



**Overall**  **Rating**



(VALLX)

Among 1,076 Large Growth Funds  
(as of 9/30/24)

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.

**Fund Facts**

**Symbol**

Investor VALLX  
Institutional VLLIX

**Inception Dates**

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

**Total Assets**

\$337M  
(as of 9/30/24)

**Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 9/30/24)

Company	Weight (%)
NVIDIA Corp	8.45
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	7.97
Uber Technologies Inc	6.35
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	5.59
Amazon.com Inc	5.35
Exact Sciences Corp	3.83
Microsoft Corp	3.82
Alphabet Inc Class A	3.59
Netflix Inc	3.36
MicroStrategy Inc Class A	3.25

**Value Line Funds**

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**Portfolio Manager Q&A**

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

**Q1: Would you please comment on the stock market's performance in the third quarter of 2024 and how the Fund performed in this period?**

During the third quarter of 2024, the stock market, as represented by the S&P 500 Index, rose 5.89%, led primarily by cyclical and defensive sectors such as Utilities and Real Estate. Sectors that are generally more growth oriented, such as Information Technology and Communication Services, were weaker performers in the quarter. When comparing growth-oriented companies and value-oriented companies, the Russell 1000 Growth Index's gain of 3.19% lagged the Russell 1000 Value Index's 9.43% in 3Q.

With respect to the Fund's relative performance, the Fund returned 1.52% for the three months ended September 30, 2024, lagging the Morningstar Large Growth Category average return of 3.70%.

Please visit the Fund's [performance page](#) for complete performance information.

**Q2: What drove the Fund's Q3 performance compared to the S&P 500 Index?**

The Fund's underperformance relative to the S&P 500 Index was driven by a combination of stock selection and sector allocation. From a sector perspective, Financials and Consumer Discretionary were the primary detractors from Fund performance. The Fund's Financials companies declined 1% while the SP 500's Financials companies gained 11%. The Fund's Consumer Discretionary companies gained 2% compared to the Index's 8% gain in the sector.

On the other hand, the Fund's largest sector contributors were Information Technology (IT) and Communication Services. The Fund's two best performers in IT were MicroStrategy Inc. (MSTR, +22%), a software and analytics provider which uses Bitcoin as its treasury asset; and Shopify Inc. (SHOP, +21%), which provides an e-commerce platform to small and medium-size businesses. In Communication Services, the Fund's two best performers were Match Group (MTCH), an online dating product provider; and Roku Inc. (ROKU), which provides television streaming devices. Both companies were up 25% in the quarter.

**Q3: Would you please describe the portfolio's three growth stages and provide examples?**

The Fund is a concentrated growth portfolio generally comprised of 25-50 primarily large-cap companies that we believe are best positioned for long-term growth. We believe that owning companies in varying stages of their growth life cycle provides a well-rounded approach to managing the Fund. We typically segment the Fund's holdings into three groups:

**Established Growth Companies:** This is the largest of the three portfolio segments. These are typically leading large-cap growth companies that have competitive operating advantages, dominant market share, exhibit sustainable growth, and benefit from secular drivers. For example, the Fund owns a position in NVIDIA Corp. (NVDA), a leading developer of graphics processing units that are used in artificial intelligence as well as a range of other software applications.

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**Next-Gen Growth Companies:** This segment includes faster growing companies and those in earlier stages of growth. A portfolio example is DraftKings Inc. (DKNG), which operates online sports and casino gambling products. We believe the industry is positioned for growth following the Supreme Court ruling that allowed states to legalize online gambling.

**Opportunistic Growth Companies:** This segment is comprised of both cyclical companies and out-of-favor growth companies that may be poised for a turnaround. An example is Fund holding Diamondback Energy Inc. (FANG). Energy is generally a cyclical sector, and we believe the company has a strong management team and a competitive advantage due to its favorable positioning in the Permian Basin.

#### Q4: How do the Fund's growth characteristics compare to the S&P 500 Index?

As of September 30, 2024, the Fund's equity portfolio had a 3-year projected average annual sales growth rate that was nearly double that of the S&P 500, and a 3- to 5-year estimated forward earnings growth rate that was more than double the earnings growth rate of the S&P 500.

	VALLX/VLLIX Equity Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
3-Year Projected Avg Annual Sales Growth Rate	18%	10%
3-5-Year Estimated Forward Earnings Growth Rate	33%	15%

### Portfolio Manager



**Cindy Starke**

*Portfolio Manager*

*Cindy Starke joined Value Line Funds as a portfolio manager in 2014 and has over 25 years of mid- and large-cap growth investment experience. Ms. Starke received a BS and an MBA from Fordham University.*

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