Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	12.8	16.1	0.8
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	3rd (9 of 237)	4th (11 of 237)	1st (1 of 237)
Morningstar Large Value Peer Group (Median)	12.3	15.3	0.8
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	3rd (30 of 1,141)	15th (167 of 1,141)	1st (7 of 1,141)
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	15.0	16.7	0.9
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	7th (22 of 373)	1st (4 of 373)	1st (1 of 373)

Performance 11/13/2008 - 8/31/2016	APR <sup>*</sup>	TR <sup>*</sup>	Standard Deviation <sup>*</sup>	Sharpe Ratio <sup>*</sup>	7 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	2016 YTD
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	18.2	268.0	13.2	1.4	15.6	15.4	11.7	12.4	13.3
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	17.5	251.8	13.2	1.3	14.9	14.6	10.9	11.7	12.8
Russell 3000 Value Index	13.0	159.9	15.5	0.8	12.9	14.2	10.5	13.0	10.5
S&P 500 Index	14.2	182.1	14.2	1.0	13.7	14.7	12.3	12.5	7.8

<sup>\*</sup>Since Inception

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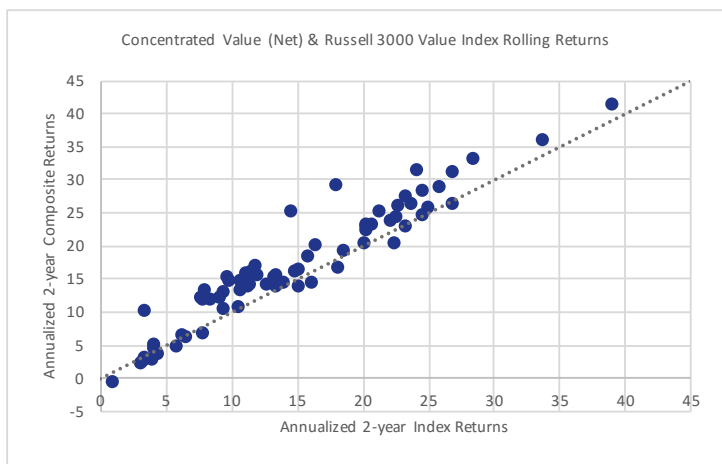
**Shorter Term Performance Update** (Two Year and Year-to-Date)

Rolling 2-Year Periods	Current 2-Year Period as of 8/31/2016		
	Periods Beating the Index	Composite (%) Net of Fees <sup>1</sup>	Russell 3000 Value Index (%)
11/13/2008 - 8/31/2016	55/70	78.6%	3.6
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite			4.3

Your team at Nuance cautions clients regarding the use of short-term performance as a tool to make investment decisions. That said, if a client wants to consider our short-term performance we recommend emphasizing two-year rolling periods since our inception. Our normal discussion of short-term performance will center on two-year performance, but we will also note calendar year to date results as is our tradition.

For the period ending August 31, 2016, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite two year rolling return is 3.6 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index which have returned 4.3 percent and 6.3 percent respectively. Overall, we have outperformed in 55 out of the available 70 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Rolling 2-Year Return Periods.

Year-to-date, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite has returned 12.8 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index, which have returned 10.5 percent and 7.8 percent respectively.



Calendar Year Performance as of	11/13/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	YTD 2016
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	4.5	42.2	18.8	6.9	18.4	35.3	8.9	(1.3)	13.3
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	4.5	41.7	18.1	6.3	17.8	34.5	8.1	(2.0)	12.8
Russell 3000 Value Index	0.4	19.8	16.3	(0.1)	17.6	32.7	12.7	(4.1)	10.5
S&P 500 Index	(0.5)	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	7.8

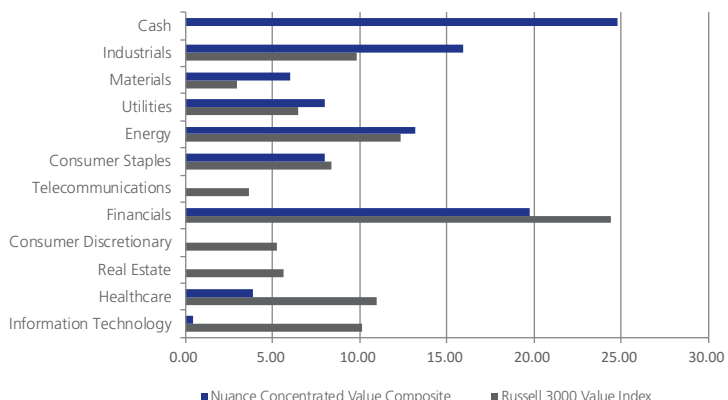
**Composition of the Portfolio** as of 8/31/2016

Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	Russell 3000 Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	30.0b	105.5b
Median Market Cap	7.9b	1.4b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*	13.6x	18.8x
Forward Price to Earnings	20.6x	16.0x
Dividend Yield	2.4%	2.6%
Return on Equity	17.0%	12.6%
Return on Assets	4.0%	4.3%
Active Share vs Russell 3000 Value	96.9%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell 3000 Value	89.2%/60.8%	-
Number of Securities	22	2,039

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 13.6x versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 18.8x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 4.0% percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.3% percent. This dichotomy of above average companies selling at below average multiples has the opportunity for outperformance over the long-term, in our opinion.

<sup>1</sup>Based on Nuance internal estimates and benchmarked against the above noted Russell index.

## Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning as of 8/31/2016



The portfolio remains stable from a sector weightings standpoint. We continue to be overweight in the Industrial sector as we are seeing opportunities in the transportation and agriculture industries. We are also seeing attractive opportunities in the Materials and Energy sectors and remain overweight in those sectors. We lowered our exposure to the Financials sector and are now slightly underweight as two of our names approached our internal view of fair value. We remain underweight the newly formed REIT sector which appears overvalued, in our opinion, due to what we have termed the chase for yield. We are also underweight the Consumer Discretionary, Healthcare and Information Technology sectors primarily due to valuation concerns.

## Stocks We Added to Your Portfolio (August 2016):

None

## Stocks We Eliminated from Your Portfolio (August 2016):

Charles Schwab Corp. (SCHW): We have eliminated SCHW from your portfolio as it has achieved our internal view of fair value. We like the SCHW franchise and will look for more attractive entry points going forward.

State Street Corp. (STT): We have eliminated STT from your portfolio as it has achieved our internal view of fair value.

## Nuance Perspectives from President & CIO, Scott Moore, CFA

Year to date, your Nuance Concentrated Value portfolio is up 12.81 percent (net of fees and thru 8/31/2016) versus our primary benchmark the Russell 3000 Value Index up 10.55 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 7.82 percent. Clearly, we are pleased with the first eight months of 2016. More important to your team, however, is that our long-term numbers continue to be outstanding. Your Nuance Concentrated Value portfolio is up 17.50 percent (net of fees since its inception on 11/13/2008 and through 8/31/2016) versus our primary benchmark the Russell 3000 Value Index up 13.02 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 14.21 percent.

In our discussion this month, we want to re-emphasize our concerns surrounding areas of risk in the marketplace based on our work. As we mentioned a few months ago, our opinion is that the biggest risks in the market today have two relatively common traits. First, the companies with the most risk have above-average debt leverage versus their historical averages and company-defined ranges of normalcy. Second, the companies with the most risk have above average and potentially unsustainable dividend payout ratios versus their histories or have what we consider to be historically very high payout ratios on normal earnings. The result is a group of companies that we are calling "leveraged yield plays."

As your Nuance team has been dividend focused for a very long time, we certainly would not argue that dividends are valuable. That said, today's market appears to be suggesting that leverage and dividends are the most valuable commodities a company can have. Examples are abundant in the consumer staples sector, the real estate investment trust industry (REITs), and the utility sector. We want to remind our clients that there are almost always good opportunities created by a sometimes myopic, or short-sighted focus on a narrow band of traits. It just so happens that we believe this to be the case today. We are seeing attractive risk rewards in companies with the opposite traits of those described above. Financially strong and sometimes underleveraged companies with below-average or more normal dividend payout ratios are where we are seeing opportunities at this time. The transportation industry, the banking industry, and the energy equipment and services industry are three examples of spaces where we believe solid balance sheets, under-earnings, and more normal dividend payout ratios exist. Those factors appear underappreciated and as such we are finding better risk rewards there.

As we mentioned before and will restate this month, history is ripe with periods of time when something looks so obvious in hindsight as to make us all wonder why we didn't see it in the moment. We think historically and theoretically safe dividend yielding stocks (utilities, REITs, and many consumer staples) that have increased their leverage (some to historical highs) and either have characteristically high dividend payout ratios or have raised them to historically high levels could be the next story in that regard.

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Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Scott A. Moore, CFA

## GIPS Disclosures

	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 (11/13/08-	4.5	4.5	0.4	(0.5)	N/A	7	\$9,126,951	\$18,657,997	4.6%	-	-
2009	42.2	41.7	19.8	26.5	1.2	79	\$87,342,803	\$137,943,058	0.6%	-	-
2010	18.8	18.1	16.3	15.1	0.3	145	\$119,543,453	\$181,201,036	0.5%	-	-
2011	6.9	6.3	(0.1)	2.1	0.5	181	\$96,831,359	\$152,976,943	1.1%	16.1	21.3
2012	18.4	17.8	17.6	16.0	0.2	259	\$154,693,966	\$214,936,666	1.0%	13.1	16.0
2013	35.3	34.5	32.7	32.4	0.7	411	\$418,085,862	\$507,569,897	0.4%	12.2	13.1
2014	8.9	8.1	12.7	13.7	0.2	581	\$886,246,169	\$1,071,186,382	0.2%	10.4	9.5
2015	(1.3)	(2.0)	(4.1)	1.4	0.2	607	\$715,577,980	\$913,545,839	0.1%	11.4	10.9
YTD 2016 (8/31/2016)	13.3	12.8	10.5	7.8	N/A	660	\$833,978,955	\$1,194,921,565	0.1%	11.2	10.9

## Compliance Statement

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Dispersion is calculated from gross of fee returns using an asset-weighted standard deviation methodology. Only those accounts included for the full calculation period are part of the dispersion calculation. The 3-year Ex-post annualized standard deviation value is calculated using 36 consecutive monthly gross of fee returns to the end calculation period. Since Inception, Nuance has adopted the following Significant Cash Flow Policy for both composites. An account will be removed from a composite if a client has given specific instructions that prevent full investment of the cash flow(s) in a timely manner (defined as 5 business days or greater), or cumulative cash flow(s) are equal or greater than 3 percent of the total composite market value based on the end of month market value, or if cumulative cash flow(s) are equal or greater than 10 percent of the total account value based on the end of month market value. If these circumstances exist, the account will be removed from the composite and added back to the composite on the first day of the month following the date that the account is fully invested (defined as being within ten percent of the model portfolios cash target).

Our Core offerings are the Nuance Mid Cap Value Strategy, the Nuance Concentrated Value Strategy and the Nuance Concentrated Value Long-Short Strategy. 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), Standard Deviation and return calculations 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 all market capitalization value investment style. The Morningstar Large Value Peer Group, Mid Cap Value Group 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 6/30/2016. 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) Index statistics are provided by Russell. Characteristics calculations use holdings at market close on the stated date, including cash & cash equivalents. The following Composite characteristics are calculated using Bloomberg: Median Market Cap (midpoint of market capitalization of the stocks in the portfolio), Dividend Yield (annual dividends relative to share price), Return on Equity (net income divided by shareholder equity), Return on Assets (net income divided by average total assets). The P/E Statistics are a Nuance internal calculation. The dollar-weighted harmonic mean of individual company P/E ratios is used. This approach first considers holdings' E/P, which are then summed on a dollar-weighted basis across the entire portfolio to achieve a portfolio E/P ratio. Finally, the inverse of this ratio is taken to arrive at the Portfolio P/E ratio. Active share, as calculated by Morningstar Direct, is a statistic that measures a strategy's holdings relative to the holdings of the appropriate benchmark. Standard deviation is a measure of volatility showing the average deviations of a return series from its mean. The upside capture ratio is an indication of a manager's ability to match returns in periods of market strength, while the downside capture ratio measures a manager's ability to curtail losses in periods of index weakness. Results are gross of fees for the period since inception through present. Both upside/downside ratios and standard deviation are calculated using Style Advisor.

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