# Nuance Concentrated Value Composite Perspectives



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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 25 Years of Experience

Chad Baumler, CFA Vice President 9 Years of Experience

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

## **1ST PERCENTILE**

Lipper Category: Multi-Cap Value Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 229

Morningstar Category: Large Value Ranking vs. Peers: 3 of 1,150

Morningstar Category: Mid-Cap Value Ranking vs. Peers: 1 of 363

# **Longer Term Performance Update**

Since Inception Return: The return since inception (11/13/2008) through 10/31/2016 is 16.9 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index, which have returned 12.5 percent and 13.6 percent respectively. We are pleased with this level of outperformance over time.

Risk-Adjusted Returns: Our Sharpe Ratio since inception through 10/31/2016 is 1.3 (net of fees) versus Russell 3000 Value Index at 0.8 and the S&P 500 Index at 1.0.

Peer Group Returns through 9/30/2016: Comparing our product to peers displays positive results over time. On a total return basis, since 11/30/08, we ranked 29 of 1,150 peer group members (3rd percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Value universe, 36 of 363 (10th perctile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 12 of 229 (6th percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

Peer Group Risk-Adjusted Return through 9/30/2016: On a risk-adjusted return basis, since 11/30/2008, (measured by the Sharpe Ratio) we ranked 3 of 1,150 peer group members (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Large Cap Vale universe, 1 of 363 (1st percentile) in the Morningstar Mid-Cap Value universe, and 1 of 229 (1st percentile) in the Lipper Multi-Cap Value universe.

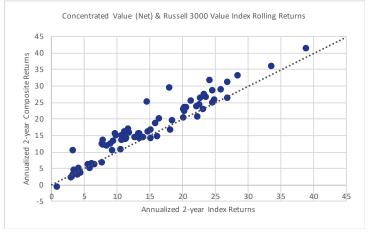
Peer Group Analysis 11/30/2008 - 9/30/2016	Since Inception APR <sup>1</sup>	Standard Deviation (A) <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio (A)1		
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	17.7	13.2	1.3		
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	17.0	13.1	1.3		
Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds Peer Group (Median)	13.3	16.0	0.8		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	6th (12 of 229)	4th (10 of 229)	1st (1 of 229)		
Morningstar Large Value Peer Group (Median)	12.4	15.1	0.8		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	3rd (29 of 1,150)	14th (165 of 1,150)	1st (3 of 1,150)		
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Peer Group (Median)	15.3	16.5	0.9		
Peer Group Percentile and Ranking	10th (36 of 363)	1st (3 of 363)	1st (1 of 363)		
Performance 11/13/2008 - 10/31/2016 APR*	TR' Standard Deviation'	Sharpe Ratio' 7 Years 5 Years	3 Years 1 Year 2016 YTD		

Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross) 17.6 263.8 13 1 1.3 15.0 14.4 7.8 79 12.0 Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net) 16.9 247.3 13.1 13.6 7.0 7.3 11.4 Russell 3000 Value Index 12.5 155.2 15.4 0.8 12.5 13.2 7.3 6.5 8.5 S&P 500 Index 14.1 1.0 8.8 4.5 13.6 177.0 13.5 Since Inception

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

Rolling 2-Ye	ear Perio	ds Cu	Current 2-Year Period as of 10/31/2016				
11/13/2008 - 10/31/2016		Beating Index	Composite (%) Net of Fees <sup>1</sup>	Russell 3000 Value Index (%)			
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	57/72		4.5	3.3			



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 October 31, 2016, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite two year rolling return is 4.5 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and S&P 500 Index which have returned 3.3 percent and 4.8 percent respectively. Overall, we have outperformed in 57 out of the available 72 two-year periods as shown in the chart labeled Rolling 2-Year Return Periods.

Year-to-date, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite has returned 11.4 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index and the S&P 500 Index, which have returned 8.5 percent and 5.9 percent respectively.

Calendar Year Performance as of	11/13/08 - 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	YTD 2016
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Gross)	4.5	42.2	18.8	6.9	18.4	35.3	8.9	(1.3)	12.0
Nuance Concentrated Value Composite (Net)	4.5	41.7	18.1	6.3	17.8	34.5	8.1	(2.0)	11.4
Russell 3000 Value Index	0.4	19.8	16.3	(0.1)	17.6	32.7	12.7	(4.1)	8.5
S&P 500 Index	(0.5)	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	5.9

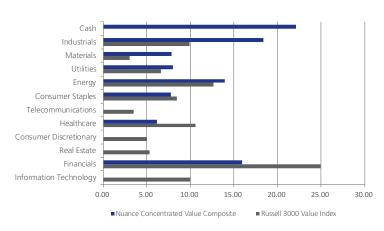
### Composition of the Portfolio as of 10/31/2016

Portfolio Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Nuance Concentrated Value Composite	Russell 3000 Value Index
Weighted Average Market Cap	28.0b	101.5b
Median Market Cap	12.0b	1.3b
Price to Earnings (internal and ttm)*	13.6x	18.6x
Forward Price to Earnings	20.9x	15.7x
Dividend Yield	2.4%	2.6%
Return on Equity	16.8%	12.1%
Return on Assets	4.2%	4.2%
Active Share vs Russell 3000 Value	96.8%	-
Upside/Downside Capture Ratio vs Russell 3000 Value	89.2%/60.7%	-
Number of Securities	22	2,046

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 13.6x versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 18.6x. We are achieving this ratio with a portfolio of companies that have a return on assets of 4.2% percent versus the Russell 3000 Value Index of 4.2% percent. This quarter's ROA is slightly below the index. This is due to under-earning at several of our more cyclical companies. Over time, a portfolio invested in above average companies selling at below average multiples has the opportunity for outperformance over the long-term, in our opinion.

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

### Sector Weights and Portfolio Positioning as of 10/31/2016



While the majority of the portfolio remains stable from a sector weighting standpoint, we added to our positions in select names in the Healthcare and Materials sectors. In our largest overweight sector, the Industrial sector, we are seeing nice opportunities in both the agriculture and transportation industries. Our overweight in the Energy sector is specifically in the energy services industry. We continued to reduce our Financial sector exposure slightly as some of our leaders in the sector are approaching our internal view of fair value. We remain underweight the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Sector, which appears overvalued due to what we have termed the chase for yield. We also continue to be underweight the Consumer Discretionary and and Information Technology sectors primarily due to valuation concerns.

#### Stocks We Added to Your Portfolio (October 2016):

Smith & Nephew PLC (SNN): SNN develops and markets advanced medical devices and orthopedic devices & equipment. With leading and stable market share positions across orthopedics, endoscopy, and advanced wound management spaces, SNN fits the mold of the leading business franchises we like to purchase over time. After a period of underperformance due to modest disappointments in the advanced wound division and some currency translations issues, we think the risk reward of SNN has become quite attractive. As such, we have begun an entry level position for our clients.

#### Stocks We Eliminated from Your Portfolio (October 2016):

Cabot Microelectronics Corp. (CCMP): We have exited our position in CCMP as it has achieved our internal view of fair value.

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

We continue to be pleased with the performance of your Nuance Concentrated Value Composite. Year to date (through 10/31/2016) we are up 11.37 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 8.55 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 5.87 percent. For the last 12 months, we are up 7.28 percent (net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 6.54 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 4.50 percent. More importantly to us, since our inception on 11/13/2008, the Nuance Concentrated Value Composite is up 16.92 percent (annualized and net of fees) versus the Russell 3000 Value Index up 12.47 percent and the S&P 500 Index up 13.64 percent. Our performance thus far in 2016 has been boosted by outperformance in several of our stocks. Leaders for the year include BOK Financial Corp. (BOKF), Commerce Bancshares (CBSH), MetLife Inc., (MET), National Fuel Gas Co. (NFG), and H.B. Fuller Co. (FUL). We also have benefitted from the avoidance of the underperforming Real Estate sector. These positives offset a poor period for Frank's International NV (FI) and our cash weight which has hurt us in the up market for the year.

The election is always a big topic for all of us living and enjoying the democracy of our United States of America. We often get asked if we "invest for the election" or if we have any "election related ideas." The answer is that while our team fully understands that politics play a role and can have an impact on the businesses that we study and value, typically the impact of a change in party regime has been quite modest and often times the changes are more perception than reality. What we focus on at Nuance is finding high quality, leading business franchises in all of the sub industries of the world. Those businesses have value-add products and services that are not reliant on a particular political party to drive value. Rather, science, engineering, technology, manufacturing skill, innovation, and pure customer service related skills over decades define an appropriate mid-cycle return on capital for each business we own. Rarely does that mid-cycle return on capital rate change due to politics. However, if it does, the impact is modest in most cases. That is a long way of saying we are aware of all factors impacting the competitive positions and valuations of the companies we buy and sell for our clients and rarely does our valuation work change simply due to an election. That said, if something significant were to change—if the corporate tax rate in the United States were to be lowered significantly for example—rest assured that our team has already worked through the range of outcomes for each business we own. We will be prepared to continue to try to find you the best risk rewards the market affords based on our internal calculations of fair value for each of our companies. Importantly, what often does change is perception, sentiment, and levels of uncertainty. From reading our commentaries all of these years, our clients know that volatility is typically our friend when it comes to finding good risk reward opportunities.

Next month we will have our annual discussion on taxes. At this time of year, we are perusing your portfolio more aggressively for any tax loss swap opportunities, and we will have a full update at our next writing.

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
YTD 2016 (10/31/2016)	12.0	11.4	8.5	5.9	N/A	676	\$857,262,377	\$1,232,521,351	0.1%	10.7	10.7

#### 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 – 03/31/16 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 presented both net and gross of management fees and include the reinvestment of income. Both gross and net of fee returns are reduced by trading expenses. Net of fee returns are reduced 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 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. Since Inception, Nuance has adopted the following Significant Cash Flow Policy for both composites. 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 cumulative cash flow(s) are equal or greater than 3 percent of the total account value based on the end 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 month following the date that the account is fully invested (defined as being within ten percent of the model portfolios cash target).

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 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 3000 Value Index. The Russell 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 In

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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 9/30/2016. 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 sharenge 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.

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