

# Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund

Investor: VLEOX  
Institutional: VLEIX



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## A Strong Performing, Low Risk, Small-Cap Solution

### Three Compelling Reasons to Consider the Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund:

#### 1. Historically Lower Overall Volatility 2. Impressive Risk-Adjusted Results 3. Outperformance

Among small growth funds, performance is only part of the story. Assessing the level of risk to achieve that performance is key. The Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund seeks smaller growth companies with a demonstrated history of consistently growing their earnings and stock price over 10+ years or longer.

### 1. Historically Lower Overall Volatility

Compared to the Morningstar Small Growth Category, the Fund has provided lower overall volatility based on historical standard deviation for the 3, 5 and 10 year periods ended September 30, 2024.

Standard Deviation	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund	18.50	18.68	16.09
Morningstar Small Growth Category	22.26	23.59	20.27
<b>% Less Risk</b>	<b>17% Less</b>	<b>21% Less</b>	<b>21% Less</b>
Morningstar Risk Rating	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>

### 2. Impressive Risk-Adjusted Results

The Fund's Sharpe Ratio ranked in the top 10% or better for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods among 158 unique funds in the Morningstar Small Growth Category. Sharpe Ratio measures the risk-adjusted return of an asset, i.e., the amount of return has been received for the level of risk assumed.

Sharpe Ratio	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund	0.23	0.58	0.66
Morningstar Small Growth Category	-0.13	0.41	0.49
VLEOX vs. Funds in Category	<b>Top 5%</b>	<b>Top 9%</b>	<b>Top 5%</b>

### Overall Rating



(VLEOX)

Among 545 Small Growth Funds  
(as of 9/30/24)

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.



#### Stephen E. Grant

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Grant has been Portfolio Manager of the Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund since 1998 and has over 30 years of investment experience. Mr. Grant earned an MBA from Wharton and a BA from Stanford University.

### Fund Facts

#### Symbol

Investor VLEOX  
Institutional VLEIX

#### Inception Date

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

#### Total Assets

\$716M  
(as of 9/30/24)

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### 3. Outperformance

The Fund outperformed both the Morningstar Small Growth Category average and the Russell 2000 Index for the 1, 3, 5 and 10-year periods as of September 30, 2024. The Fund is the **only fund** in the Morningstar Small Growth Category (among 159 unique funds) with **both Top 25% or better performance** for the 1, 3, 5 and 10-year periods **and Morningstar’s “Low” Risk Rating** for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods as of September 30, 2024.

Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund Performance (as of 9/30/24)					
	Average Annual Returns				
	QTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Investor - VLEOX</b>	<b>10.14%</b>	<b>32.05%</b>	<b>6.62%</b>	<b>12.17%</b>	<b>11.64%</b>
<b>Institutional - VLEIX<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>32.40</b>	<b>6.89</b>	<b>12.44</b>	<b>11.89</b>
Russell 2000 Index	9.27	26.76	1.84	9.39	8.78
Morningstar Small Growth Category Avg.	7.44	25.69	-1.41	10.04	9.93
<b>Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. - VLEOX</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
# of Funds in Category		568	545	517	398
Morningstar Risk			Low	Low	Low

VLEOX Gross / Net Expense Ratio: 1.18%, VLEIX Gross/Net Expense Ratio: 0.98%

Morningstar rates funds based on enhanced Morningstar risk-adjusted returns. Morningstar Ratings and Rankings based on Investor class shares.

<sup>1</sup>Italics indicates Morningstar Extended Performance. Extended performance is an estimate based on the performance of the fund’s oldest share class, adjusted for fees. The Inception Date of VLEIX is November 1, 2015.

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