



Overall Rating



Among 563 Mid-Cap Growth Funds
(as of 9/30/17)

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.



Stephen E. Grant

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Grant has been Portfolio Manager of the Value Line Premier Growth Fund since 1996 and has over 20 years of investment experience. Mr. Grant earned an MBA from Wharton and a BA from Stanford University.

Fund Facts

Symbol: VALSX
Inception date: 5/30/56
Total assets: \$335M
(as of 9/30/17)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 9/30/17)

Company	Weight (%)
Waste Connections, Inc.	3.63
Mettler-Toledo Intl, Inc.	3.31
Toro Co.	2.94
Roper Technologies, Inc.	2.83
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	2.66
Fiserv, Inc.	2.63
Mastercard, Inc.	2.44
Teledyne Technologies Inc	2.38
Ansys, Inc.	2.26
HDFC Bank Ltd ADR	2.17

Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Premier Growth Fund (VALSX)

Q1: Would you please describe the Fund's investment strategy?

With the Premier Growth Fund, we apply a more flexible asset class approach using the Value Line proprietary research process to seek companies that have exhibited consistent growth in stock price and earnings over a period of 10 years or more. While we can hold companies of all sizes, we find that mid-cap companies tend to be a "sweet spot" of the market as they often have a higher future growth potential as well as more stability than many small-cap companies. Therefore the Fund typically holds a majority allocation to mid-cap companies.

Q2: In what sectors does the Fund generally find companies exhibiting consistent growth?

In our bottom-up search for high-quality stocks that meet our growth criteria, the Fund tends to be more heavily weighted to the Industrials sector. Four of the top 10 companies as of September 30, 2017 were in the Industrials sector. In addition, the Fund had nearly 33% allocated to Industrials companies while the Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Funds Category averaged only 18%. Many of these companies have enviable proprietary products and services, dominant market positions and strong management teams to leverage their brands.

Conversely, we tend to find fewer companies that meet our criteria in the Consumer Discretionary sector. As of September 30, 2017, the Fund had approximately 7% weighting in Discretionary stocks compared to the Mid-Cap Growth Funds Category, which had nearly 17%.

Q3: Would you please discuss the holding period breakdown of the Fund's holdings?

Because we are able to invest in stocks of all sizes, we prefer to allow companies that fit our long-term oriented process to continue growing rather than being forced to sell after they reach a certain market capitalization threshold. As a result, the Fund has a low turnover rate compared to our Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth peers. In fact, 23 of the top 25 holdings have been in the portfolio for over five years, and over half of the top 25 in the Fund have been held for 10 years or more.

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(Q3 continued)

Throughout the first nine months of 2017, the record low volatility in the market has resulted in fewer opportunities to buy stocks that fit our stringent criteria. In this type of environment, we tend to buy smaller positions and wait for pullbacks in the market to invest at lower prices.

Value Line Premier Growth Fund Performance (as of 9/30/17)				
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Premier Growth Fund (VALSX)	15.73%	9.24%	11.63%	7.21%
S&P 500 Index	18.61	10.81	14.22	7.44
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	18.18	9.13	12.62	6.92
Morningstar Cat. Rank (%)	73	52	69	45
# of Funds in Category	614	563	484	362
Morningstar Risk		Low	Low	Below Avg.
Expense ratio: 1.21%				

Morningstar rates funds based on enhanced Morningstar risk-adjusted returns.

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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