



Overall  Rating



(VLEOX/VLEIX)

Among 535 Small Growth Funds
(as of 3/31/25)

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 VLEOX
Institutional VLEIX

Inception Date

Investor 6/23/93
Institutional 11/1/15

Total Assets

\$677M
(as of 3/31/25)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 3/31/25)

Company	Weight (%)
ExlService Holdings Inc	3.80
CACI International Inc Class A	3.80
Post Holdings Inc	3.49
RLI Corp	3.13
Woodward Inc	2.90
Ensign Group Inc	2.90
Comfort Systems USA Inc	2.82
RBC Bearings Inc	2.68
Federal Signal Corp	2.62
AAON Inc	2.41

Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund (VLEOX/VLEIX)

Q1: Would you please comment on the Fund's performance in the first quarter of 2025 as well as longer-term periods?

For the quarter ended March 31, 2025, the Fund's return of -7.56% outperformed the Morningstar Small Growth Category average return of -10.51% by almost 300 basis points. We believe the Fund's relative outperformance during this volatile quarter is primarily due to our investment process of owning companies with a long-term history of consistent operating results. While we are never pleased with negative performance, **notably, over the past decade, the Fund outperformed the Morningstar Small Growth Category in 11 of 12 quarters when the category average return was negative.**

In addition, the Fund outperformed the category over the 1, 3, 5 and 10-year periods, and ranked in the top 20% or better for the 3 and 10-year periods ended March 31, 2025.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLEOX	33	4	31	19
# of Funds in Category	551	535	520	395

Source: Morningstar as of 3/31/25

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

Q2: How was the Fund's investment approach impacted by the recent market volatility?

Our investment process emphasizes primarily small-cap companies that have a track record of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings over multiple years. We believe that companies with this type of track record have weathered various economic and market conditions and are more likely to have more predictable operating results going forward.

Although the stock market was volatile in the first quarter, driven by tariffs and other market factors, our investment process has remained consistent, as we invest in companies with time-tested business models positioned for potential long-term growth. Two portfolio examples include the following companies:

- **Woodward Inc.** (WWD) is a designer, manufacturer and service provider for the aerospace and industrial markets. The company provides control systems and components such as engines, fuel pumps, turbines and power generation.
- **RBC Bearings Inc.** (RBC) manufactures highly engineered precision bearings for the industrial, defense and aerospace industries.

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Q3: Would you please describe the Fund's risk profile?

As a result of our disciplined investment approach, the Fund historically has an attractive risk/reward profile compared to its Morningstar category peers. In terms of risk, we are pleased the Fund earned Morningstar's "Low" Risk Rating for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods ended March 31, 2025. In fact, **the Fund is the only one in the category (among 126 unique funds) that achieved both top 20% or better performance along with a "Low" Risk Rating for the 3 and 10-year periods** as of the same date.

Furthermore, the Fund has achieved notably low volatility as measured by standard deviation among its Morningstar category peers for the 10-year period.

	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fund (VLEOX) Standard Deviation Rank	#5 Lowest	#3 Lowest	#1 Lowest
# of Unique Funds in Morningstar Small Growth Cat.	147	144	126
Morningstar Risk Rating	Low	Low	Low

Source: Morningstar as of 3/31/25

Portfolio Manager

Stephen E. Grant

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 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.

Standard deviation is a statistical measure that shows the likelihood of an investment to yield above- or below-average returns over a period of time. For example, if hypothetical XYZ Fund has an average annual total return of 11% and a standard deviation of 6.00, that means XYZ Fund's performance is likely to vary from a low of 5% to a high of 17%.

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