# Overall MORNISTAR Rating

(VALLX)

Among 1,024 Large Growth Funds (as of 9/30/25)

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 \$486M

(as of 9/30/25)

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 9/30/25)

Company	Weight (%)
NVIDIA Corp	8.41
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	7.10
Robinhood Markets Inc Class A	6.19
AppLovin Corp Ordinary Shares - Class A	5.91
Uber Technologies Inc	4.33
Alphabet Inc Class A	4.30
Coinbase Global Inc Ordinary Shares - Class A	4.10
Netflix Inc	3.95
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	3.83
Amazon.com Inc	3.61

### Value Line Funds

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# **Portfolio Manager Q&A**

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

# Q1: What market trends stood out during the third quarter of 2025 and how did the Fund perform in this period?

The third quarter was marked by continued strength across equity markets, with the S&P 500 Index advancing more than 8% and reaching multiple record highs. Investor enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence (AI) and large-cap technology companies remained a dominant driver of performance.

Against this backdrop, the Fund gained 11.03% for the three months ended September 30, 2025, outperforming both the S&P 500 Index (+8.12%) and the Russell 1000 Growth Index (+10.51%). The Fund also outperformed the Morningstar Large Growth Category average (+7.59%) for the same period. In fact, the Fund's performance ranked in the top 5% or better for the 1 and 3-year periods ended September 30, 2025.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VALLX	5	3	53	41
# of Funds in Category	1,073	1,024	954	766

Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/25

Please visit the Fund's <u>performance page</u> for complete performance information.

### Q2: What drove the Fund's relative outperformance during Q3?

The Fund's strong performance was primarily driven by strong stock selection in the **Financials** and **Information Technology (IT)** sectors. Within the Financials sector, portfolio holding Robinhood Markets Inc. (HOOD, +53%), the app-based financial services platform, continued its strong momentum and was the Fund's second-largest overall contributor. Within IT, most holdings advanced, with standout gains from AppLovin Corp. (APP, +105%), an advertising technology company, and CoreWeave Inc. (CRWV, +50%), a cloud infrastructure technology company.

# Q3: How has the dominance of the "Magnificent 7" influenced portfolio positioning?

The dominance of the "Magnificent 7" (Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Tesla) has not influenced the Fund's portfolio positioning. Except for Apple, the Fund owned six of these leading companies as of quarter-end and they have all been longer term holdings for the Fund. These positions have become larger over time, as their sales and earnings growth have been superior and their share prices have been rewarded for this success.



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

As of September 30, 2025, the Fund's equity portfolio had a 3-year projected average annual sales growth rate that was more than double that of the S&P 500 Index, and its 3- to 5-year estimated forward earnings growth rate was 1.5X higher than the S&P 500.

	VALLX/VLLIX Equity Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
3-Year Projected Avg Annual Sales Growth Rate	26.6%	10.9%
3-5-Year Estimated Forward Earnings Growth Rate	17.9%	11.8%

### **Senior Portfolio Manager**



#### **Cindy Starke**

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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