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Portfolio Manager

Mr. Grant has been Portfolio Manager of the Value Line Premier Growth Fund since 1996. He has over 20 years of experience and currently manages funds containing approximately \$1.3B in net assets. Mr. Grant earned an MBA from Wharton and a BA from Stanford University.

Value Line Premier Growth Fund

Overall  Rating



*Among 641
Mid-Cap Growth Funds
(as of 3/31/14)*

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:	VALSX
Total assets	\$392.5M
Inception date:	5/30/56

Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Premier Growth Fund (VALSX)

Q1: Over the past year, faster growing, high-flying, momentum stocks were significantly influencing the returns of growth investing. However, more recently, these stocks have reversed course. What type of growth companies are held in the Premier Growth Fund?

The Fund takes a “steady-eddy” approach to growth investing by seeking individual companies with a demonstrated ability to consistently increase their earnings and stock price over the past 10 years or more. As such, the high-flying and volatile stocks that have been hit the hardest in recent weeks have historically not met our investment criteria.

For example, the Fund is overweighted in Industrials companies compared to the S&P 500 Index. Many of the businesses in this sector have operating characteristics consistent with the Fund’s selection criteria. Regardless of the economic environment, these companies possess products and services—examples include proprietary cleaning chemicals or pesticides—that are needed by their customers.

While this area of the market may not generate the most exciting headlines, we believe these reliable and consistently growing companies prove their worth over time and especially during periods of market volatility.

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Q2. Why should investors remain allocated to growth stocks?

We believe that growth investing is an important component in an investor’s portfolio and a basic building block from an equity diversification perspective. However, keep in mind that there are different types of growth companies that range from the momentum-style, high-profile growth stocks frequently mentioned in the media to the defensive growth companies.

We believe the recent volatility in the market highlights the need for many investors to hold an allocation to these “steady-eddy” growth stocks that have experienced predictable rates of growth based on a 10-year or longer track record. This collection of proven companies with predictable operating results has historically provided less volatility and a smoother ride for investors.



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Q3. Consistency of demonstrated earnings and stock price are critical factors in your investment decisions. How does growth in earnings-per-share factor into your investment selection?

Stocks do not need to meet any specific earnings threshold to be considered for selection in the Fund. Rather, the key is that a company needs to show consistency of demonstrated earnings growth over a long period of time. Some stocks in our portfolio exhibit faster growth over time, some are slower growers, but the emphasis is on the consistency. In addition, the market must be rewarding these growing companies with an increasing stock price.

When it comes to making stock-weighting decisions in the Premier Growth Fund, all things being equal, if a stock has a 20-year history of consistent and steady growth relative to its peers, we tend to allocate a higher percentage to that company as compared to one exhibiting a shorter history of growth.

Performance (as of 3/31/14)	Average Annual Return			
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Premier Growth Fund (VALSX)	17.37%	13.14%	22.51%	9.42%
S&P 500	21.86	14.64	21.14	7.41
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Avg.	23.40	11.74	22.17	8.67
Category Rank (%)	93	26	46	28
# of Funds in Category	707	641	556	420
Gross Expense ratio: 1.24%				

The performance data quoted herein represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Market volatility can dramatically impact the fund's short term performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than figures shown. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance data through the most recent month end is available at vlfunds.com or by calling 800.243.2729. You should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Value Line Mutual Funds before investing. This and other information can be found in the fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained free of charge from your investment representative, calling 800.243.2729, or by clicking on the applicable fund at www.vlfunds.com. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money.

The average annual returns shown above are historical and reflect changes in share price, reinvested dividends and are net of expenses. Investment results and the principal value of an investment will vary.

There are risks associated with investing in small and mid-cap stocks, which tend to be more volatile and less liquid than stocks of large companies, including the risk of price fluctuations.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds methodology rates funds based on an enhanced Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure, which also accounts for the effects of all sales charges, loads, or redemption fees. Funds are ranked by their Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return scores and stars are assigned using the following scale: 5 stars for top 10%; 4 stars next 22.5%; 3 stars next 35%; 2 stars next 22.5%; 1 star for bottom 10%. Funds are rated for up to three periods: the trailing three-, five-, and 10-years. For a fund that does not change categories during the evaluation period, the overall rating is calculated using the following weights: At least 3 years, but less than 5 years uses 100% three-year rating. At least 5 years but less than 10 years uses 60% five-year rating/ 40% three-year rating. At least 10 years uses 50% ten-year rating / 30% five-year rating / 20% three-year rating. The Fund received 4 stars for the 3, 5 and 10 year periods ended 3/31/14, out of 641, 556 and 420 mid-cap growth funds, respectively.

The inception dates of Value Line Mutual Funds range from 1950 to 1993. Value Line Mutual Funds are distributed by EULAV Securities LLC. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Fund received 5 stars for the 3 year and 10 year periods and 4 stars for the 5 year period out of 328, 154 and 298 aggressive allocation funds, respectively.

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