# Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite Perspectives



June 30, 2019

# **Description of the Product**

The Nuance Mid Cap 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 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.

### Portfolio Managers



Scott Moore, CFA President & CIO 28 Years of Experience

Chad Baumler, CFA Vice President 12 Years of Experience

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

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Lipper Category: Mid-Cap Value SI Rank in Cat: 1 of 105

Morningstar Category: Mid-Cap Value SI Rank in Cat: 2 of 305

# Longer Term Performance Update (through June 30, 2019)

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (on 11/03/2008 through 6/30/2019) is 15.6 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Mid Cap Value Index and S&P MidCap 400 Value Index which have returned 13.3 percent and 13.2 percent respectively. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 6/30/2019 is 1.1 (net of fees) versus Russell Midcap Value Index at 0.8, the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index at 0.7 and the S&P 500 Index at 0.9.

Peer Group Returns through 6/30/2019: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/2008, we ranked 3 out of 305 (1st percentile) peer group members in the Morningstar Mid Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid Cap Value universe we ranked 1 out of 105 (1st percentile).

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 6/30/2019: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (as measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 2 out of 305 (1st percentile) peer group members in the Morningstar Mid Cap Value universe. Versus the Lipper Mid Cap Value universe we ranked 1 out of 105 (1st percentile).

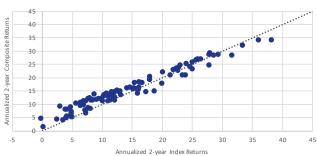
Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 6/30/2019	Since Inception APR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation (A) <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio (A) <sup>1</sup>
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	17.2	13.3	1.3
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	16.4	13.3	1.2
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.0	16.0	0.7
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	1st (1 of 105)	1st (2 of 105)	1st (1 of 105)
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	13.4	16.1	0.8
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	1st (3 of 305)	1st (4 of 305)	1st (2 of 305)

Performance 11/03/2008 - 6/30/2019	APR*	TR*	Standard Deviation*	Sharpe Ratio*	10 Years	7 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	2019 YTD
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	16.4	406.4	13.4	1.2	17.1	15.7	10.5	14.5	14.9	19.3
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	15.6	369.6	13.4	1.1	16.3	14.9	9.8	13.8	14.1	18.9
Russell Midcap Value Index	13.3	278.7	16.2	0.8	14.5	12.3	6.7	8.9	3.7	18.0
S&P Midcap 400 Value Index	13.2	273.7	17.3	0.7	14.1	12.3	6.8	9.9	0.7	16.8
S&P 500 Index	13.4	282.1	13.9	0.9	14.7	14.0	10.7	14.2	10.4	18.5

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

Rolling 2-Ye	ear Periods	Curre	Current 2-Year Period as of 6/30/2019						
11/30/2008 - 6/30/2019	Periods Be	Composite (%) Net of Fees <sup>1</sup>	Russell Midcap Value Index (%)						
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	83 / 104	79.8%	10.6	5.6					





Your team at Nuance cautions our clients regarding the use of short-term performance as a tool to make manager or 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 June 30, 2019, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite two year rolling return is 10.6 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index and S&P 500 Index which have returned 5.6 percent and 12.4 percent respectively. Overall, we have outperformed in 83 out of the available 104 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Annual 2-Year Rolling Return.

Year-to-date, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite has returned 18.9 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell Mid Cap Value Index and the S&P 500 Index which have returned 18.0 percent and 18.5 percent respectively.

Calendar Year Performance as of 6/30/2019	11/03/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	(4.1)	38.7	21.1	4.0	22.0	35.5	9.8	3.0	21.9	16.2	(4.2)	19.3
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	(4.1)	38.2	20.0	3.4	20.6	34.2	9.1	2.3	21.1	15.4	(4.9)	18.9
Russell Midcap Value Index	(5.6)	34.2	24.8	(1.4)	18.5	33.6	14.7	(4.8)	20.0	13.3	(12.3)	18.0
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	(3.9)	33.8	22.8	(2.4)	19.1	34.3	12.0	(6.7)	26.5	12.3	(11.9)	16.8
S&P 500 Index	(6.0)	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	12.0	21.8	(4.4)	18.5

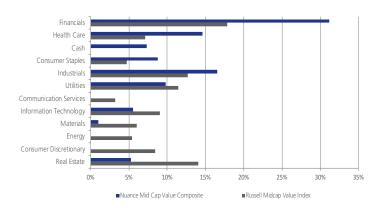
#### Composition of the Portfolio as of 6/30/2019

Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	Russell Midcap Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	16.9b	15.7b
Median Market Cap	10.0b	7.9b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*3	18.7x	21.5x
Dividend Yield	2.0%	2.3%
Return on Equity	14.0%	12.6%
Return on Assets	5.2%	4.4%
Active Share vs Russell Midcap Value	97.9%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell Midcap Value	90.8% / 73.6%	-
Number of Securities	54	587

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

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 18.7x versus the Russell Midcap Value Index of 21.5x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 5.2% versus the Russell Midcap Value Index of 4.4%. This dichotomy of above average companies selling at below average multiples has the opportunity for outperformance over the long-term, in our opinion.

## Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning as of 6/30/2019



Our largest overweight remains the Financial sector as we continue to find what we believe to be attractive risk – rewards in the sector. Within the Financial sector, the largest weight is in the insurance industry where a combination of low interest rates and a higher than average catastrophe year has created some significant opportunities, in our view. While we have captured some gains in our largest holdings in the Healthcare and Consumer Staples sectors, we remain overweight both sectors as we continue find attractive risk rewards, in our opinion. We are now overweight in the Industrial sector as we have identified select leaders with what we believe are better risk-rewards than what we are seeing in other market opportunities. Our underweight position in the Energy sector remains unchanged as we believe that crude oil related companies are likely facing a multi-year period of competitive transition. We also continue to be underweight the Real Estate, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary sectors due to valuation and structural competitive transition concerns.

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

Dear Clients,

At the end of the second quarter of 2019, your Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is up 18.87 percent (through 6/30/2019 and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 18.02 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 18.54 percent. Most importantly to us, since our inception on 11/03/2008, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is up 15.60 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap Value Index up 13.31 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 13.40 percent.

We continue to be pleased with our performance for the first six months of 2019 and continue to see some interesting pockets of valuation opportunity in niche areas of the market. That said, we continue be very concerned regarding the market's appetite for relatively expensive valuations in general, above-average leverage across most of the market, and a general lack of focus on downside risk potential across most securities and assets. Thus far in 2019, areas of success in your portfolio have centered on the Healthcare, Consumer Staples, and Materials sectors. Our underweight in an underperforming Energy sector also helped us outperform modestly. Underperforming sectors from an attribution perspective centered on the Industrial sector, the Financial sector, and our Cash position. Our best individual stocks included Dentsply Sirona Inc. (XRAY), Sanderson Farms Inc. (SAFM), and The Travelers Cos. Inc. (TRV) among others. Our worst performing stocks included Northern Trust Corp. (NTRS), Lindsay Corp. (LNN) and Equity Commonwealth (EQC), and we either continued to hold or added to their positions.

As we look forward to the outlook for our portfolio for the next six months of 2019, we are seeing continued opportunities in the Financial sector, the Healthcare sector, and Consumer Staples sector. We have also added weight to the Industrials sector during the period. Within the Financial sector, it is the Insurance industry where we continue to find what we believe to be attractive risk/ rewards. The Property & Casualty and Life & Health sub-industries are our primary focus. In the Property & Casualty sub-industry, we believe we are finding opportunities in select leaders such as The Travelers Cos, Inc. (TRV) and Everest Re Group, Ltd. (RE) due to under-earnings stemming from the relatively recent catastrophe impacts. In the Life & Health sub-industry, we believe we are finding attractive risk/ rewards in leaders like MetLife, Inc. (MET) and Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. (RGA), largely due to continued low long-term interest rates and other company specific factors. Our underweight position in the Energy sector remains unchanged as we believe that crude oil related companies are likely facing a multi-year period of competitive transition. We also continue to be underweight the Real Estate, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary sectors due to valuation or structural competitive transition concerns.

As we remind our clients each quarter, our team studies each company that we own in the portfolio using a bottom-up, one stock at a time Nuance approach. During that process, we place a strong emphasis on trying to ensure 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 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.

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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 (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)	(4.1)	(4.1)	(5.6)	(3.9)	N/A	1	\$9,531,045	\$18,657,997	0.0%	-	-
2009	38.7	38.2	34.2	33.8	-	4	\$50,600,141	\$137,943,058	1.1%	-	-
2010	21.1	20.0	24.8	22.8	0.1	4	\$60,702,099	\$181,201,036	1.1%	-	-
2011	4.0	3.4	(1.4)	(2.4)	0.1	4	\$55,186,800	\$152,976,943	0.9%	18.2	23.1
2012	22.0	20.6	18.5	19.1	0.1	4	\$58,463,905	\$214,936,666	1.0%	14.6	17.0
2013	35.5	34.2	33.6	34.3	0.1	8.	\$80,358,264	\$507,569,897	1.0%	13.1	13.9
2014	9.8	9.1	14.7	12.0	0.1	13	\$130,238,086	\$1,071,186,382	0.7%	10.7	9.9
2015	3.0	2.3	(4.8)	(6.7)	0.1	17	\$145,638,450	\$913,545,839	0.6%	11.2	10.9
2016	21.9	21.1	20.0	26.5	0.1	17	\$416,346,621	\$1,466,221,847	0.0%	11.5	11.5
2017	16.2	15.4	13.3	12.3	0.0	23	\$586,931,538	\$1,784,338,191	0.0%	10.5	10.5
2018	(4.2)	(4.9)	(12.3)	(11.9)	0.1	21	\$852,510,018	\$1,724,795,756	0.0%	10.2	12.1
YTD 2019 (6/30/2019)	19.3	18.9	18.0	16.8	N/A	23	\$1,586,065,296	\$2,628,850,361	0.0%	10.1	13.2

Compliance Statement

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Dispersion is calculated from gross of fee returns using an equal-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. Prior to January 1, 2017 dispersion was calculated using an asset-weighted methodology. The calculation methodology was updated based on a new performance system dispersion calculation. 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

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(1) Rankings and peer groups created internally using data from Zephyr Style Advisor. Risk-Adjusted Return (Sharpe Ratio), Standard Deviation and return calculations for the Composite and indices provided by Zephyr Style Advisor. The Composites have been compared to various peer groups defined by investment style. Subsets of the Morningstar Large Value Peer Group, the Morningstar Mid Cap Value Peer Group and the Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group with performance history since inception have been presented as investment strategies with similar investment styles for the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite. Subsets of the the Morningstar Mid Cap Value Peer Group and the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Peer Group with performance history since inception have been presented as investment strategies with similar investment styles for the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite. 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 present. 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 PIE statistics are a Nuance internal calculation. Portfolio and and Index PIE are calculated as the weighted average of individual company PIE ratios. 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. (3) From the period 6/30/2017 to 7/31/2019, our internal Price to Earnings calculation was understated based on an inaccurate calculation of preferred securities. Those numbers have been restated and are accurately reflected in all of our materials on the website.

Portfolio holdings and sector allocations are subjected to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. As of 6/30/2019 portfolio weights of names discussed are as follows: Reinsurance Group of America Inc. (RGA) 5.58%, Equity Commonwealth (EQC) 4.84%, Dentsply Sirona Co. (XRAY) 4.03%, Travelers Companies Inc. (TRV) 3.88%, Sanderson Farms Inc. (SAFM) 3.66%, Northern Trust Corp. (NTRS) 3.12%, Lindsay Corp. (LNN) 3.00%, Metlife Inc. (MET) 2.54%, and Everest Re Group (RE) 0.48%.

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