



Overall Morningstar Rating



(VLEOX/VLEIX)

Among 550 Small Growth Funds (as of 6/30/24)

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

\$622M (as of 6/30/24)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 6/30/24)

Table with 2 columns: Company, Weight (%). Lists top 10 holdings like Comfort Systems USA Inc, SPS Commerce Inc, etc.

Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund (VLEOX/VLEIX)

Q1: Would you please comment on the Fund's performance relative to the Morningstar Small Growth Category in the second quarter and for longer-term periods?

The Fund returned -1.63% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, outperforming the Morningstar Small Growth Category average return of -2.58%.

In addition, the Fund has outperformed over longer periods, and with lower risk. In fact, the Fund is the only fund (among 163 unique Morningstar Small Growth category funds) that has achieved top quintile (20% or better) performance for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods...

We believe the Fund's relative outperformance during these periods is primarily due to our investment approach. We select a portfolio of high-quality companies with a long-term track record of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings.

Table showing Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. - VLEOX for 1 Year, 3 Year, 5 Year, and 10 Year periods.

Source: Morningstar as of 6/30/24

Please visit the Fund's performance page for complete performance information.

Q2: How does the Fund's risk/reward profile compare to other Morningstar Small Growth Category funds?

The Fund invests in companies with a long-term history of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings. As a result, the Fund has maintained an attractive risk/reward profile compared to its peers in the Morningstar Small Growth category.

Table showing Sharpe Ratio for 3 Year, 5 Year, and 10 Year periods for Fund (VLEOX) and Morningstar Small Growth Category Avg.

Table showing Fund (VLEOX) Standard Deviation Rank for 3 Year, 5 Year, and 10 Year periods, along with # of Unique Funds in Morningstar Small Growth Cat.

Source: Morningstar as of 6/30/24

Value Line Funds

443.279.2015
www.vlfunds.com

Continued from previous page

The Fund has also earned Morningstar's "Low" Risk Rating for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods ended June 30, 2024, and its standard deviation, a measure of volatility, has ranked among the lowest in the Morningstar category for the same periods.

Q3: Would you please share some examples of the type of companies your investment process favors?

The Fund's portfolio is comprised of high-quality companies with a history of consistent growth in stock price and earnings over multiple years. Generally, such companies have achieved consistent operating results regardless of the economic environment, and we believe they are well positioned for continued growth over a period of years. Two examples of our portfolio companies include:

- CACI International Inc. (CACI) is an information technology company that provides services to support national security and government modernization. CACI was recently awarded a \$2B contract to provide technology and automation systems to NASA. We first added CACI to the portfolio in 2017.
- RBC Bearings Inc. (RBC) manufactures highly engineered precision bearings and other systems for the industrial, defense and aerospace industries. RBC provides products to large corporate customers such as Caterpillar and Halliburton, and has manufacturing facilities in five countries and a global network of engineers and distributors. We have owned RBC in the portfolio for over 10 years.

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 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.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating" is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund received 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended 6/30/24, among 550, 519 and 399 Small Growth funds, respectively. © 2024 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Value Line Mutual Funds are distributed by EULAV Securities LLC. Although the information provided in this document has been obtained from sources which EULAV Securities LLC believes to be reliable, it does not guarantee accuracy or completeness of such information.

Value Line, Value Line Logo, Timeliness, Safety are trademarks or registered trademarks of Value Line, Inc. and/or its affiliates in the United States and other countries. Used by permission.