

Nuance Investments, LLC Semi-Annual Call: Nuance Mid Cap Value

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- Nuance Investments, LLC (Nuance) is a boutique classic value investment firm headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.
- From its seed capital in 2008 of \$30 million, the firm today manages approximately \$2.0 billion in three strategies managed by our investment team.
- Nuance manages three equity strategies:

Strategy	Inception	Capacity	Current Assets <sup>1</sup>
Nuance Concentrated Value	2008	\$1.0 billion	\$1.0 billion
Nuance Mid Cap Value	2008	\$2.0 billion	\$1.0 billion
Nuance Concentrated Value Long/Short	2015	\$500 million	\$50 million

- Nuance strategies are all capacity constrained to ensure the ability to outperform going forward.
- The goal of the firm is to provide clients with strategies that can attain and sustain leading risk-adjusted returns over the long-term.

## Nuance's Investment Team

### **President & Chief Investment Officer**



#### Scott Moore, CFA

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- Founder & Co-owner of Nuance Investments, LLC
- 27+ years of investment analyst experience
- 25+ years as a value investment analyst
- 19+ years of portfolio management experience using a classic value approach
- Lead Portfolio Manager of the Nuance Concentrated Value Strategy starting 11/13/2008
- Lead Portfolio Manager of the Nuance Mid Cap Value Strategy starting 11/03/2008
- Co-manager of the Nuance Concentrated Value Long-Short Strategy
- Expertise in the Industrial, Utility, and Telecommunications sectors

## Vice President & Portfolio Manager



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- Co-owner of Nuance Investments, LLC
- 11 years of investment analyst experience
- 6 years of portfolio managment experience using a classic value approach
- Lead Portfolio Manager of the Nuance Concentrated Value Long-Short Strategy
- Co-manager of the Nuance Concentrated Value and Nuance Mid Cap Value products
- Expertise in the Energy, Financial, and Real Estate sectors

### **Senior Investment Analysts**

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- 19 years of investment analyst experience
- Expertise in the Basic Materials and Industrial sectors

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- 12 years of investment analyst experience
- Expertise in the Technology, Consumer Discretionary & Consumer Staples sectors

### **Investment Analyst**

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- 2+ years of investment analyst experience and 4 years of related financial experience
- Expertise in the Health Care sector

### **Associate Investment Analysts**

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# Nuance's Investment Philosophy & Process

The Nuance team believes that investing in leading business franchises trading at a discount to fair value can generate excess returns over time



## 2018 Nuance Mid Cap Value Mid-Year Review

## Nuance Mid Cap Value November 3, 2008 - June 30, 2018

	YTD 2018	1 Year	3 Years APR	5 Years APR	7 Years APR	Since Inception APR	Since Inception TR
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	(0.49)	8.07	11.33	13.48	14.18	16.58	340.88
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	(0.86)	7.30	10.60	12.71	13.29	15.76	311.71
Russell Midcap Value Index	(0.16)	7.57	8.77	11.25	11.70	14.35	265.39
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	2.18	11.15	10.06	11.93	11.99	14.53	270.98
S&P 500 Index	2.65	14.36	11.91	13.40	13.21	13.71	246.08

	11/03/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	(4.13)	38.69	21.08	4.04	22.02	35.45	9.79	2.95	21.87	16.18
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	(4.13)	38.20	20.01	3.38	20.61	34.24	9.14	2.33	21.05	15.42
Russell Midcap Value Index	(5.60)	34.20	24.75	(1.38)	18.50	33.57	14.73	(4.79)	19.99	13.31
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	(3.92)	33.77	22.79	(2.39)	19.10	34.25	12.04	(6.66)	26.52	12.30
S&P 500 Index	(5.95)	26.47	15.06	2.11	16.00	32.38	13.68	1.37	11.95	21.82

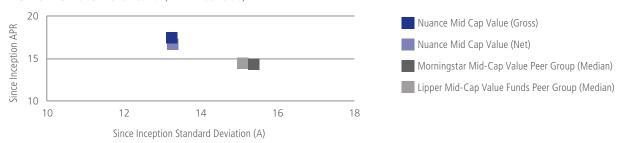
Commencement of the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was 11/03/08. Return figures for the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite are provided by Clearwater Analytics. The primary benchmark for the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is the Russell Midcap Value Index. The secondary benchmarks are the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index. Return figures for all indices are provided by Bloomberg. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

## 2018 Nuance Mid Cap Value Mid-Year Review

Nuance Mid Cap Value November 30, 2008 - June 30, 2018

	Since Inception APR	Since Inception Standard Deviation (A)	Since Inception Sharpe Ratio (A)
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	17.46	13.24	1.3
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	16.64	13.27	1.23
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	14.41	15.38	0.91
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	6th (19 of 308)	7th (24 of 308)	1st (1 of 308)
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	14.45	15.08	0.94
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	7th (8 of 96)	1st (1 of 96)	1st (1 of 96)

**Risk & Reward** November 30, 2008 - June 30, 2018



The Composite has been compared to various peer groups defined by investment style. The Composite is a mid capitalization value investment style. The Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group 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 present. Zephyr reports on month end returns only. For the purposes of peer group comparisons Since Inception returns are shown beginning 11/30/2008. Please refer to disclosures below for more information.

## 2018 Nuance Mid Cap Value Mid-Year Review

## Performance In-Line through 6/30/18

- Nuance Mid Cap Value down (0.86%) vs Russell Mid-Cap Value Index down (0.16%).<sup>(2)</sup>
- Since Inception (11/03/08) on an annualized basis, Nuance Mid Cap Value has returned 15.8% (annualized and net of fees) compared to the Russell Mid Cap Value Index annualized return of 14.4%.<sup>(2)</sup>
- As of 6/30/2018, Nuance Mid Cap Value Strategy is in the 1st percentile of the Morningstar Mid Cap Value and Lipper Mid Cap Value peer groups as measured by the Sharpe Ratio and calculated by Zephyr. (3)
- Including the stub year in 2008 through 2017, Nuance Mid Cap Value has now outperformed its primary benchmark 8 out of the 10 years it has been in existence.

### Positive Attribution(4)

- Industrials: Hub Group (HUBG), Lindsay Corp. (LNN)
- Water Utilities: Connecticut Water (CTWS), SJW Group (SJW), Middlesex Water (MSEX)
- Healthcare: Smith & Nephew (SNN), Abaxis (ABAX)
- Materials: Ecolab (ECL), AptarGroup (ATR)

## Negative Attribution (4)

- Consumer Staples: Sanderson Farms (SAFM)
- Underweight Energy
- Underweight Information Technology: MKS Instruments (MKSI)

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## 2018 Nuance Mid Cap Value Mid-Year Outlook

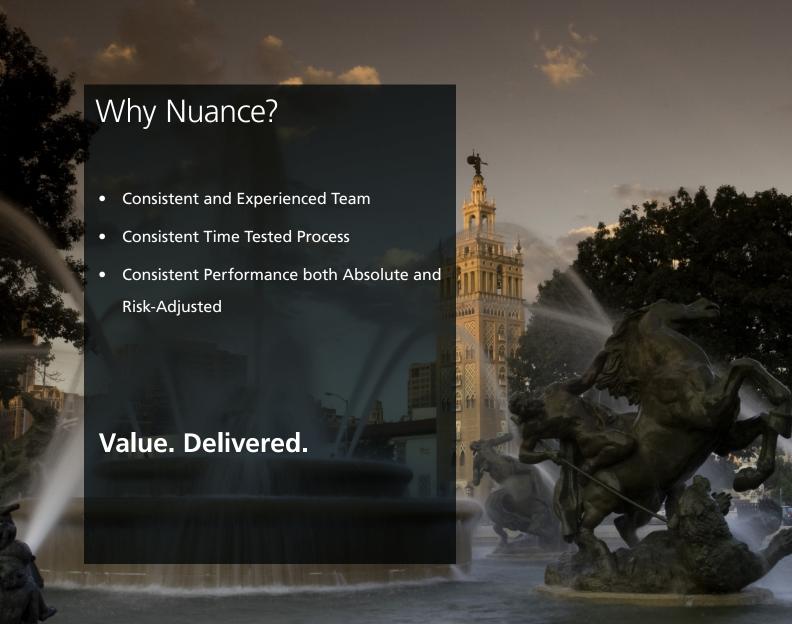
## **Opportunities**

- Insurance: Travelers (TRV) & Reinsurance Group of America (RGA)
- Avoiding competitive transitions: Oil, Distributors, etc.
- One-off stocks: Sanderson Farms (SAFM) & Dentsply (XRAY)

## <u>Risks</u>

- Valuation
- Narrowness of Performance
- Leverage

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- (2) Commencement of the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was 11/03/08. Return figures for the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite are provided by Clearwater Analytics. The primary benchmark for the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is the Russell Midcap Value Index. The secondary benchmarks are the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index. Return figures for all indices are provided by Bloomberg. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

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(4) As of 6/30/2018, portfolio weights of the names discussed are as follows: Abaxis (ABAX) 2.51%, AptarGroup (ATR) 0.99%, Cerner Corp. (CERN) 3.48%, Connecticut Water (CTWS) 0.87%, Dentsply (XRAY) 4.47%, Ecolab (ECL) 1.94%, Everest RE (RE) 2.54%, Fastenal (FAST) 0.00%, Hub Group (HUBG) 1.24%, Kimberly Clark (KMB) 0.51%, Lindsay Corp. (LNN) 0.48%, Middlesex Water (MSEX) 0.37%, MKS Instruments (MKSI) 0.00%, Patterson & Co. (PDCO) 0.00%, Reinsurance Group of America (RGA) 2.98%, Sanderson Farms (SAFM) 4.10%, SJW Group (SJW) 1.51%, Smith & Nephew (SNN) 4.06%, Travelers (TRV) 3.98% and Unum (UNM) 3.34%.

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

# GIPS Compliance Disclosures

Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite						Number of Separate				3 Year Annualized Standard	3 Year Annualized
	Gross of Fees Return	Net of Fees Return	Benchmark Return (RMV Index)	Benchmark Return (MIDV Index)	Composite Dispersion (Full Period)	Accounts (End of Period)	Total Composite Assets (End of Period)	Total Firm Assets (End of Period)	% of Non- Fee Paying Accounts	Deviation (Composite Gross)	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%	-	-
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	0.05	4	\$60,702,099	\$181,201,036	1.13%	-	-
2011	4.04	3.38	(1.38)	(2.39)	0.08	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	0.05	8	\$80,358,264	\$507,569,897	0.99%	13.14	13.88
2014	9.79	9.14	14.73	12.04	0.14	13	\$130,238,086	\$1,071,186,382	0.67%	10.71	9.94
2015	2.95	2.33	(4.79)	(6.66)	0.06	17	\$145,638,450	\$913,545,839	0.61%	11.16	10.86
2016	21.87	21.05	19.99	26.52	0.06	22	\$416,346,621	\$1,466,221,847	0.05%	11.50	11.46
2017	16.18	15.42	13.31	12.30	0.03	23	\$586,931,538	\$1,784,338,191	0.04%	10.53	10.47
YTD 2018 (6/30/2018)	(0.49)	(0.86)	(0.16)	2.18	N/A	25	\$720,846,372	\$1,843,024,322	0.03%	10.29	10.51

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\$100 million, and .65% for clients with assets greater than \$100 million. Nuance reserves the right to modify fee structures on an account by account basis at its discretion. The firm does not currently assess any Performance 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.

#### Definition of the Firm

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