## Overall MORNINGTAR Rating

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(VLAAX) Among 679 Moderate Allocation Funds (as of 6/30/23)

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 \$939M

(as of 6/30/23)

### **Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 6/30/23)

Company	Weight (%)
Cintas Corp	4.07
TransDigm Group Inc	3.71
Republic Services Inc	3.19
Aon PLC Class A	3.12
Cadence Design Systems Inc	2.83
Adobe Inc	2.79
Tyler Technologies Inc	2.37
Intercontinental Exchange Inc	2.21
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	2.19
Fair Isaac Corp	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 performance relative to the Morningstar Moderate Allocation Funds category for the second quarter and for longer-term periods?

For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Fund's 4.39% return outperformed the Morningstar Moderate Allocation Funds category average return of 3.44%. In addition, the Fund's 1-year return of 13.81% surpassed the category's 8.56% average return by over 500 basis points as of June 30, 2023. In fact, the **Fund's performance ranked in the top decile (10% or better) for the 1, 5 and 10-year periods** ended June 30, 2023.

We believe the Fund's outperformance over these long-term periods is primarily due to our investment approach. The Fund's equity portfolio emphasizes companies with 10+ years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings, and the fixed income portfolio is comprised of primarily investment grade securities.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLAAX	7	70	7	8
# of Funds in Category	739	679	647	484

Source: Morningstar as of 6/30/23

Please visit the Fund's <u>performance page</u> for complete performance information.

# **Q2:** Within the Fund's equity portfolio, what is the market cap composition?

From a market-cap perspective, the Fund's equity investment approach is flexible and can invest in companies of any size. However, we focus on companies that are well positioned for long-term, consistent growth. We believe that many mid-sized companies offer attractive potential with a long

	% of Portfolio	% of Category Avg.
Giant	7.15%	42.82%
Large	63.29%	31.76%
Mid	27.38%	20.32%
Small/Micro	2.18%	5.11%

Source: Morningstar as of 6/30/23

growth runway. Notably, the Fund did not own any of the 35 largest companies in the world as of June 30, 2023.

Generally, the Fund's equity portfolio has a larger percentage of mid-cap companies compared to the Morningstar Moderate Allocation Funds category average, and fewer of the giant companies.

# Q3: What is the Fund's current allocation between equities and fixed income?

The Fund's allocation between equities and fixed income is flexible, enabling us to dynamically adapt to relative opportunities and risks. During the second quarter,



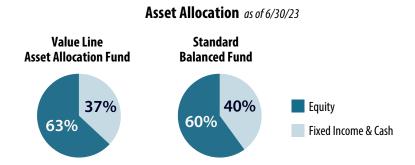
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the stock market was becoming too complacent in our view, so we lessened the Fund's risk profile by slightly reducing the equity allocation. As of June 30, 2023, the Fund was allocated 63% to equities, down from 65% at the end of the prior quarter. The remaining fixed income allocation was approximately 31% in bonds and 6% in cash as of June 30, 2023.

Within the Fund's fixed income sleeve, the portfolio includes primarily investment grade debt securities (rated AAA through BBB). Approximately 99% of the Fund's debt securities were rated investment grade as of June 30, 2023.



### **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.

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.

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