



**Overall**  **Rating**



Among 1,131 Large Growth Funds (as of 12/31/22)

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**

\$343M  
(as of 12/31/22)

**Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 12/31/22)

Company	Weight (%)
Cintas Corp	7.53
Accenture PLC Class A	6.94
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	6.90
S&P Global Inc	6.13
Danaher Corp	5.00
Mastercard Inc Class A	5.00
Costco Wholesale Corp	4.50
Union Pacific Corp	4.40
TransDigm Group Inc	4.11
Teledyne Technologies Inc	4.06

**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 for the quarter and the year ended December 31, 2022?**

For the three months ended December 31, 2022, the Fund's 7.93% return outperformed the Morningstar Large Growth Funds' category average of 3.10% return by over 400 basis points. For the one-year period ended the same date, the Fund returned -20.67% as compared to the Morningstar category average of -29.91%.

While the stock market in 2022 was challenging for growth-oriented investors, we believe that relative performance over long-term periods is important for investors. In fact, the Fund's performance ranked in the top 15% among its Morningstar category peers for the 1 and 5-year periods as of December 31, 2022.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. - VALSX</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60</b>
# of Funds in Category	1,235	1,131	1,054	804

Source: Morningstar 12/31/22

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

**Q2: Would you please describe the types of companies in the Fund's portfolio?**

The Fund is a concentrated portfolio of our "best ideas," typically holding between 25 and 50 large companies. As of December 31, 2022, the Fund held 28 companies. We look for businesses that have a long-term history of consistent operating results, that offer specialized services or possess dominant market share within their niche areas. For example:

- Mastercard Inc. (MA): Mastercard is the second-largest payment process in the world and offers a range of financial services.
- Costco Wholesale Corp. (COST): This membership-only retail warehouse company has over 800 stores worldwide, with most locations in the U.S. and Canada.
- Marsh & McLennan Companies (MMC): Founded in 1905, Marsh McLennan offers risk and insurance services and consulting.

**Q3: Why should an investor consider this Fund?**

We believe that our emphasis on consistent, long-term growth aligns well with the goals of many investors. Our investment approach is designed for the long run, and we aim to provide a "smoother ride" for investors' growth portfolios, in contrast to some growth-oriented portfolios that may be subject to extreme fluctuations. To achieve this goal, we look for companies that have a track record of 10+ years of consistent growth in both

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stock price and earnings. Such companies typically have a history of operational success regardless of economic conditions.

As a result of our emphasis on consistent, long-term

growth, we are pleased the Fund has been awarded **Morningstar's "Below Average" Risk Rating** for the 5 and 10-year periods ended December 31, 2022.

## 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](http://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](http://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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