

**Overall Morningstar Rating**

(VLEOX/VLEIX)

Among 563 Small Growth 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 VLEOX  
Institutional VLEIX**Inception Date**Investor 6/23/93  
Institutional 11/1/15**Total Assets**\$533M  
(as of 12/31/23)**Top 10 Holdings**

(as of 12/31/23)

Company	Weight (%)
SPS Commerce Inc	3.80
RLI Corp	3.30
Comfort Systems USA Inc	2.90
AAON Inc	2.89
RBC Bearings Inc	2.81
Exponent Inc	2.71
ePlus Inc	2.65
Churchill Downs Inc	2.59
CACI International Inc	2.58
Watts Water Technologies Inc	2.41

**Value Line Funds**

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**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 fourth quarter and for longer-term periods?**

The Fund returned a solid 12.11% for the quarter ended December 31, 2023, outperforming the Morningstar Small Growth Category average return of 11.49%. For the one-year period, the Fund returned 22.00%, outperforming the Morningstar category's average return of 16.68% by over 500 basis points.

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

In addition, the Fund has outperformed over longer periods, and with lower risk. In fact, the Fund is the only fund among 133 unique Morningstar Small Growth category funds that has **achieved top 20% performance for the 1, 3 and 10-year periods, along with Morningstar's "Low" Risk Rating for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods**, as of December 31, 2023.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLEOX</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>
# of Funds in Category	597	563	528	405

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/2023

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

**Q2: Would you please describe the types of companies in the Fund and share some examples?**

The Fund's portfolio is comprised of 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. Some examples of our portfolio companies include:

- RLI Corp. (RLI) is an insurance company that provides business insurance, personal insurance and surety bonds. The company specializes in coverage for a variety of niche areas such as architectural firms, general contractors, and marine insurance. The Fund has owned RLI since 2002.
- Top Build Corp (BLD) distributes and installs insulation and other building materials to both residential and commercial construction projects across North America.
- Wingstop Inc. (WING) is a restaurant chain that sells primarily chicken wings. The company was founded in 1994, went public in 2015, and now operates over 2,000 restaurant locations in the U.S. and internationally.

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### Q3: How does the Fund's risk/reward profile compare to other Morningstar Small Growth Category funds?

By investing in companies with a history of consistent, steady growth, the Fund has maintained an attractive risk/reward profile compared to its peers in the Morningstar Small Growth Category. The Fund's Sharpe Ratio, a measure of risk-adjusted return, has outperformed the category average over the 3, 5 and 10-year periods ended December 31, 2023.

In addition, the Fund has demonstrated consistently lower volatility compared to its peers. The Fund's standard deviation has ranked among the lowest in the Morningstar category over the 3, 5 and 10-year periods ended December 31, 2023.

Sharpe Ratio	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Fund (VLEOX)</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.57</b>
Morningstar Small Growth Category Avg.	-0.10	0.47	0.42

Standard Deviation Rank	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Fund (VLEOX)</b>	<b>3rd Lowest of 156 Unique Funds</b>	<b>2nd Lowest of 148 Unique Funds</b>	<b>2nd Lowest of 133 Unique Funds</b>

*Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/2023*

### 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](http://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](http://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.*

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