



Overall **MORNINGSTAR** Rating



(Investor)

Among 1,265 Large Growth Allocation Funds (as of 6/30/18)

The Overall Morningstar Rating is based on risk-adjusted returns, derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar metrics.



**Cindy Starke**  
*Portfolio Manager*

Ms. Starke has over 20 years of investment experience. She earned a BS and an MBA from Fordham University.

**Fund Facts**

**Symbol**

Investor VALLX  
Institutional VLLIX

**Inception Dates**

Investor 3/20/72  
Institutional 11/1/15

**Total Assets** \$301M

(as of 6/30/18)

**Top 10 Holdings** (as of 6/30/18)

Company	Weight
Amazon.com Inc	7.00%
Facebook Inc A	5.75%
Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc	5.57%
Activision Blizzard Inc	5.33%
Visa Inc Class A	4.58%
Alibaba Group Holding ADR	4.50%
Netflix Inc	4.29%
Alphabet Inc A	3.83%
Celgene Corp	3.27%
Tesaro Inc	3.25%

**Portfolio Manager Q&A**

**Value Line Larger Companies Focused Fund (VALLX/VLLIX)**

**Q1: The Fund outperformed the S&P 500 Index and the Morningstar Large Growth Funds category average over the second quarter. Would you please discuss the Fund's relative outperformance?**

The Fund increased 8.60%, well ahead of its Morningstar Large Growth peers and the S&P 500 Index, which rose 5.13% and 3.43%, respectively. Relative to the Index, the biggest drivers of the Fund's outperformance this period were its portfolio allocation and strong stock selection in the following two sectors:

- 1. Information Technology.** IT was the largest contributor to the Fund's performance and our overweighted stance proved helpful, with an average weighting of nearly 39% in Technology stocks, compared to 26% in the Index. The Fund's Technology holdings outperformed and appreciated approximately 10% compared to 7% for the Index's IT holdings. Several Technology stocks that were strong performers for the Fund included Facebook (+22%), Activision Blizzard (+13%) and Zendesk (+14%).
- 2. Consumer Discretionary.** In the S&P 500's best-performing sector for the quarter, the Fund had an overweight position of 19% compared to 13% for the Index. The Fund's Consumer companies rose 16%, double that of the Index's Consumer Discretionary positions. Some of the Fund's market-leading businesses in this sector that contributed to this gain included Netflix (+33%), Amazon.com (+17%) and Tesla (+29%).

We are pleased that the continued strong performance this quarter has helped the Fund rank in the top quintile (20%) or better in its Morningstar category for the 1-, 3- and 5-year periods ended June 30, 2018.

**Q2: Would you please comment on the continued leadership of growth companies over value stocks?**

Over the past year, growth stocks have been favored over their value counterparts. In fact, over the one-year period as of June 30, 2018, the Russell 1000 Growth Index has outperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index by 1500 basis points. Even as many growth stocks have been reaching new highs, we believe there is no shortage of good ideas in today's market. In addition, we believe the companies in the portfolio remain attractive due to their faster growth rates, their strong business fundamentals, and their visionary leaders who find ways to increase market opportunities on a global scale. As of June 30, 2018, the Fund's average three-year sales growth rate of 21% was nearly three times that of the S&P 500's rate of 7.6%. The longer-term earnings per share (EPS) growth rate for the Fund is 25.4%, almost twice the Index's 13.4%.

### Q3: With imports and exports likely affected by tariffs, how might the Fund's growth stocks be impacted?

While we believe that tariffs are generally negative for both businesses and end consumers, we are confident that the Fund's equity holdings are well positioned to continue growing at a fast pace due to their healthy growth fundamentals, leadership positions in their industries and the strong demand for their products and services. While the markets may be volatile in the short term because of trade policies, we remain focused on finding solid, growing companies that fit our investment criteria.

#### Value Line Larger Companies Focused Fund Performance (as of 6/30/18)

	QTD	Average Annual Returns			
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Investor - VALLX</b>	<b>8.60%</b>	<b>26.03%</b>	<b>16.80%</b>	<b>17.74%</b>	<b>9.54%</b>
<b>Institutional - VLLIX<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>26.27</b>	<b>16.86</b>	<b>17.77</b>	<b>9.56</b>
S&P 500 Index	3.43	14.37	11.93	13.42	10.17
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	5.13	20.58	12.21	14.37	10.23
<b>Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. - VALLX</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>
# of Funds in Category		<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>825</b>
VALLX Gross/Net Expense Ratio*: 1.19% / 1.15%, VLLIX Gross/Net Expense Ratio*: 2.73%/0.90%					

*Morningstar Ratings and Categories based on risk adjusted returns of Investor class shares.*

<sup>1</sup>*Italics indicates Morningstar Extended Performance. Extended performance is an estimate based on the performance of the fund's oldest share class, adjusted for fees. The inception date of VLLIX is November 1, 2015.*

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