



Overall  Rating



(VLIFX/VLMIX)
Among 523 Mid-Cap
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 VLIFX
Institutional VLMIX

Inception Date

Investor 3/1/50
Institutional 8/11/17

Total Assets

\$1.3B
(as of 12/31/23)

Top 10 Holdings

(as of 12/31/23)

Company	Weight (%)
Gartner Inc	5.09
CDW Corp	5.00
MSCI Inc	4.66
Lennox International Inc	4.55
Tyler Technologies Inc	4.53
Steris PLC	4.29
Pool Corp	4.29
TransDigm Group Inc	4.14
Heico Corp	4.07
Fair Isaac Corp	3.70

Value Line Funds

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Portfolio Manager Q&A

Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund (VLIFX/VLMIX)

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

The Fund returned 13.55% for the quarter ended December 31, 2023, outperforming the Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category average return of 12.38%. For the 1-year period, the Fund returned 22.11%, outperforming the Morningstar category's average return of 21.37%.

In addition, the Fund has outperformed over longer periods, and with lower risk. In fact, the Fund is the only mid-growth style fund among 114 unique Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category funds that has achieved **top 5% performance for the 3, 5 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
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. – VLIFX	40	3	5	3
# of Funds in Category	553	523	492	395

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23

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

Q2: Would you please describe the Fund's risk/reward profile?

We believe that the Fund's attractive risk/reward profile is primarily attributed to our investment approach. We own a concentrated portfolio of our "best ideas" in the mid-cap space, including those with a history of 10+ years of consistent growth in both stock price and earnings. As a result of our emphasis on consistent growth, the portfolio has experienced less volatility compared to our peers on average. In fact, the Fund's Sharpe Ratio, a measure of risk-adjusted return, has outperformed the Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category average over the 3, 5 and 10-year periods as of December 31, 2023.

	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fund (VLIFX) Sharpe Ratio	0.48	0.84	0.81
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Cat. Avg. Sharpe Ratio	-0.04	0.55	0.50
Morningstar Risk Rating	Low	Low	Low

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/23

Q3: What are some examples of the types of companies your investment process favors?

When selecting companies for investment, we look for those with a long-term track record of consistent growth in stock price and earnings. We believe this type of history indicates that a company is well run and can operate successfully in a variety of market environments. Two examples of our portfolio holdings include the following:

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- Lennox International Inc. (LII) manufactures heating, air conditioning and refrigeration products. The company provides climate control systems for residential and commercial buildings through its distribution network.
- CDW Corp. (CDW) provides information technology solutions to businesses, government entities, education and healthcare customers. The company provides a variety of products and services including hardware, software and cloud-based solutions.

Q4: What changes were made to the Fund in Q4?

In the fourth quarter, we added one company, Icon PLC (ICLR), to the portfolio. Icon provides clinical research services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that are developing new drugs or medical devices.

We sold one stock, The Cooper Companies Inc. (COO), as it no longer met our stringent investment criteria. Cooper operates a contact lens business and provides reproductive care medical devices.

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund held 37 companies.

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.

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