Nuance Concentrated Value Composite Perspectives () NUC



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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 26 Years of Experience

Chad Baumler, CFA Vice President 10 Years of Experience

Risk-Adjusted Returns Rankings¹

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Lipper Category: Multi-Cap Value SI Rank in Cat: 2 of 232

Morningstar Category: Large Value SI Rank in Cat: 5 of 979

Morningstar Category: Mid-Cap Value SI Rank in Cat: 1 of 315

Longer Term Performance Update

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (11/13/2008) through 2/28/2018 is 16.3 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index, which have returned 13.0 percent and 14.9 percent respectively. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 2/28/2018 is 1.3 (net of fees) versus Russell 3000 Value Index at 0.9 and the S&P 500 Index at 1.1.

Peer Group Returns through 12/31/2017: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/08, we ranked 41 out of 979 peer group members (4th percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Value universe, 85 out of 315 (27th percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 29 out of 232 (12th percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 12/31/2017: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 5 out of 979 peer group members (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Vale universe, 1 out of 315 (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 2 out of 232 (1st percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 12/31/2017	Since Inception APR ¹	Standard Deviation (A) ¹	Sharpe Ratio (A) ¹
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	17.2	12.4	1.4
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	16.5	12.4	1.3
Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.7	15.1	0.9
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	12th (29 of 232)	5th (12 of 232)	1st (2 of 232)
Morningstar Large Value Peer Group (Median)	13.3	14.3	0.9
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	4th (41 of 979)	14th (141 of 979)	1st (5 of 979)
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	15.4	15.7	0.9
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	27th (85 of 315)	1st (3 of 315)	1st (1 of 315)

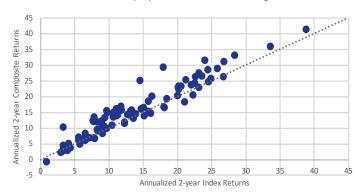
Performance 11/13/2008 - 2/28/2018	APR*	TR*	Standard Deviation*	Sharpe Ratio*	7 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	2018 YTD
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	17.0	330.7	12.4	1.4	12.7	12.2	8.8	6.0	(1.8)
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	16.3	307.2	12.4	1.3	11.9	11.4	8.0	5.2	(2.0)
Russell 3000 Value Index	13.0	210.9	14.6	0.9	11.2	11.9	8.0	7.4	(1.3)
S&P 500 Index	14.9	263.3	13.3	1.1	13.1	14.7	11.1	17.1	1.8

*Since Inception

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

Rolling 2-	Year Perio	ds Cı	ırrent 2-Year Perio	eriod as of 2/28/2018			
11/30/2008 - 2/28/2018	Periods the I		Composite (%) Net of Fees ¹	Russell 3000 Value Index (%)			
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	63/88	71.6%	15.7	18.2			

Concentrated Value (Net) & Russell 3000 Value Index Rolling Returns



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, 2018, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite two year rolling return is 15.7 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index which have returned 18.2 percent and 21.0 percent respectively. Overall, we have outperformed in 63 out of the available 88 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Rolling 2-Year Return Periods.

Year-to-date, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite has returned (2.0) percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index, which have returned (1.3) percent and 1.8 percent respectively.

Calendar Year Performance as of 2/28/2018	11/13/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	4.5	42.2	18.8	6.9	18.4	35.3	8.9	(1.3)	20.5	12.1	(1.8)
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	4.5	41.7	18.1	6.3	17.8	34.5	8.1	(2.0)	19.7	11.3	(2.0)
Russell 3000 Value Index	0.4	19.8	16.3	(0.1)	17.6	32.7	12.7	(4.1)	18.4	13.2	(1.3)
S&P 500 Index	(0.5)	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	12.0	21.8	1.8

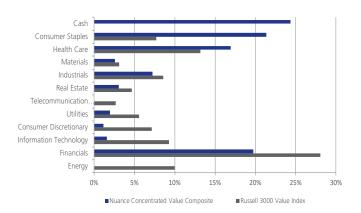
Composition of the Portfolio as of 2/28/2018

Portfolio Characteristics ²	Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	Russell 3000 Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	51.6b	118.0b
Median Market Cap	16.1b	1.5b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*	17.6x	17.4x
Forward Price to Earnings	17.9x	15.5x
Dividend Yield	1.9%	2.4%
Return on Equity	44.9%	12.4%
Return on Assets	7.7%	4.5%
Active Share vs Russell 3000 Value	93.4%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell 3000 Value	87.5% / 60.4%	-
Number of Securities	34	2,085

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 17.6x versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 17.4x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 7.7 percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.5 percent. This dichotomy of above average companies selling at average multiples has the opportunity for outperformance over the long-term, in our opinion.

^{*}Based on Nuance internal estimates and benchmarked against the above noted Russell index.

Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning as of 2/28/2018



We remain overweight in the Consumer Staples sector as we continue to see opportunities in select global leaders. We believe these companies, with their top tier balance sheets and competitive positions, have better downside support than the market. We also have a slight overweight position in the Healthcare sector. While we are underweight the Financial sector as a whole, we continue to see opportunities, specifically in the Insurance industry as an above-average catastrophe loss year created an opportunity in what we view as select high quality financial institutions. The Industrial sector is now a slight underweight position in the portfolio. We continue to be underweight the Energy sector as we believe the sector is facing a multi-year period of competitive transition. We also remain underweight the Utilities, Real Estate, Consumer Discretionary, and Information Technology sectors primarily due to valuation concerns.

Stocks We Added to Your Portfolio (February 2018):

Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc. (BUFF): Blue Buffalo is the leading producer of all-natural pet food in the U.S. All-natural is a growing category within pet food and the company has been gaining market share. Blue Buffalo is being acquired by General Mills, and we believe that there is a very high likelihood that the acquisition will close as planned.

California Water Service Group (CWT): CWT provides water utility services primarily to customers in California but also to customers in New Mexico and Washington. The company has a natural monopoly regulated business model and what we believe, is one of the best balance sheets across the utility sector. CWT is currently under-earning its mid-cycle earnings power due to some drought-like conditions that have plagued California as well as classic regulatory lag, which is the result of significant capital spending needs to improve the water systems of its service territories.

Dentsply Sirona Inc. (XRAY): XRAY is a leading manufacturer of dental equipment and consumables. The stock has underperformed in 2018 on concerns over management turnover and disruption at one of their primary distribution partners. We believe their competitive position is secure, including market-leading products in high-value categories like endodontics, imaging and chairside milling. Recent underperformance is due to transitory issues, and it provided us the opportunity to purchase XRAY at an acceptable risk/ rewards.

Sanderson Farms, Inc. (SAFM): We entered into a position in SAFM, which is the third largest chicken producer in the U.S. and has been gaining share for more than a decade. The company is #1 or #2 in many areas of the Southeastern U.S. and is the lowest cost processor of poultry. Historically, the company has had industry leading returns on capital and a debt free balance sheet. We believe the company is also well positioned to take advantage of secular trends toward healthier eating. Several transitory events have weighed on the stock price recently, including lower poultry pricing, higher freight costs, and ongoing concerns regarding price fixing within the poultry market. We remain confident in the company's long-term prospects and believe this has created an attractive entry point for our investment.

Stocks We Eliminated from Your Portfolio (February 2018):

Accenture PLC (ACN): We exited our position in Accenture as the stock appreciated past our internal view of fair value. Accenture is a leading global provider of IT services, including traditional technology services and consulting, as well as SAP implementation, cloud computing implementation and consulting, app development and services, platform integration, and security services. The company has exceled at adapting to new technologies and processes, gaining expertise and implementing those services for its clients, which has allowed it to gain market share from larger companies such as IBM and Hewlett Packard.

Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (CBSH): We exited our position after a period of significant outperformance that led to the stock approaching our view of fair value.

Pernod Ricard (PDRDY): PDRDY is the #2 global producer of liquor with leading brands such as Chivas Regal, Jameson, and Kahlua. After several years of weak sales in emerging markets such as China and India, the company's results improved substantially last year. We exited our position as the stock appreciated past our view of fair value.

Praxair, Inc. (PX): PX is a global leader in the industrial gas industry. The company announced a merger of equals with the #2 industrial gas player in December of 2016. It is currently undergoing the regulatory approval process. We decided to exit our position in PX as the company's stock price exceeded our internal view of fair value both on a standalone basis and a combined basis following a period of outperformance.

Rockwell Collins, Inc. (COL): COL designs and produces electronic communications and avionics used by commercial, military, and government customers globally. Last year, the company received an acquisition offer from United Technologies Corp. (UTX) for \$140 in cash and stock. With the deal expected to close in the coming months, the stock has converged with the acquisition price, and we have exited our position.

Nuance Perspectives from President & CIO, Scott Moore, CFA

Dear Clients.

After the first two months of 2018, your Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is down (2.0) percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index down (1.3) percent and the S&P 500 Index up 1.8 percent. Most importantly to us, since our inception on 11/13/2008, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is up 16.3 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 13.0 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 14.9 percent.

Late cycle investing is always interesting and can be a bit frustrating for your Nuance team. A lack of valuation focus, an apparent love of leverage (our opinion), and a lack of memory related to the downside risk in individual stocks and markets are all very common traits of late cycle periods. All of those traits are clearly apparent to us today. During these periods, your team focuses its attention on our investment process. That Nuance process places a strong emphasis on ensuring that the company has leading and sustainable market share positions across the vast majority of its businesses, can deliver above-average returns on capital versus peers over a business cycle, and has a strong financial position versus its peers. With those characteristics studied and understood, we then prepare our own proprietary financial statements for each company that attempt to normalize the financial statement to a state of normalcy or to what we think of as a mid-business cycle state. With those financial statements created, we then study historical valuation data to ascertain a fair value and downside risk value for each of the leading businesses that we believe have the traits of a successful investment. At that stage, we then only invest in the companies on our list that, in our opinion, have significantly better risk rewards than the market set of opportunities.

Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information about our team, our process and value investing. Follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Twitter!</u> You may also receive information via traditional mail or <u>email</u>. Call us at 816-743-7080. Click <u>here</u> for historical Concentrated Value Perspectives.

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 (11/13/08-12/31/08)	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
2017	12.1	11.3	13.2	21.8	0.1	726	\$1,011,853,027	\$1,784,338,191	0.0%	10.1	10.5
YTD 2018 (2/28/2018)	(1.8)	(2.0)	(1.3)	1.8	N/A	699	\$959,166,865	\$1,794,552,209	0.0%	9.9	10.5

Compliance Statement

Nuance claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS® standards. Nuance has been independently verified for the periods 11/03/08 — 03/31/2017 by Absolute Performance Verification. The verification reports are available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards 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 is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The firm maintains a complete list and description of composites, which is available upon request. Results are based on fully discretionary separate accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance returns and assets. Performance results are preduced by Actual investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. The firm does not currently assess any Performace Based Fees. From the inception of each composite until 12/31/10, Time Weighted Return was compounded on a monthly basis. Beginning 01/01/11 through present, Time Weighted Return was compounded on a daily basis.

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. Nuance has adopted the following Significant Cash Flow Policy. 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 if a single cash flow is equal or greater than 10 percent of the total account value based on the beginning 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 following month.

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.

Important Disclosures

Nuance Investments, LLC (the "Firm") is a Registered Investment Advisor. The Firm's Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (the "Composite") is a composite of actual accounts invested in the Nuance Concentrated Value investment strategy. The inception date for the Composite is 11/13/2008. The Composite is nucleased 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 3000 Value Index Reusell 3000 Value Index measures the performance of the broad value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Secondary Benchmark for the Composite is the S&P 500 Index TR. 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 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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(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 12/31/2017. 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 Vield (annual dividends relative to share price), Return on Equity (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.

Portfolio holdings and sector allocations are subjected to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. As of 3/31/2017 portfolio weights of names discussed are as follows: Cerner Corporation (CERN) 1.74%, Globus Medical Inc. (GMED) 1.16%, Smith and Nephew PLC (SNN) 4.00%, Unilever NV (UN) 3.55%, Abbott Laboratories (ABT) 4.02%, Diageo PLC Sp ADR 6.17%, Patterson Companies Inc. (PDCO) 3.57%.

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