



Overall  Rating



Among 1,124 Large Growth Funds (as of 3/31/22)

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

\$439M
(as of 3/31/22)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 3/31/22)

Company	Weight (%)
Danaher Corp	7.23
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	7.01
Accenture PLC Class A	6.92
S&P Global Inc	5.88
Mastercard Inc Class A	5.79
Cintas Corp	5.55
Roper Technologies Inc	5.28
Costco Wholesale Corp	4.92
Union Pacific Corp	4.54
Salesforce.com Inc	4.38

Value Line Funds

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Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Select Growth Fund (VALSX/VILSX)

Q1: Would you please comment on the Fund's performance relative to the Morningstar Large Growth Funds category average in the first quarter and 1-year period ended March 31, 2022?

The Fund outperformed the Morningstar Large Growth Funds category average by approximately 200 basis points, as the Fund declined 8.72% while the category average declined 10.76% in the first quarter of 2022. In addition, over the 1-year period ended March 31, 2022, the Fund returned 14.27%, more than double the category average return of 5.75%. We believe this relative outperformance is primarily due to our investment process of owning companies with 10+ years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings.

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

Q2: How does stock market volatility affect your investment decisions?

While the stock market has been volatile in recent months, due to various factors including inflation, supply chain constraints, and geopolitical conflict, our investment process has not changed. We look for companies with long-term track records of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings. These companies are well run by experienced management teams, possess strong market share, and have healthy balance sheets. Even during short-term periods of economic uncertainty, we find comfort in their ability to operate their time-tested business models regardless of the economic climate.

Q3: How is the Fund different from its peers in the Morningstar Large Growth Funds category?

The Fund features a concentrated portfolio whereas many other large growth funds hold substantially more holdings. As such, the portfolio includes our "best ideas" among large-cap companies with long-term growth potential. By seeking a limited number of companies with 10 or more years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings, we aim to find businesses that have the potential to contribute meaningfully to the Fund's returns. As of March 31, 2022, the Fund held 29 companies, as compared to the Morningstar category's average portfolio size of 292.

In addition, we are selective when it comes to a company's market capitalization. While many funds in our Morningstar category invest heavily in mega-cap companies, we prefer to own companies of a relatively smaller size, that we believe offer room

for continued growth. As of March 31, 2022, the Fund's average market capitalization was \$106 billion, whereas the category average market capitalization was \$332 billion.

	% of Portfolio	% of Category Avg.
Giant	39.23%	62.07%
Large	51.67%	18.31%
Mid	9.10%	17.36%
Small/Micro	0.00%	2.27%

Source: Morningstar 3/31/22

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Q4: What changes were made to the portfolio in the first quarter?

During the first quarter we made some opportunistic changes to the portfolio and exited our positions in two companies that no longer met our stringent criteria. We sold American Tower Corp. (AMT), which owns

and operates cell towers, and Heico Corp. (HEI), an aerospace and defense supplier. A third company, IHS Markit, was acquired by our existing holding S&P Global Inc. (SPGI), which provides data services to capital and commodity markets.

Portfolio Manager



Stephen E. Grant

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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