



**Overall  Rating**



(VLAAX)

Among 678 50-70% Equity Allocation Funds (as of 3/31/23)

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 VLAAX  
Institutional VLAIX

**Inception Date**

Investor 8/24/93  
Institutional 11/1/15

**Total Assets**

\$947M  
(as of 3/31/23)

**Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 3/31/23)

Company	Weight (%)
Cintas Corp	3.58
S&P Global Inc	3.26
Cadence Design Systems Inc	3.16
TransDigm Group Inc	2.89
Intuit Inc	2.79
Aon PLC Class A	2.69
Republic Services Inc	2.66
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	2.29
Fair Isaac Corp	2.20
ServiceNow Inc	2.18

**Value Line Funds**

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**Portfolio Manager Q&A**

**Value Line Asset Allocation Fund (VLAAX/VLAIX)**

**Q1: Would you please comment on the Fund's outperformance relative to the Morningstar 50-70% Equity Allocation Funds category average in the first quarter and longer-term periods?**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Fund's return of 6.35% outperformed the Morningstar 50-70% Equity Allocation Funds category's average return of 3.78% by over 250 basis points. In addition, over longer time periods the Fund has outperformed the category average. We are pleased the Fund's performance ranked in the top decile (10% or better) for the 1, 5 and 10-year periods ended March 31, 2023.

We believe the Fund's relative outperformance is primarily due to our investment approach of owning equities with typically 10+ years of consistent growth in stock price and earnings, and primarily investment grade fixed income.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLAAX</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
# of Funds in Category	743	678	651	480

Source: Morningstar as of 3/31/23

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

**Q2: What is the Fund's current allocation among stocks, bonds and cash?**

The Fund is flexible, allowing us to dynamically adjust the allocation between stocks and bonds, unlike some balanced funds that are tied to a more static 60/40 allocation. The Fund's allocation between equities and fixed income did not change significantly compared to the previous quarter. As of March 31, 2023, the Fund held approximately 65% in equities, 29% in bonds and 6% in cash.

**Q3: Would you please describe the types of companies in the equity portfolio?**

The Fund's investment process for the equity portfolio emphasizes companies with generally 10 or more years of consistent growth in stock price and earnings. This type of company typically has shown consistent operating results over time, across various market conditions. Often

	% of Portfolio	% of Category Avg.
Giant	14.07%	36.11%
Large	57.93%	34.31%
Mid	26.46%	21.61%
Small/Micro	1.54%	7.96%

Source: Morningstar as of 3/31/23

these companies provide essential services or specialized products and services. For example, we own Cintas Corp. (CTAS), which provides uniform rentals, and essential products such as mops, towels and restroom supplies to businesses. We also own TransDigm Group Inc. (TDG) which manufactures and services components for both commercial and military aircraft.

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In addition, the Fund's equity holdings include primarily large- and mid-cap companies, with a greater emphasis on mid-sized companies, and fewer giant-cap companies, compared to its peers in the Morningstar 50-70% Equity Allocation Funds category. We believe that companies with a relatively smaller size have greater potential for continued future growth over longer time frames.

#### Q4: What type of securities are held in the fixed income portfolio?

The Fund's fixed income portfolio includes primarily investment grade debt securities (rated AAA through BBB). As of March 31, 2023, approximately 99% of the Fund's debt securities were invested in investment grade securities.

### Portfolio Managers



#### 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.



#### Liane Rosenberg

Co-Portfolio Manager

Liane Rosenberg has been with Value Line Funds since 2009. She has over 25 years of experience in fixed income portfolio management. Ms. Rosenberg received a BA from State University of New York at Albany and an MBA from Fordham University.

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*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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