



Overall  Rating



Among 560 Mid-Cap Growth Funds (as of 3/31/21)

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 VALSX
Institutional VILSX

Inception Date

Investor 5/31/56
Institutional 4/30/20

Total Assets

\$442M
(as of 3/31/21)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 3/31/21)

Company	Weight (%)
Danaher Corp	6.24
Mastercard Inc A	5.70
Accenture PLC Class A	5.61
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	5.38
Ansys Inc	4.57
Roper Technologies Inc	4.46
Teledyne Technologies Inc	4.41
Cintas Corp	4.41
Salesforce.com Inc	4.33
Fiserv Inc	3.79

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Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Select Growth Fund* (VALSX/VILSX)

*Formerly Value Line Premier Growth Fund

Q1: Would you please comment on the Fund's performance relative to the S&P 500 Index in the first quarter of 2021?

The Fund's performance lagged the S&P 500 Index, as the Fund declined 0.83% for the three months ended March 31, 2021, while the S&P 500 returned 6.17%.

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

In the first quarter of 2021, the stock market was impacted by investors' improved confidence and willingness to take on risk, resulting in a shift in favor of lower-quality stocks. However, the Fund's investment process favors higher-quality stocks, particularly those with 10+ years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings. We believe companies with more predictable operating results over a period of years stand to benefit over the long term.

Q2: How would you describe the Fund's holdings?

Within the Fund's concentrated portfolio, we own companies that have demonstrated consistent growth for 10+ years in both stock price and earnings. Accordingly, our investment process is not sector-dependent, but built stock-by-stock based on these growth metrics. Currently many of these companies are found in the Information Technology (IT) and Industrial sectors, and we have a greater weighting in these two sectors relative to the S&P 500 Index. As of March 31, 2021, the Fund held approximately 37% in IT and 26% in Industrials, while the S&P 500 held 23% and 9% in these sectors, respectively.

With our investment criteria of long-term steady growth, the companies we own have historically shown more predictable performance. They are not the high-flying companies that dominate headlines, but are the companies that steadily get the job done, year after year. For example, we own Danaher Corp. (DHR), a Healthcare company focused on manufacturing scientific instruments and consumables; Mastercard, Inc. (MA) which was the second-largest payments processor in the world in 2020; and Ansys, Inc. (ANSS), an engineering software company that serves companies in multiple industries, including aerospace and automotive.

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Q3. What changes were made to portfolio in Q1?

In the first quarter of 2021, we did not add any new companies or exit our positions in any stocks. As of March 31, 2021, the Fund held 34 companies. We trimmed our positions in some companies and added to some others during the quarter as price fluctuations presented opportunities.

This consistent portfolio composition reflects our long-term approach. As we emphasize companies with 10+ years of consistent growth in stock price and earnings, we prefer to keep our holdings and let them grow. Just two examples of companies that we've held for many years include Mastercard, bought in 2007, and Danaher, bought in 2006. We believe that owning consistently growing companies has helped the Fund achieve positive total returns for each of the past 10 consecutive calendar years and do so with less volatility over time.

Portfolio Manager



Stephen E. Grant

Co-Portfolio Manager

Stephen E. Grant has been a portfolio manager with the Value Line Funds since 1991. Over the past 30 years, Mr. Grant's unique quantitative/behavioral methodology has driven the success of several equity and hybrid funds. Mr. Grant has a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University and an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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, by 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.

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