## Overall MORNNESTAR Rating



(VLAAX/VLAIX) Among 700 Moderate Allocation Funds (as of 12/31/23)

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 \$946M

(as of 12/31/23)

### **Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 12/31/23)

Company	Weight (%)
Company	( /0 )
Cintas Corp	4.59
TransDigm Group Inc	4.12
Roper Technologies Inc	3.41
Republic Services Inc	3.37
Fair Isaac Corp	3.07
Adobe Inc	2.71
WR Berkley Corp	2.49
Intercontinental Exchange Inc	2.46
Union Pacific Corp	2.38
S&P Global Inc	2.34

## 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 Category average for the fourth quarter as well as longer periods?

The Fund's return of 11.89% for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 outperformed the Morningstar Moderate Allocation Category's average return of 8.60%. Also, for the one-year period, the Fund's 21.39% return outperformed the category's average 13.78% return, surpassing the category's average by over 700 basis points.

In addition, we are pleased that the Fund has outperformed the category average over longer-term periods. In fact, the **Fund's performance ranked in the top decile** (10% or better) for the 1, 5 and 10-year periods ended December 31, 2023.

We believe this relative outperformance is primarily due to our consistent investment approach and flexible allocation. In the Fund's equity portfolio, we own companies that have a track record of 10+ years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings, and the Fund's fixed income portfolio is comprised of primarily investment grade bonds.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLAAX	5	26	9	7
# of Funds in Category	754	700	658	493

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23

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

### Q2: Would you please describe the Fund's equity portfolio composition?

The Fund's equity sleeve is comprised of companies that have demonstrated consistent growth in both stock price and earnings over a long-term period, generally 10 years or more. We believe companies that have grown steadily through various economic conditions are more likely to have consistent results going forward.

From a market cap perspective, the Fund's allocation approach is dynamic as we tend to own companies of various sizes. Generally, the Fund's portfolio includes more companies that are mid- or large-cap but we own fewer mega-cap companies

	% of Portfolio	% of Category Avg.
Giant	7.58%	45.81%
Large	64.80%	29.60%
Mid	25.38%	19.46%
Small/Micro	2.25%	5.13%

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23

compared to our peers in the Morningstar Moderate Allocation Category. We believe that mid-sized companies offer a longer growth runway compared to their larger counterparts. In fact, out of the 20 largest companies in the U.S., the Fund owned only one of these, Costco Wholesale Corp. (COST), as of December 31, 2023.



## **Portfolio Manager Q&A**

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

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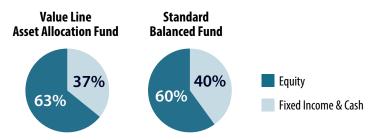
# Q3: How much did the Fund's allocation between equities and fixed income change compared to the prior year?

The Fund's allocation between equities and fixed income is flexible, enabling us to dynamically adapt based on relative opportunities and risks. In our view, the equity market was a favorable place to invest in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Fund was allocated 63% to equities, compared to 67% as of December 31, 2022.

Also as of December 31, 2023, the Fund was allocated 37% to bonds and cash. Within the fixed income

portfolio, approximately 98% of the Fund's debt securities were rated investment grade (AAA through BBB) as of December 31, 2023.

#### Asset Allocation as of 12/31/23



## **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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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.

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