# 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>

## **1ST PERCENTILE**

Lipper Category: Multi-Cap Value Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 249

Morningstar Category: Large Value Ranking vs. Peers: 3 of 995

Morningstar Category: Mid-Cap Value Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 301

## **Longer Term Performance Update**

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (11/13/2008) through 2/28/2017 is 17.7 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index, which have returned 13.7 percent and 14.6 percent respectively. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 2/28/2017 is 1.4 (net of fees) versus Russell 3000 Value Index at 0.9 and the S&P 500 Index at 1.0.

Peer Group Returns through 12/31/2016: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/08, we ranked 27 of 995 peer group members (3rd percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Value universe, 52 of 301 (17th percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 19 of 249 (7th percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 12/31/2016: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 3 of 995 peer group members (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Vale universe, 1 of 301 (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 1 of 249 (1st percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

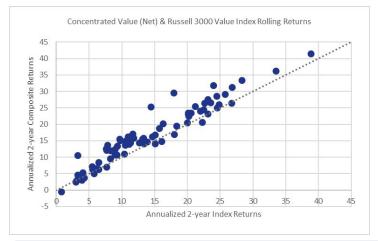
Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 12/31/2016	Since Inception APR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation (A) <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio (A) <sup>1</sup>		
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	17.9	1.4			
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	17.2	13.1	1.3		
Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.7	15.9	0.9		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	7th (19 of 249)	7th (19 of 249) 6th (16 of 249)			
Morningstar Large Value Peer Group (Median)	12.9	15.0	0.9		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	3rd (27 of 995)	15th (146 of 995)	1st (3 of 995)		
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	15.7	16.5	0.9		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	17th (52 of 301)	1st (3 of 301)	1st (1 of 301)		
Performance 11/13/2008 - 2/28/2017 APR*	TR* Standard Deviation*	Sharpe Ratio* 7 Years 5 Years	3 Years 1 Year 2017 Y		

Performance 11/13/2008 - 2/28/2017	APR*	TR*	Standard Deviation*	Sharpe Ratio*	7 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	2017 YTD
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	18.4	306.3	12.9	1.4	15.5	14.6	8.7	28.1	3.8
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	17.7	287.0	12.9	1.4	14.7	13.9	7.9	27.3	3.7
Russell 3000 Value Index	13.7	189.5	15.2	0.9	13.3	13.8	9.8	29.1	4.0
S&P 500 Index	14.6	210.3	13.9	1.0	13.8	13.9	10.6	24.0	5.9
*Since Inception									

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

Rolling 2-Y	ear Peric	ods C	rrent 2-Year Period as of 2/28/2017				
11/13/2008 - 2/28/2017		Beating Index	Composite (%) Net of Fees <sup>1</sup>	Russell 3000 Value Index (%)			
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	61/76	80.3%	9.4	8.3			



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 February 28, 2017, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite two year rolling return is 9.4 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index which have returned 8.3 percent and 8.3 percent respectively. Overall, we have outperformed in 61 out of the available 76 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Rolling 2-Year Return Periods.

Year-to-date, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite has returned 3.7 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index, which have returned 4.0 percent and 5.9 percent respectively.

Calendar Year Performance as of	11/13/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	4.5	42.2	18.8	6.9	18.4	35.3	8.9	(1.3)	20.5	3.8
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	4.5	41.7	18.1	6.3	17.8	34.5	8.1	(2.0)	19.7	3.7
Russell 3000 Value Index	0.4	19.8	16.3	(0.1)	17.6	32.7	12.7	(4.1)	18.4	4.0
S&P 500 Index	(0.5)	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	12.0	5.9

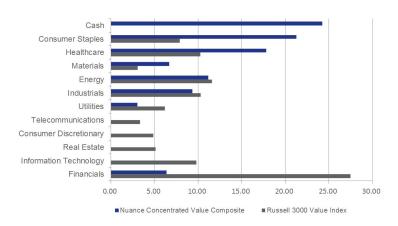
### Composition of the Portfolio as of 2/28/2017

Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	Russell 3000 Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	64.0b	113.7b
Median Market Cap	20.0b	1.5b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*	16.6x	21.1x
Forward Price to Earnings	24.8x	17.8x
Dividend Yield	2.2%	2.3%
Return on Equity †	24.3%	11.6%
Return on Assets †	6.0%	4.0%
Active Share vs Russell 3000 Value	96.8%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell 3000 Value	89.0%/60.7%	-
Number of Securities	25	2,055

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 adjacent table, you can see that the portfolio has a Price to Earnings ratio of 16.6x versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 21.1x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 6.0% percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.0% 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>\*</sup>Based on Nuance internal estimates and benchmarked against the above noted Russell index.

## Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning as of 2/28/2017



We have continued to add to our exposure in Consumer Staples, which is now our largest overweight position. We remain overweight the Healthcare and Materials sectors as we believe there are better than market risk rewards in select names in the sectors. We continue to have equal weights in the Energy and Industrials sectors. In the Energy sector, we are still finding opportunities in the energy equipment and services industry as we believe it is one of the last broad sub industries to show cyclical under earnings across the board. Our largest underweight is the Financials sector as just a modest rise in interest rates has resulted in significant expectations of returns on capital and earnings expansion which lifted the space. We continue to be underweight the Real Estate, Consumer Discretionary, and Information Technology sectors primarily due to valuation concerns.

## Stocks We Added to Your Portfolio (February 2017):

Mead Johnson Nutrition (MJN): MJN is a leading provider of infant nutrition and toddler nutrition in the United States, China, and Latin America, holding #1 or #2 market share positions in each region. The company has dealt with separate transitory issues in each region. For almost two years, the company dealt with rising competition in China, both from legitimate sales and illegally imported products through the e-commerce channel. Additionally, sales in China have suffered from inventory destocking, increased promotional activity, and price competition within the industry. In Latin America, the company's exposure to hyperinflationary economies, such as Venezuela, led to declining volumes due to increased product prices. In the U.S., the company had an expensive contract renewal with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program for the state of California. It also had some short- term market share losses as its largest competitor introduced some new products and lowered prices. We believe these issues should eventually reverse as the company corrects its pricing strategy, introduces its own new products, and adapts to new regulatory rules and e-commerce in China. Furthermore, the relaxation of China's One-Child Policy could become a catalyst. Finally, Reckitt Benckiser has proposed to acquire Mead Johnson for \$90 per share. We expect the acquisition to close without any issue as the two companies are not competitors in any form.

### Stocks We Eliminated from Your Portfolio (February 2017):

Rockwell Collins, Inc. (COL): Following a period of outperformance and buoyed by expectations of rising defense spending, COL has achieved our internal view of fair value.

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

The first two months of 2017 are in the books and your Nuance Concentrated Value Composite was up (through 2/28/2017) 3.68 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 4.04 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 5.94, essentially in-line with our primary benchmark. More importantly, since our inception on 11/13/2008, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is up 17.72 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 13.67 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 14.62 percent.

The news flow continues to be focused on political change. As we mentioned last month, our focus at Nuance is on finding and studying high-quality, leading business franchises in all of the sub industries of the world. However, as we continue to emphasize, if something significant changes to the cash flow generating future of one of our companies—as an example if the corporate tax rate in the United States were to be lowered significantly—our team will be prepared for the range of outcomes for each business we study to ensure we can navigate potential changes in value and risk reward quickly and efficiently. Thus far, we would note that the vast majority of government change related scenarios lead to changes in fair value and downside value that fall within a range of +/-10 percent of the firm value. As such, we are not expecting draconian or angelic circumstances for our leading business franchises.

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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 (11/13/08-12/31/08)	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
2016	20.5	19.7	18.4	12.0	0.1	694	\$937,752,729	\$1,466,221,847	0.1%	11.1	11.1
YTD 2017 (2/28/2017)	3.8	3.7	4.0	5.9	N/A	714	\$1,003,275,095	\$1,572,644,695	0.0%	10.8	10.7

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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 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 12/31/2016. 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 the 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.

\* ROE and ROA figures were incorrectly reported for January. ROE was reported as 15.0%. The correct number is 20.4%. ROA was reported as 5.6%, the correct number is 5.7%

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