# Nuance Concentrated Value Perspectives Discussion



May 31, 2012



## Commentary with President and Chief Investment Officer Scott A. Moore, CFA

The market continued its downward movement in the month of May as continued economic issues in Europe and slowing growth in Asia coupled with fears of a weak earnings season put a damper on the market. Your portfolio continues to be etched with leading business franchises trading at a discount to our internal view of fair value. Our opinion is that uncertainty typically breeds opportunity and we think these issues are sowing the seeds for future gains as our stocks are very inexpensive today relative to our internal view of fair value. As we have written monthly for much of this year, we continue to be underweight historically high dividend payout ratio industries like Utilities and Real Estate Investment Trusts and continue to find opportunities in the Industrial, Energy, and Healthcare sectors. That tilt has not helped us this year as we have underperformed thus far. Remember that we study each company individually; confirm that the company maintains a number one or number two market share position in their various niche industries, and that their market share positions are sustainable over time. We want to avoid poorly positioned companies or companies losing market share on a sustainable basis as we believe those companies are more difficult to value.

#### Performance Update as of 05/31/2012

We continue to be pleased with our overall performance. Since its inception on November 13, 2008, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (through May 31, 2012) is up 19.73 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index, up 10.96 percent, and the S&P 500 Index, up 13.25 percent.

Year-to-date through May 31, 2012, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is up 1.87 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index, up 3.53 percent, and the S&P 500 Index, up 5.16 percent.

|   |      |        |       |           |           | Since     | Since     |
|---|------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   |      |        |       |           |           | Inception | Inception |
|   |      |        | 3     | Since     | Since     | Standard  | Sharpe    |
|   | YTD  | 1      | Years | Inception | Inception | Deviation | Ratio     |
|   | 2012 | Year   | APR   | APR       | Return    | (A)       | (A)       |
| Concentrated Value<br>Composite (Gross) | 2.10 | (2.82) | 19.39 | 20.29     | 92.53     | 15.59     | 1.28      |
| Concentrated Value<br>Composite (Net)   | 1.87 | (3.25) | 18.81 | 19.73     | 89.38     | 15.55     | 1.24      |
| Russell 3000 Value Index                | 3.53 | (4.20) | 13.81 | 10.96     | 44.63     | 20.02     | 0.53      |
| S&P 500 Index                           | 5.16 | (0.41) | 14.87 | 13.25     | 55.52     | 18.01     | 0.72      |

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### Separate Account Morningstar® Rating



Morningstar Rating Overall: 5 Stars Category: Large Value Number Rated: 445°

\*The top 10% of separate accounts in a category earn 5 stars.

## Stocks we recently added to your portfolio:

Helmerich & Payne Inc. (HP): We bought HP this month as the continued depression of natural gas prices has hurt the stock price of this leading natural gas driller. At current prices, the risk versus reward profile is favorable. We continue to believe that natural gas will take share from coal and oil over time as a source of energy and we believe long term normal prices will be higher than the spot prices are today. As such, we think the earnings power of HP and its valuation have significant upside over time.

**US Ecology Inc. (ECOL):** We also bought back ECOL after selling the stock earlier this year at higher prices. ECOL is a leading hazardous waste company with an excellent balance sheet and a dividend yield over 4.0%. Recent disappointing earnings due to several contract issues have cast a shadow over the company. We think the issues are transitory and that the longer term earnings potential is sound. Given the improvement we expect over the next several years, we would suggest the shares are attractive.

## Stocks we recently sold from your portfolio:

We did not sell any holdings from your portfolio this month.

Scott A. Moore, CFA

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|                                 | Gross<br>of Fees<br>Return | Net of<br>Fees<br>Return | Benchmark<br>Return<br>(RAV Index) | Benchmark<br>Return<br>(SPX Index) | Composite<br>Dispersion<br>(Full<br>Period) | Number<br>of<br>Separate<br>Accounts<br>(End of<br>Period) | Total Composite<br>Assets<br>(End of Period) | Total Firm<br>Assets<br>(End of Period) | % of Non-<br>Fee Paying<br>Accounts | 3 Year<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation<br>(Composite<br>Net) | 3 Year<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation<br>(RAV Index) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| YTD 2008<br>(11/13/08-12/31/08) | 4.47                       | 4.47                     | 0.38                               | (0.47)                             | N/A   | 7  | \$9,126,951                                  | \$18,657,997                            | 4.57%                               | -   | -  |
| 2009                            | 42.21                      | 41.72                    | 19.78                              | 26.47                              | 1.34  | 79   | \$87,342,803                                 | \$137,943,058                           | 0.60%                               | -   | -  |
| 2010                            | 18.79                      | 18.13                    | 16.26                              | 15.06                              | 0.44  | 145  | \$119,543,453                                | \$181,201,036                           | 0.46%                               | -   | -  |
| 2011                            | 6.85                       | 6.29                     | (0.06)                             | 2.11                               | 0.59  | 181  | \$96,831,359                                 | \$152,976,943                           | 0.85%                               | 16.09   | 21.31  |
| YTD 2012<br>(05/31/2012)        | 2.10                       | 1.87                     | 3.53                               | 5.16                               | N/A   | 224  | \$123,360,565                                | \$181,140,064                           | 0.84%                               | 14.12   | 17.02  |

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