

Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund

Investor: VLIFX
Institutional: VLMIX



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A Strong Performing, Low Risk, Focused Mid-Cap Solution

Three Reasons to Consider the Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund:

1. Focused Strategy 2. Impressive Risk-Adjusted Results 3. Outperformance

Mid-cap stocks are often called the “sweet spot of investing” because of their favorable risk adjusted returns relative to the large-cap and small-cap universe. With the **Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund**, the “sweet spot” just got a little sweeter. We hold a select group of our “best ideas” in the mid-cap space—companies that have generally experienced consistent growth in both earnings and stock price over 10 years or more—and have proven themselves by standing the test of time.

1. Focused Strategy

The Fund owns a limited number of companies by design, generally holding 25 to 50 stocks. Rather than holding small positions in many different mid-cap companies, we concentrate on our “best ideas” and allocate a meaningful percentage to each holding.

Number of Stock Holdings as of 12/31/23	
Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund	37
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Funds Category Average	101

2. Impressive Risk-Adjusted Results

Not only has the Fund earned Morningstar’s “Low” risk rating for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods as of December 31, 2023, but it has outpaced its peers in risk adjusted return for each period, as measured by Sharpe Ratio.

The Fund’s Sharpe Ratio placed it in the top 2% or better in its category over the 3, 5 and 10-year periods as of December 31, 2023.

Mid Cap Focused Fund (VLIFX)	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Risk Rating	Low	Low	Low
Sharpe Ratio Percentile Rank	Top 2%	Top 1%	Top 1%
# of Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Funds	544	524	484

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Overall Morningstar Rating



(VLIFX)

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.



Stephen E. Grant

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Grant has been Portfolio Manager of the Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund since 2009 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 VLIFX
Institutional VLMIX

Inception Date

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

Total Assets

\$1.26B
(as of 12/31/23)



3. Outperformance

The Fund outperformed the Russell Mid Cap Growth Index, the S&P 500 Index and the Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category average for the 5 and 10-year periods, and ranked in the top 5% or better among the Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Funds category for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods ended December 31, 2023.

Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund Performance (as of 12/31/23)					
	QTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor - VLIFX	13.55%	22.11%	9.81%	16.53%	12.76%
Institutional - VLMIX ¹	13.62	22.38	10.08	16.83	12.94
Russell Mid Cap Growth Index	14.55	25.87	1.31	13.81	10.57
S&P 500 Index	11.69	26.29	10.00	15.69	12.03
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	12.38	21.37	-0.86	12.46	9.23
Percentile Rank in Morningstar Cat. - VLIFX		40	3	5	3
# of Funds in Category		553	523	492	395
Morningstar Risk			Low	Low	Low

VLIFX Gross/Net Expense Ratio: 1.07%, VLMIX Gross/Net Expense Ratio: 0.86%

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

¹Italics 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 VLMIX is August 11, 2017.

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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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