

# Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite Perspectives



September 30, 2021

## 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



**Chad Baumler, CFA**  
Vice President & Co-CIO  
14 Years of Experience

**Scott Moore, CFA**  
President & Co-CIO  
30 Years of Experience

**Darren Schryer, CFA, CPA**  
Associate Portfolio Manager  
5 Years of Experience

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

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Lipper  
Category: Mid-Cap Value  
Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 96

Morningstar  
Category: Mid-Cap Value  
Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 292

## Longer Term Performance Update (through September 30, 2021)

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (on 11/03/2008 through 9/30/2021) is 14.62 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index up 13.39 percent, the S&P MidCap 400® Value Index up 13.40 percent, and the S&P 500® Index up 14.61 percent. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 9/30/2021 is 1.04 (net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index at 0.73, the S&P MidCap 400® Value Index at 0.68, and the S&P 500® Index at 0.96.

Peer Group Returns through 9/30/2021: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/2008, we ranked 18 out of 292 peer group members (6th percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Funds universe and 4 out of 96 (4th percentile) in the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds universe.

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 9/30/2021: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (as measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 1 out of 292 peer group members (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Funds universe and 1 out of 96 (1st percentile) in the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds universe.

Peer Group Returns 11/30/2008 - 9/30/2021	Since Inception APR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation (A) <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio (A) <sup>1</sup>
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	16.07	13.43	1.16
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	15.25	13.46	1.10
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.40	17.60	0.71
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	6th (18 of 292)	1st (2 of 292)	1st (1 of 292)
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.56	18.26	0.70
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	4th (4 of 96)	1st (1 of 96)	1st (1 of 96)

Performance 11/03/2008 - 9/30/2021	APR <sup>1</sup>	TR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio <sup>1</sup>	10 Year	7 Year	5 Year	3 Year	1 Year	YTD 2021
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Gross)	15.43	538.25	13.53	1.10	15.60	11.63	12.86	12.12	24.37	7.55
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (Net)	14.62	482.86	13.55	1.04	14.72	10.88	12.10	11.35	23.52	7.01
Russell Midcap® Value Index	13.39	406.74	17.60	0.73	13.92	9.59	10.59	10.27	42.40	18.24
S&P 400 Midcap Value Index	13.40	407.64	19.11	0.68	14.34	10.22	11.45	9.56	55.72	21.01
S&P 500® Index	14.61	482.22	14.68	0.96	16.62	14.00	16.89	15.98	30.00	15.92

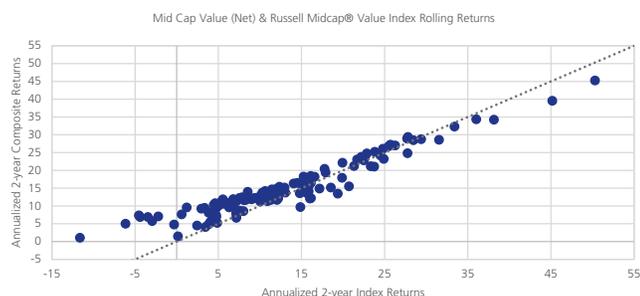
<sup>1</sup>Since Inception. Returns for periods greater than a year have been annualized.

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

Rolling 2-Year Return Periods		Current 2-Year Period as of 9/30/2021		
11/30/2008 - 9/30/2021	Periods Beating the Index	Composite (%) Annualized Net of Fees	Russell Midcap® Value Index (%)	
Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	102 / 131	77.9%	9.72	14.87



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 September 30, 2021, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite two-year rolling return is 9.72 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index up 14.87 percent, the S&P MidCap 400® Value Index up 16.09 percent, and the S&P 500® Index up 22.32 percent. Overall, we have outperformed in 102 out of the available 131 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Rolling 2-Year Return Periods.

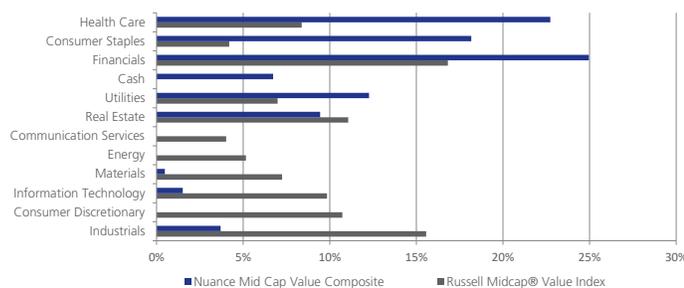
Year-to-date, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite has returned 7.01 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index up 18.24 percent, and the S&P 500® Index up 15.92 percent.

Calendar Year Performance as of 9/30/2021	11/03/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD 2021
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	(4.18)	32.52	5.49	7.55
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	(4.88)	31.62	4.76	7.01
Russell Midcap® Value Index	(5.60)	34.21	24.75	(1.38)	18.51	33.46	14.75	(4.78)	20.00	13.34	(12.29)	27.06	4.96	18.24
S&P 400 Midcap Value Index	(3.99)	33.73	22.78	(2.43)	18.53	34.25	12.10	(6.65)	26.53	12.32	(11.88)	26.08	3.73	21.01
S&P 500® Index	(5.95)	26.46	15.06	2.11	16.00	32.39	13.69	1.38	11.96	21.83	(4.38)	31.49	18.40	15.92

**Composition of the Portfolio as of 9/30/2021**

Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite	Russell Midcap® Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	23.1b	20.8b
Median Market Cap	9.5b	10.6b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*	15.5x	22.6x
Price to Earnings (ex-neg earnings)	-	16.7x
Dividend Yield	2.0%	1.6%
Return on Equity	9.9%	10.9%
Return on Assets	2.7%	2.3%
Active Share vs Russell Midcap® Value Index	97%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell Midcap® Value Index	85% / 73%	-
Number of Securities	54	701

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 15.5x versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index of 22.6x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 2.7 percent versus the Russell Midcap® Value Index of 2.3 percent. This dichotomy of above average companies selling at below average multiples has the opportunity for outperformance over the long-term, in our opinion.

**Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning** as of 9/30/2021

The portfolio was mostly unchanged during the quarter from a sector exposure standpoint. The largest overweight positions, relative to the benchmark, remain the Health Care and Consumer Staples sectors. In the Health Care sector, we continue to believe that hospital patient volumes are still running below normal as the industry continues to recover from disruption associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. In our opinion, this has created opportunities within the Health Care Equipment & Supplies industry which makes up a large portion of our overweight position in the sector. Within the Consumer Staples sector, we are seeing opportunities primarily in the Personal Products, Household Products, and Food Products industries as we continue to believe Covid-19 is impacting select businesses. The Financials sector continues to be the largest absolute weight in the portfolio as we continue to find attractive risk rewards primarily in the Insurance industry, in our view. Our overweight in the Utilities sector is primarily made up of exposure to the Water Utilities industry as we believe these companies are under-earning as the base returns on equity awarded by regulators have been pressured by the historically low interest rate environment. We remain underweight the Energy sector where we believe the sector is facing a multi-year period of competitive transition. Lastly, we remain underweight the Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Communication Services, Materials, and Information Technology sectors primarily due to competitive uncertainty and valuation concerns.

**Nuance Perspectives from President & Co-CIO, Scott Moore, CFA**

Dear Clients,

For the nine months ending September 30, 2021, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was up 7.01 percent (net of fees) compared to the Russell Midcap® Value Index, which was up 18.24 percent, the S&P Mid Cap 400® Value Index, which was up 21.01 percent, and the S&P 500® Index, which was up 15.92 percent. From our perspective, since-inception performance is the most important barometer of performance, and in the period since inception (November 3, 2008 - September 30, 2021), the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was up 14.62 percent (annualized and net of fees) compared to the Russell Midcap® Value Index, which was up 13.39 percent, the S&P Mid Cap 400® Value Index, which was up 13.40 percent, and the S&P 500® Index, which was up 14.61 percent.

**Nuance Performance Goals**

1. First, we seek to beat our primary benchmark (the Russell Midcap® Value Index) more times than not during calendar years. Calendar year performance matters to us given how important that period is to most of our clients. We are unlikely to beat our benchmark each calendar year and expect to have particular difficulty outperforming during latter stages of the investment, valuation, and economic cycles. In our experience, those periods are usually characterized by high valuations, high levels of corporate leverage, and oftentimes very narrow markets in which investors do not appear to be focused on risk in general. In pursuing this goal, we note that since the inception of the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite on November 3, 2008, we have outperformed our primary benchmark 10 out of 13 years (including our stub year of 2008) and 9 out of 12 (not including the 2008 stub year). For the first nine months of 2021, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite was up 7.01 percent (net of fees) versus our primary benchmark, the Russell Midcap® Value Index, which was up 18.24 percent. If that performance holds for the full calendar year, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite will have outperformed 10 out of 14 years (including the stub period of 2008).
2. Second, we seek to outperform our primary benchmark (since inception and net of fees) and to do so with less risk, as measured by the standard deviation of returns. As of September 30, 2021, we have accomplished this goal, given that the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite rose 14.62 percent (annualized and net of fees) between its inception on November 3, 2008 through September 30, 2021 compared to the Russell Midcap® Value Index, which rose 13.39 percent. Further, during the same period, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite had a standard deviation of 13.55 percent (annualized and net of fees), meaningfully lower than the 17.60 percent standard deviation of the Russell Midcap® Value Index.
3. Third, we seek to outperform our peers over the long term (since inception) and to do so with less risk, as measured by the standard deviation of returns. Since inception, our peer group performance has also been solid, as illustrated by the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite's 1st percentile Sharpe Ratio metrics versus our peers (see Exhibit 1 below).<sup>1</sup>

Exhibit 1<sup>1</sup>

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4. Fourth and finally, we seek to beat our secondary benchmarks over the long term (since inception) and to do so with less risk, as measured by the standard deviation of returns. Since inception on November 3, 2008 through September 30, 2021, the Nuance Mid Cap Value composite was up 14.62 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Value Index, which was up 13.40 percent, and the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, which was up 14.61 percent. Further, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite had a standard deviation of 13.55 percent (net of fees) during the same time period, which is lower than the 19.11 percent standard deviation of the S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Value Index and the 14.68 percent standard deviation of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index. Accordingly, we believe our total return and risk-adjusted returns are on track.

Nuance Perspectives<sup>2</sup>

During a difficult performance year, like we are facing in 2021, we tend to get quite a few client inquiries. Other periods that felt similar were the late 1990's during the technology bubble and what turned out to be the beginning of the end of relatively extreme mega-cap valuations for companies like General Electric Company (GE), Coca-Cola Company (KO), Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM), and others. The middle swath of the 2000's felt similar. Leveraged banks were rather exciting to investors, for a time, along with a focus on commodities and energy. Both periods were during the latter stages of economic cycles where risk and valuation appeared not to be focuses of broad market affection. After many years of navigating various market, economic, and valuation cycles, these difficult periods tend to elicit some common questions that we would like to address this quarter:

1. Has the market "changed" and is your Nuance process still valid?
2. Is this cycle different and do valuations matter?
3. Is the Federal Reserve now in control of business risk such that risk has lessened or even been eliminated? We will say that this question is a new one, but given the circumstances, one that should be addressed.

These are all logical questions, and we will attempt to answer all three with one broad bullet point-oriented discussion. Generally, we believe in several big and logical (our opinion) tenets that relate directly to our Nuance Investment process:

1. Has the market "changed" and is your Nuance process still valid? Our view is that markets are forward-looking mechanisms, and as such, looking at today's macro environment is definitionally looking backward and not forward. Most macro factors that are studied today look almost parabolic following the unprecedented "government stimulus" impacts. Our Nuance process focuses on leading businesses and their own business cycles and long-term growth prospects. Often the market is looking at our companies in the rear-view mirror, following a generally positive fundamental period and assuming it will continue. Our experience over multiple decades suggests it will not continue in most cases. Around Nuance, we call these late cycle periods the "over-earning and typically over-valued" periods. Buying our mature companies at peak or near-peak multiples and returns on capital suggests you need another investor to bid higher than historical multiples for the same business prospects over the long-term, the same returns on capital, the same financial strength (in today's world often worse), and the same general growth rates of earnings and cash flows. Has the market changed? We would suggest no and suggest that we are simply in a late cycle period.
2. Is this cycle different and do valuations matter? Every market cycle, economic cycle, or valuation cycle is "different," yet each has commonalities that underlie the general laws of supply and demand. Growth is generally a product of population growth, inflation, and market share gains and losses broadly across the economy. Our general view is that the long-term growth rate of the economy is likely in the low single digits. Any number higher than that is likely due to the utilization of debt as a tool to pull forward demand unsustainably across the economy. While short-term periods are certainly different in each cycle, the long-term anchors remain very similar, in our view. Our Nuance investment process manifests these views in each company we study as long-term market share stability begets consistent growth rates over the long term. Valuations naturally flow from these assumptions and are the lynchpin of mature businesses' potential investment rates of return. Assuming that risk levels are consistent over the long term, the required investor return should also be similar over the long term. To assume otherwise would suggest that risk has somehow been lowered across global economies.
3. Is the Federal Reserve now in control of business risk such that risk has lessened or even been eliminated? This question is paramount to the current market environment in our view. First, we observe that the Federal Reserve has many roles and recently those roles have appeared to expand; chief among them is controlling inflation over the long term. That said, do we assume that the Federal Reserve can control risk and the natural economic, market, and valuation cycles over the long term and thus give credence to valuation multiple expansion theories based on this lower risk? We would suggest

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<sup>2</sup>The holdings identified do not represent all of the securities purchased sold or recommended for the portfolio. The reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified were or will be profitable.

that is unlikely. Over the short term that is possible, we suppose, but even that is etched with hyperbole. Consider the scenario where all public and private companies could simply leverage as much as they want, pay minimal interest expense into perpetuity as set by the Federal Reserve, and financially manage their businesses to presume that during recessionary periods, the government (meaning taxpayers) will simply print money and give that printed money away to those companies that mismanage the business cycle. Of course, that also suggests that well-managed businesses are ignored in this process because they don't need it. The more leverage you take on, the bigger the "gift." The more leverage, the bigger the bail out. A simple plan to eliminate business risk broadly. Where would that logically end? Let us just say that we personally believe that this theory is a new level of naiveté within the market framework. To believe that level of simplicity in our complex global economy feels dangerous. At Nuance, we believe very clearly that debt (both corporate and government) pulls forward demand for the companies we follow and creates a "cliff effect" which often leads to negative growth (recessionary potential). Of course, recessions and negative growth are quite normal, cleansing, and educational to markets and market participants. In today's market environment, it appears that there is a belief that printing more money (expanding M2) and increasing liquidity in large doses can prevent normal recessions from occurring and prevent over-leveraged companies from having normal liquidity events or risk events. Nuance has a long history of studying leverage, identifying leverage, and understanding the risks of leverage. That experience is one of the reasons our risk metrics are top-tier versus our peers as you can see in Exhibit 1. The idea that leverage is somehow risk-free might indeed be true in the short term, but we do not believe that is true in the long term. Pulled forward demand typically leads to very difficult comparisons and the potential for negative growth. We shall see.

Now on to a more classic Nuance topic. We have discussed Smith & Nephew PLC (SNN) before, but it is worth another review. SNN is a leading manufacturer of advanced medical devices. Our research indicates they hold a top-two market share position in sports medicine and advanced wound care and a top-four position in knee replacement, hip replacement, and trauma devices. We view these as advantaged product categories with an oligopoly market structure, high barriers to entry, a demographic tailwind from an aging population and a customer base that values quality and innovation. We also believe SNN is well positioned to maintain or gain market share across most of these categories.

SNN has significant exposure to deferrable procedures, which recently experienced an unprecedented decline as elective procedures were cancelled around the world and hospital resources were diverted to treating Covid-19 patients. Today, procedure volumes are recovering but are still below normal levels, in our opinion. We believe a significant backlog of procedures has been built since the start of the pandemic and the odds are high that this decline is transitory and procedure volumes will return to normal levels in due course. SNN also has relatively more international exposure than their direct competitors; international markets in general have been slower to return towards normal than the United States (U.S.). This deferred procedure dynamic along with an ongoing operational efficiency and margin improvement plan that has yet to flow through into results has created significant current period underearning, in our opinion. SNN is expected to earn only \$1.75 in 2021 earnings per share (EPS), well below our estimate of \$2.70 - \$2.80 of normalized mid-cycle earnings power. SNN also maintains a strong balance sheet at only 1.2x net debt to normal earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and rent (EBITDAR), which has allowed them to navigate this tough earnings period while continuing to invest internally and pursue opportunistic tuck-in acquisitions. SNN's stock has been a material laggard relative to peers and the broader market. It is currently trading at approximately 13x our normal earnings and offers a compelling risk reward opportunity versus the broader set of market opportunities.

As always, we continue to optimize the risk reward of your portfolio using our time-tested Nuance process. This Nuance process places a significant emphasis on determining if a 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 over time as well. Once we have studied and understood those characteristics, we prepare our own proprietary financial statements for each business, attempting to normalize the financial statements of our potential investment 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 typically invest in the companies on our Nuance Approved List that, in our opinion, have significantly better risk rewards than the market set of opportunities. This overall process is designed to buy clients better than average companies, but only when we believe they have both less downside risk and more upside potential than the market set of opportunities.

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Thank you for your continued confidence and support.



Scott A. Moore, CFA

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	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)	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation (MIDV Index)
YTD 2008 (11/03/08-12/31/08)	(4.13)	(4.13)	(5.60)	(3.99)	N/A	1	\$9,531,045	\$18,657,997	0.0%	-	-	-
2009	38.69	38.20	34.21	33.73	-	4	\$50,600,141	\$137,943,058	1.1%	-	-	-
2010	21.08	20.01	24.75	22.78	0.1	4	\$60,702,099	\$181,201,036	1.1%	-	-	-
2011	4.04	3.38	(1.38)	(2.43)	0.1	4	\$55,186,800	\$152,976,943	0.9%	18.2	23.1	23.2
2012	22.02	20.61	18.51	18.53	0.1	4	\$58,463,905	\$214,936,666	1.0%	14.6	17.0	18.4
2013	35.45	34.24	33.46	34.25	0.1	8	\$80,358,264	\$507,569,897	1.0%	13.1	13.9	15.6
2014	9.79	9.14	14.75	12.10	0.1	13	\$130,238,086	\$1,071,186,382	0.7%	10.7	9.9	11.4
2015	2.95	2.33	(4.78)	(6.65)	0.1	17	\$145,638,450	\$913,545,839	0.6%	11.2	10.9	12.4
2016	21.87	21.05	20.00	26.53	0.1	22	\$416,346,621	\$1,466,221,847	0.1%	11.5	11.5	13.6
2017	16.18	15.42	13.34	12.32	0.0	23	\$586,931,538	\$1,784,338,191	0.0%	10.5	10.5	12.4
2018	(4.18)	(4.88)	(12.29)	(11.88)	0.2	21	\$852,510,018	\$1,724,795,756	0.0%	10.2	12.1	14.1
2019	32.52	31.62	27.06	26.08	0.2	43	\$2,297,275,123	\$3,486,104,071	0.0%	9.4	13.0	15.8
2020	5.49	4.76	4.96	3.73	0.3	59	\$4,585,719,214	\$5,948,860,811	0.0%	14.5	22.9	26.2
YTD 2021 As of: 9/30/2021	7.55	7.01	18.24	21.01	N/A	58	\$5,213,222,644	\$6,711,910,243	0.0%	14.7	23.4	26.9

## Compliance Statement

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Our Core offerings are the Nuance Mid Cap Value Strategy, the Nuance Concentrated Value Strategy and the Nuance Concentrated Value Long-Short Strategy. For more information regarding Composite list and descriptions and policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® reports, or to obtain a report, please contact client.services@nuanceinvestments.com or 816-743-7080.

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Nuance Investments, LLC (the "Firm") is a Registered Investment Advisor. The Firm's Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite (the "Composite") is a composite of actual accounts invested in the Nuance Mid Cap Value investment strategy. The creation and inception date for the Composite is 11/03/08. The Composite includes 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 Midcap® Value Index. The Russell Midcap® Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The secondary benchmarks are the S&P MidCap 400® TR Value Index and S&P 500® TR Index. The S&P MidCap 400® TR Value Index measures value in separate dimensions across six risk factors. The value factors include book value to price ratio, sales to price ratio, and dividend yield. The S&P 500® TR Index 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 factors. Return calculations for the Composite are provided by Clearwater Analytics. Return calculations for all indices are provided by FactSet. 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 returns are presented after actual standard management fees, performance-based management fees, and all trading expenses that may occur. No other fees are deducted aside from trading and management fees for the calculation of net of fee performance.

(1) The Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is a mid-capitalization value investment product and consists of separately managed accounts in the Nuance Mid Cap Value strategy. Over the product life, the Nuance Mid Cap Value Separate Account Product has been classified by Morningstar in the following categories: Mid-Cap Value. Lipper does not provide product level classifications. Rankings and peer group comparisons are created internally using data from FactSet. For comparison purposes, subsets of the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group and the Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Peer Group have been presented as investment strategies with a similar investment style to 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 FactSet based upon strategies with monthly return data from December 2008 to present. FactSet reports on month end returns only. Additional Information: Portfolio composition will vary over time and may change without notice. Current investment style and assigned peer groups may differ from the styles presented. The Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite is compared to various fund peer groups as defined by investment style and is constructed in a manner that is substantially similar to the guidelines and classifications of the Morningstar and Lipper fund peer groups to which it is compared, however, fund peer groups may differ from similarly constructed product composite groups. Morningstar Categories are based on the average holdings statistics over the past three years and are applied to both funds and separate accounts. Morningstar Style Box Methodology is based on growth versus value scores using historical measures of various portfolio components and weights. A complete description of Morningstar's Category classifications and Style Box Methodology can be found at <https://www.morningstar.com/research/signature>. Lipper's Fund Classifications have a prospectus-based methodology with diversified funds having an additional portfolio-based classification and are applied to open-ended funds but not to separate accounts or product composites. A complete description of Lipper's fund classification methodology can be found at <https://lipperalpha.refinitiv.com>. The number of peers (i.e., the ranking) includes only those Category Peers with similar return timeframes to the Nuance Mid Cap Value Composite. 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 FactSet. The following characteristics are calculated using FactSet data: Weighted Average Market Cap, 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), P/E (price of a company's stock relative to its earnings per share). Characteristics for P/E, DY, ROE & ROA use an index aggregation calculation methodology (the index method sums the weighted portfolio value of the numerator and the denominator first, then divides those sums to determine the portfolio and benchmark values). Characteristics calculations use holdings at market close on the stated date, including cash & cash equivalents. The P/E excluding negative earners omits companies with negative earnings from the calculation to provide readers with an additional tool during periods of extreme volatility. Active share, as calculated by FactSet, is a statistic that measures a strategy's holdings relative to the holdings of the appropriate benchmark. 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 and results are gross of fees for the period since inception through the stated date. Upside/downside ratios are calculated using FactSet.

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