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ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003

THE VALUE LINE

FUND, INC.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

TO OUR VALUE LINE

#### TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

After a three-year bear market, 2003 brought welcome relief to equity investors. The Value Line Fund, which had its portfolio more conservatively positioned, a strategy that worked well during the prior 3-year bear market, returned 16.28% for the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index climbed 28.7%.(1)

The speculative rally that began in mid-March, after the start of the Iraqi war, clearly did not reward the more conservative, high-quality names in the portfolio. Our best efforts to reposition the portfolio from the defensive strategy that worked well during the multi-year downturn which enabled shareholders to more safely weather the bear market was mostly successful. The Value Line Timeliness Ranking System favors stocks with strong relative earnings momentum, positive earnings surprise and strong relative price momentum. The leaders during the early phase of the rally did not rank well and, therefore, were not represented in the Fund. Higher risk technology stocks, many of which had lost half of their market value over the past four years, especially telecom

equipment and semiconductor-related issues, are examples of where we were underweight relative to the benchmark due to their poor fundamentals and low Timeliness ranks. However, as technology companies began to report increased year-over-year performance, they were assigned higher Timeliness ranks and we increased our exposure.

The September quarter was characterized by a more tempered rise in the S&P 500, up 2.6%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average, up 3.8%, than we had seen in the June period. Again, all of the action was in the high risk, smaller, more speculative names, which we tend to avoid.

Over the course of the year, we have made significant changes in the portfolio. As the economic picture improved, we increased our technology exposure, an area that has shown renewed growth. In addition, we have added to our positions in basic materials and industrials, which should benefit in a cyclical recovery.

Overall, the firming in business spending, a stabilizing labor market, and relatively low interest rates for the foreseeable future, should be positive for the equity markets. We believe that the Fund is well positioned to benefit in this environment.

We thank you for your continued confidence in Value Line, and we look forward to serving you in the new year.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jean Bernhard Buttner

Jean Bernhard Buttner Chairman and President

February 16, 2004

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<sup>(1)</sup> THE STANDARD & POOR'S 500 INDEX CONSISTS OF 500 STOCKS WHICH ARE TRADED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET SYSTEM AND IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BROAD STOCK MARKET. THIS IS AN UNMANAGED INDEX AND DOES NOT REFLECT CHARGES, EXPENSES OR TAXES, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DIRECTLY INVEST IN THIS INDEX.

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#### FUND SHAREHOLDERS

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#### ECONOMIC OBSERVATIONS

The U.S. economic recovery, which proceeded at an uninspiring pace in 2002 and the first half of 2003, really took off during last year's third and fourth quarters, when the nation's gross domestic product, buoyed by a strengthening in both consumer spending and capital goods activity, rose at the fastest pace in several years. What's more, early indications are that the economy will continue to press forward at a solid gait in the opening half of 2004, with GDP most likely increasing by more than 4%.

Meanwhile, underpinned by the critical support of the Federal Reserve, which continues to maintain its low-interest-rate policies, and boosted also by the stimulative effects of last year's tax reduction and spending programs, the U.S. economy should remain in forward gear throughout the year with GDP maintaining that healthy pace of better than 4%. We currently expect the business expansion to continue into 2005.

Inflation, meantime, remains muted, thanks, in part, to subdued labor costs. Adequate supplies of raw materials are also helping to keep the costs of production low. We note, though, that as the U.S. economy moves further along the recovery trail over the next several years, some modest increases in inflation may emerge. Absent a stronger long-term business recovery than we now envision, or a further sharp rise in oil and gas prices stemming from an escalating conflict in Iraq and elsewhere in the always contentious Middle East, or some severe production cutbacks by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), inflation should generally remain in check through the latter years of this decade. Long-term interest rates should increase modestly over the next several years, but most likely not to the degree that would bring the expansion to a halt.

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COMPARISON OF A CHANGE IN VALUE OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT
IN THE VALUE LINE FUND
AND THE S&P 500 Stock Index\*

(FROM 1/1/94 TO 12/31/03)

\*THE STANDARD AND POOR'S 500 INDEX (S&P 500 INDEX) IS AN UNMANAGED INDEX THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LARGER-CAPITALIZATION STOCKS TRADED IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE RETURN FOR THE INDEX DOES NOT REFLECT EXPENSES WHICH ARE DEDUCTED FROM THE FUND'S RETURNS.

PERFORMANCE DATA: \*\*

	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN	GROWTH OF AN ASSUMED INVESTMENT OF \$10,000
1 year ended 12/31/03	+16.28%	\$11,628
5 years ended 12/31/03	-4.08%	\$ 8,118
10 years ended 12/31/03	+6.26%	\$18 <b>,</b> 355

\*\* THE PERFORMANCE DATA QUOTED REPRESENT PAST PERFORMANCE AND ARE NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AND GROWTH OF AN ASSUMED INVESTMENT OF \$10,000 INCLUDE DIVIDENDS REINVESTED AND CAPITAL GAINS DISTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED IN SHARES. THE INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE OF AN INVESTMENT WILL FLUCTUATE SO THAT AN INVESTMENT, WHEN REDEEMED, MAY BE WORTH MORE OR LESS THAN ITS ORIGINAL COST. THE PERFORMANCE DATA AND GRAPH DO NOT REFLECT THE DEDUCTION OF TAXES THAT A SHAREHOLDER WOULD PAY ON FUND DISTRIBUTIONS OR THE REDEMPTION OF FUND SHARES.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

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TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

ISSUE	SHARES	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS
Citigroup, Inc	141,000	\$6,844	3.2%
Medtronic, Inc	127,000	6 <b>,</b> 173	2.9
Cisco Systems, Inc	253,000	6 <b>,</b> 145	2.8
Omnicom Group, Inc	70,000	6 <b>,</b> 113	2.8
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc	75,000	5 <b>,</b> 792	2.7
American International Group, Inc	87,000	5 <b>,</b> 766	2.7
Intel Corp	169,000	5,442	2.5
Dell, Inc	136,500	4,636	2.1
SanDisk Corp	75 <b>,</b> 500	4,616	2.1
Lowe's Companies, Inc	81,000	4,487	2.1

FIVE LARGEST INDUSTRY CATEGORIES

INDUSTRY	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS
Financial Services - Diversified  Medical Supplies  Computer & Peripherals  Telecommunications Equipment  Securities Brokerage	\$17,932 13,322 10,306 10,026 9,731	8.3% 6.2 4.8 4.6 4.5

FIVE LARGEST NET SECURITY PURCHASES\*

	COST
ISSUE	(IN THOUSANDS)
SanDisk Corp	\$5 <b>,</b> 708
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc	5,403
Cisco Systems, Inc	5,217
Intel Corp	5,161
Countrywide Financial Corp	3,310

FIVE LARGEST NET SECURITY SALES\*

ISSUE	PROCEEDS (IN THOUSANDS)
Amgen Inc	\$7,250
Fifth Third Bancorp	6,316
Kohl's Corp	5 <b>,</b> 973
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc	5 <b>,</b> 533
HCA, Inc	5,438

<sup>\*</sup> FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 12/31/03

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

#### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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SHARES		VALUE THOUSANDS)
COMMON STO	CKS (96.5%)	 
70,000	ADVERTISING (2.8%) Omnicom Group, Inc	\$ 6,113
23,500	AEROSPACE/DEFENSE(0.6%) L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.*	1,207
31,000 60,000	AUTO PARTS (2.2%) Autoliv Inc Lear Corp	1,167 3,680
		 4,847
42,500 62,500	BANK (2.8%) State Street Corporation	 2,214 3,833
		6,047
18,000	BEVERAGE - ALCOHOLIC (0.3%) Constellation Brands, Inc. Class "A"*	593
54,000	BEVERAGE - SOFT DRINK (0.7%) Cott Corp.*	1,513
25,500	BIOTECHNOLOGY (1.1%) Genentech, Inc.*	2,386
90,000	BUILDING  MATERIALS (2.0%)  Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.*	4,321
30,000	CHEMICAL - DIVERSIFIED (1.2%)  3M Company	2 <b>,</b> 551
43,000	CHEMICAL - SPECIALTY (0.5%) OM Group, Inc.*	1,126
136,500	COMPUTER & PERIPHERALS (4.8%) Dell, Inc.*	4,636

SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
39,500	Emulex Corp.*	\$ 1,054
75 <b>,</b> 500	SanDisk Corp.*	4,616 
		10,306
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE & SERVICES (3.7%)	
47,000	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. Class "A"*	2,145
84,500	Fiserv, Inc.*	3,338
67,000	VERITAS Software Corp.*	2,490
		 7 <b>,</b> 973
	DIVERGIELER	
	DIVERSIFIED COMPANIES (2.8%)	
28,000	Danaher Corp	2,569
47,500	Fortune Brands, Inc	3,396
		5,965
	DRUG (3.2%)	
35,500	Gilead Sciences, Inc.*	2,064
39 <b>,</b> 750	Mylan Laboratories, Inc	1,004
.08,500	Pfizer, Inc	3,833
		6,901
	EDUCATIONAL	
	SERVICES (2.1%)	
60,000	Career Education Corp.*	2,404
68,600	Education Management Corp.*	2 <b>,</b> 130
		4,534
	ELECTRICAL	
	EQUIPMENT (1.0%)	
61,500	Rockwell Automation, Inc	2,189
	ENTERTAINMENT (0.8%)	
41,000	Univision Communications, Inc. Class "A"*	1,627
	ENTERTAINMENT	
	TECHNOLOGY (1.9%)	
86,000	Electronic Arts Inc.*	4,109
00,000	BICCIONIC ALCS INC	4,100

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SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
	FINANCIAL SERVICES - DIVERSIFIED (8.3%)	
87,000	American International	
141,000	Group, Inc	\$ 5,766 6,844
41,333	Countrywide Financial Corp	3,135
88,000	MBNA Corp	2,187
		17,932
	HOMEBUILDING (1.0%)	
20,000	Lennar Corp. Class "A"	1,920
2,000	Lennar Corp. Class "B"	183
		2,103
	HOTEL - GAMING (0.5%)	
33,000	International Game Technology	1,178
40,000	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS (0.5%) Yankee Candle Company,	
	Inc. (The) *	1,093
25,500	<pre>INFORMATION    SERVICES (0.6%) Corporate Executive Board    Co. (The) *</pre>	1 100
	co. (ine) ^	1,190
22,000	<pre>INSURANCE - PROPERTY/   CASUALTY (0.9%) Everest Re Group, Ltd</pre>	1,861
22,000	Everest Re Group, Edd	1,001
	INTERNET (1.5%)	
39,000	Ameritrade Holding Corp.*	549
40,500	eBay, Inc.*	2,616 
		3,165
	MACHINERY (0.3%)	
43,500	JLG Industries, Inc	663
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70 000	MEDICAL SERVICES (3.0%)	2.040
70,000 75,000	Odyssey HealthCare Inc.*	2,048 3,263
29,000	Sunrise Senior Living, Inc.*	1,123
23,000		
		6,434
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SHARES		(IN THOUSANDS)
	MEDICAL SUPPLIES (6.2%)	
58 <b>,</b> 500	Fisher Scientific International, Inc.*	\$ 2,420
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127,000 45,000 23,000	Medtronic, Inc.  Varian Medical Systems, Inc.*  Zimmer Holdings, Inc.*	6,173 3,110 1,619	
		13,322	
24,500 43,000 28,500	METALS & MINING - DIVERSIFIED (2.3%) Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Class "B" Inco Ltd.* Phelps Dodge Corp.*	1,032 1,712 2,169	
		4,913	
46,500 39,500	NATURAL GAS - DIVERSIFIED (1.6%) Patina Oil &Gas Corp. XTO Energy, Inc.	2,278 1,118  3,396	
41,000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES (0.5%) Staples, Inc.*	1,119	
43,500	OILFIELD SERVICES/ EQUIPMENT (1.1%) Schlumberger Ltd.	2,380	
34,000	PETROLEUM - PRODUCING (1.3%) Apache Corp	2,757	
32,000	PHARMACY SERVICES (0.5%) CVS Corp	1,156	
48,000	PRECIOUS METALS (1.1%) Newmont Mining Corp	2,333	
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THE VALUE	LINE FUND, INC.		
SCHEDULE	OF INVESTMENTS		
SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)	
39,500 57,000	PRECISION INSTRUMENT (1.6%) Agilent Technologies, Inc.* Kronos Inc.*	\$ 1,155 2,258  3,413	

44,000	RECREATION (1.0%) Harley-Davidson, Inc.	2,091
42,500	RESTAURANT (0.9%) CEC Entertainment, Inc.*	2,014
100,500 81,000	RETAIL BUILDING SUPPLY (3.7%) Home Depot, Inc. (The) Lowe's Companies, Inc.	3,567 4,487
81,000	Lowe 5 Companies, Inc	8,054
	RETAIL - SPECIAL	0,004
	LINES (2.9%)	
46,000 51,500	Best Buy Co., Inc	2,403 1,208
50,000	Guitar Center, Inc.*	1,629
46,000	PETsMART, Inc.	1,095
		 6 <b>,</b> 335
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	RETAIL STORE (1.0%)	
53,500	Dollar General Corp	1,123
36,000	Fred's, Inc. Class "A"	1,115 
		2,238
	SECURITIES	
	BROKERAGE (4.5%)	
29,000	Legg Mason, Inc	2,238
75,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc	5,792
29,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc	1,701
		9,731
	CEMICONDUCTOD /2 7%)	
169,000	SEMICONDUCTOR (3.7%) Intel Corp	5,442
66,000	National Semiconductor Corp.*	2,601
		 8,043
		0,013
		VALUE
SHARES		(IN THOUSANDS)
	SEMICONDUCTOR CAPITAL	
	EQUIPMENT (1.8%)	
61,000	Amkor Technology, Inc.*	\$ 1,111
89 <b>,</b> 000	Lam Research Corp.*	2 <b>,</b> 875
		3,986
	STEEL - GENERAL (0.2%)	
18,000	Carpenter Technology Corp	532
	TELECOMMUNICATION	
	SERVICES (0.8%)	
64,500	Nextel Communications, Inc.	

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	Class "A"*	1,810
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	
	EQUIPMENT (4.6%)	
253,000	Cisco Systems, Inc.*	
77,500	Foundry Networks, Inc.*	
47,500	UTStarcom, Inc.*	1,761
		10,026
	THRIFT (1.3%)	
75,000	New York Community	
	Bancorp, Inc	2,854
	TOILETRIES &	
	COSMESTICS (1.5%)	
49,000	Avon Products, Inc	3,307
43,000	Avon Froduces, The	3,307
	TRUCKING/TRANSPORTATION	
17 000	LEASING (1.3%)	472
17,200 86,500	Forward Air Corp.*	473
	Services, Inc.*	
		2,809
	IMON STOCKS	
	INVESTMENT	
	S (96.5%)	
(Cost \$17	6,904,000)	
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	THE	VALUE LINE FUND, INC.
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		DECEMBER 31, 2003
		VALUE
PRINCI	PAL	(IN THOUSANDS
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(IN THOU	SANDS)	AMOUNT)
DEDIID CU A	F ACREMENTS (4 2%)	
	E AGREEMENTS (4.2%)	
·	IG ACCRUED INTEREST)	
\$ 3,000	<u> </u>	
	U.S. Treasury Bonds 5.25%,	
	due $2/15/29$ , with a value of	
	\$3,062,000 (with UBS	
	Warburg LLC, 0.84%, dated	
	12/31/03, due 1/2/04, delivery	
	value \$3,000,140)	\$ 3,000
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3,000	COTTACETATIZED DY 42,/43,000	

		(IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNT)	
AT DECEMBER	ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31, 2003		STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBE
THE VALUE L	TNE FUND, INC.		
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SEE NOTES TO	) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.		
* NON-INCOME	PRODUCING		
AND REDEME OUTSTANDIN (\$216,046,	ALUE, OFFERING PTION PRICE PER IG SHARE 603 DIVIDED BY 15,161,762 SHARES OF COCK OUTSTANDING)		\$ 14.25 ======
NET ASSETS	(100.0%)		\$216,047 ======
	ABILITIES OVER DTHER ASSETS (-0.7%)		(1,499)
	TOTAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (COST \$9,000,000)		9,000
3,000	due 5/15/08, with a value of \$3,060,000 (with Morgan Stanley, 0.75%, dated 12/31/03, due 1/2/04, delivery value \$3,000,125)		3,000 3,000

(Cost - \$176,904) ...... \$208,546 Interest .....

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ASSETS:

Investment securities, at value

(Cost - \$9,000) .....

Cash .....

Repurchase agreements

INVESTMENT INCOME:

Dividends .....

Total Income .....

Receivable for securities sold	4,935	EXPENSES:
Dividends receivable	68	Advisory fee
Receivable for capital shares sold	43	Service and distribution pl
Prepaid insurance expense	5 	Transfer agent fees Auditing and legal fees
TOTAL ASSETS	222 <b>,</b> 694	Printing
LIABILITIES:		Postage
Payable for securities purchased	3,618	Insurance, dues and other .
Payable for capital shares repurchased	2,812	Registration and filing fee
Accrued expenses:	_,	Directors' fees and expense
Advisory fee	123	Telephone
Service and distribution plan fees		
payable	46	Total Expenses before Cu
Other	48	Credits
		Less: Custody Credits
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,647	
		Net Expenses
NET ASSETS	\$216,047	1
	=======	NET INVESTMENT LOSS
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:		
Capital stock, at \$1.00 par value		NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED
(authorized 50,000,000, outstanding		(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS:
15,161,762 shares)	\$ 15,162	Net Realized Gain
Additional paid-in capital	153,897	Change in Net Unrealiz
Undistributed net realized gain on	,	Appreciation
investments	15,346	11
Net unrealized appreciation of	•	NET REALIZED GAIN AND CHANG
investments	31,642	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION
		INVESTMENTS
NET ASSETS	\$216,047	
	=======	NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS
NET ASSET VALUE, OFFERING AND		OPERATIONS
REDEMPTION PRICE PER OUTSTANDING		
SHARE (\$216,046,603 DIVIDED BY 15,161,762		
SHARES OUTSTANDING)	\$ 14.25	
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SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

YEAR ENDED YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, DECEMBER 31,
2003 2002

(IN THOUSANDS)

OPERATIONS:		
Net investment loss	\$ (397)	\$ (790)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	42,700	(4,404)
Change in net unrealized appreciation	(10,197)	(68,950)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	•	(74,144)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
Net realized gain from investment transactions	(22,708)	(2,007)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	59,344	87 <b>,</b> 992
Proceeds from reinvestment of distributions to shareholders	21,413	1,895
Cost of shares repurchased		(110,432)
Increase (Decrease) from capital share transactions		
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	9,709	(96,696)
Beginning of year		303,034
End of year		\$ 206,338

#### SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified, open-end management investment company whose primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that

affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

- (A) SECURITY VALUATION. Securities listed on a securities exchange are valued at the closing sales prices on the date as of which the net asset value is being determined. Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. In the absence of closing sales prices for such securities and for securities traded in the over-the-counter market, the security is valued at the midpoint between the latest available and representative asked and bid prices. Short-term instruments with maturities of 60 days or less at the date of purchase are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Short-term instruments with maturities greater than 60 days at the date of purchase are valued at the midpoint between the latest available and representative asked and bid prices, and commencing 60 days prior to maturity such securities are valued at amortized cost. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or that are not readily marketable and all other assets of the Fund are valued at fair value as the Board of Directors may determine in good faith.
- (B) REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, the Fund's custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market on a daily basis to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. In the event of default of the obligation to repurchase, the Fund has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. Under certain circumstances, in the event of default or bankruptcy by the other party to the agreement, realization and/or retention of the collateral or proceeds may be subject to legal proceedings.
- (C) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, including the distribution requirements of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and to distribute all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax or excise tax provision is required.
- (D) SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS. Security transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Interest income is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses on sales of securities are calculated for financial accounting and federal income tax purposes on the identified cost basis. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles.
- (E) REPRESENTATIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS. In the normal course of business the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

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DECEMBER 31, 2003

2. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS, DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Transactions in capital stock were as follows (in thousands except per share amounts):

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003	•
Shares sold	4,159	4,997
distributions	1,520	138
Shares repurchased	5,679 (5,608)	5,135 (6,434)
Net increase (decrease)	71	(1,299)
Distributions per share from net realized gains	\$ 1.6269	\$ .1335
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#### 3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
DUDGUAGE	(IN THOUSANDS)
PURCHASES: Investment Securities	 \$256 <b>,</b> 730
SALES: Investment Securities	 \$246,862

### 4. INCOME TAXES

At December 31, 2003, information on the tax components of capital is as follows:

	(IN	THOUSANDS)	
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Cost of investments for tax purposes	\$186,116
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Gross tax unrealized appreciation	\$ 33 <b>,</b> 767
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	(2,337)
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Net tax unrealized appreciation on	
investments	\$ 31,430
=	
Undistributed long-term gains	\$ 15 <b>,</b> 558

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Net realized gains/losses differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of wash sales.

The tax composition of distributions to shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 were all from net long-term capital gains.

Permanent book-tax differences relating to current year net operating loss are reclassified within the composition of the net asset accounts. In the current year the Fund reclassified \$397,000 from accumulated net investment loss to additional paid-in capital. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

# 5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACT, MANAGEMENT FEES AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

An advisory fee of \$1,428,000 was paid or payable to Value Line, Inc., the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"), for the year ended December 31, 2003. This was computed at the rate of .70% of the first \$100 million of the Fund's average daily net assets plus .65% on the excess thereof, and paid monthly. The Adviser provides research, investment programs, supervision of the investment portfolio and pays costs of administrative services, office space, equipment and compensation of administrative, bookkeeping and clerical personnel necessary for managing the affairs of the Fund. The Adviser also provides persons, satisfactory to the Fund's Board of Directors, to act as officers and employees of the Fund and pays their salaries and wages. The Fund bears all other costs and expenses.

The Fund has a Service and Distribution Plan (the "Plan"), adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Value Line Securities, Inc. (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, in advertising, marketing and distributing the Fund's shares and for servicing the Fund's shareholders at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the year ended December 31, 2003, fees amounting to \$530,000 were paid or payable to the

Distributor under this Plan.

Certain officers and directors of the Adviser and its wholly owned subsidiary, Value Line Securities, Inc. (the Fund's distributor and a registered broker/dealer), are also officers and directors of the Fund. During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Fund paid brokerage commissions totaling \$297,000 to the Distributor, which clears its transactions through unaffiliated brokers.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Fund's expenses were reduced by \$1,000 under a custody credit arrangement with the Custodian.

The Adviser and/or affiliated companies and the Value Line, Inc. Profit Sharing and Savings Plan owned 433,050 shares of the Fund's capital stock, representing 2.9% of the outstanding shares at December 31, 2003.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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SELECTED DATA FOR A SHARE OF CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR:

		YEARS	ENDED DECEMBER	31,
	2003	2002	2001	2
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 13.67	\$ 18.49	\$ 21.37	\$ 2
INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: Net investment (loss) income Net gains or losses on securities	(.03)	(.05)	(.04)	
(both realized and unrealized)	2.24	(4.64)	(2.70)	(
Total from investment operations	2.21	(4.69)	(2.74)	(

LESS DISTRIBUTIONS: Distributions from net realized gains	(1.63)	(.13)	(.14)	
Total distributions	(1.63)	(.13)	(.14)	
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF YEAR		\$ 13.67		\$ 2
TOTAL RETURN		-25.35%		-1
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: Net assets, end of year (in thousands) Ratio of expenses to average net assets (1) Ratio of net investment (loss) income to	\$216,047 1.13%	\$206,338 1.11%		\$386
average net assets  Portfolio turnover rate	(0.19)% 129%	(0.31)% 33%	(.18)% 45%	

(1) RATIOS REFLECT EXPENSES GROSSED UP FOR CUSTODY CREDIT ARRANGEMENT. THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS NET OF CUSTODY CREDITS WOULD HAVE BEEN 1.03% FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND UNCHANGED FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003, 2002, 2000, AND 1999.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of

changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Value Line Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") at December 31, 2003, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2003 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP New York, New York

February 19, 2004

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

2003 TAX NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS (UNAUDITED)

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For the year ended December 31, 2003 the Fund distributed \$22,707,898 of long-term capital gain to shareholders.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

The following table sets forth information on each Director and officer of the Fund. Each Director serves as a director or trustee of each of the 14 Value Line Funds and oversees a total of 15 portfolios. Each Director serves until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS
INTERESTED DIRECTORS*			
Jean Bernhard Buttner Age 69	Chairman of the Board of Directors and President	Since 1983	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Value Line, Inc. (the "Adviser") and Value Line Publishing, Inc.; Chairman and President of each of the 14 Value Line Funds and Value Line Securities, Inc. (the "Distributor").
Marion N. Ruth 5 Outrider Road Rolling Hills, CA 90274 Age 68	Director	Since 2000	Real Estate Executive: President, Ruth Realty (real estate broker); Director of the Adviser since 2000.
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS			
John W. Chandler 1611 Cold Spring Rd. Williamstown, MA 01267 Age 80	Director	Since 1991	Consultant, Academic Search Consultation Service, Inc.; Trustee Emeritus and Chairman (1993-1994) of the Board of Trustees of Duke University; President Emeritus, Williams College.
Frances T. Newton 4921 Buckingham Drive Charlotte, NC 28209 Age 62	Director	Since 2000	Customer Support Analyst, Duke Power Company.

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NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS	OTHER DIRE HELD BY DI
Francis C. Oakley 54 Scott Hill Road Williamstown, MA 01267 Age 72	Director	Since 2000	Professor of History, Williams College, 1961 to 2002; President Emeritus since 1994 and President, 1985-1994; Chairman (1993-1997) and Interim President (2002) of the American Council of Learned Societies.	
David H. Porter 5 Birch Run Drive Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Age 68	Director	Since 1997	Visiting Professor of Classics, Williams College, since 1999; President Emeritus, Skidmore College since 1999 and President, 1987-1998.	None
Paul Craig Roberts 169 Pompano St. Panama City Beach, FL 32413 Age 64	Director	Since 1985	Chairman, Institute for Political Economy.	
Nancy-Beth Sheerr 1409 Beaumont Drive Gladwyne, PA 19035 Age 54	Director	Since 1996	Senior Financial Advisor, Hawthorne, since January 2001; Chairman, Radcliffe College Board of Trustees, 1990-1999.	None

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#### MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

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NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS	OTHER HELD
OFFICERS				
Nancy L. Bendig Age 48	Vice President	Since 2003	Portfolio Manager with the Adviser since 2003 and from 1993 to 1999; Portfolio Manager-First Vice President, Avatar Associates (investment management), 1999-2003.	
Brett Mitstifer Age 41	Vice President	Since 2003	Portfolio Manager with the Adviser since 2003; Executive Vice President, Hovey, Youngman Associates (investment management), 2001-2003; Portfolio Manager, Bankers Trust, 1997-2000.	
Stephen Grant Age 50	Vice President	Since 2001	Portfolio Manager with the Adviser.	
David T. Henigson Age 46	Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer	Since 1994	Director, Vice President and Compliance Officer of the Adviser; Director and Vice President of the Distributor; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of each of the 14 Value Line Funds.	

<sup>\*</sup> MRS. BUTTNER IS AN "INTERESTED PERSON" AS DEFINED IN THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 BY VIRTUE OF HER POSITIONS WITH THE ADVISER AND HER INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE ADVISER; MRS. RUTH IS AN INTERESTED PERSON BY VIRTUE OF BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE ADVISER.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE ADDRESS FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE IS 220 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

#### THE VALUE LINE FAMILY OF FUNDS

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- 1950 -- THE VALUE LINE FUND seeks long-term growth of capital. Current income is a secondary objective.
- 1952 -- VALUE LINE INCOME AND GROWTH FUND'S primary investment objective is income, as high and dependable as is consistent with reasonable risk. Capital growth to increase total return is a secondary objective.
- 1956 -- THE VALUE LINE SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND seeks long-term growth of capital. No consideration is given to current income in the choice of investments.
- 1972 -- VALUE LINE LEVERAGED GROWTH INVESTORS' sole investment objective is to realize capital growth.
- 1979 -- THE VALUE LINE CASH FUND, a money market fund, seeks to secure as high a level of current income as is consistent with maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund.
- 1981 -- VALUE LINE U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND seeks maximum income without undue risk to capital. Under normal conditions, at least 80% of the value of its net assets will be invested in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities.
- 1983 -- VALUE LINE CENTURION FUND\* seeks long-term growth of capital.
- 1984 -- THE VALUE LINE TAX EXEMPT FUND seeks to provide investors with the maximum income exempt from federal income taxes while avoiding undue risk to principal. The Fund offers investors a choice of two portfolios: The Money Market Portfolio and The National Bond Portfolio. The fund may be subject to state and local taxes and the Alternative Minimum Tax (if applicable).
- 1985 -- VALUE LINE CONVERTIBLE FUND seeks high current income together with capital appreciation primarily from convertible securities ranked 1 or 2 for year-ahead performance by the Value Line Convertible Ranking System.
- 1986 -- VALUE LINE AGGRESSIVE INCOME TRUST seeks to maximize current income.
- 1987 -- VALUE LINE NEW YORK TAX EXEMPT TRUST seeks to provide New York taxpayers with the maximum income exempt from New York State, New York City and federal income taxes while avoiding undue risk to principal. The fund may be subject to state and local taxes and the Alternative Minimum Tax (if applicable).
- 1987 -- VALUE LINE STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST\* seeks to achieve a high total investment return consistent with reasonable risk.

1993 -- VALUE LINE EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FUND invests primarily in common stocks or securities convertible into common stock, with its primary objective being long-term growth of capital.

1993 -- VALUE LINE ASSET ALLOCATION FUND seeks high total investment return, consistent with reasonable risk. The Fund invests in stocks, bonds and money market instruments utilizing quantitative modeling to determine the asset mix.

\* ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF GUARDIAN INVESTOR, A TAX DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY, OR VALUEPLUS, A VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE VALUE LINE FUNDS, INCLUDING CHARGES AND EXPENSES, SEND FOR A PROSPECTUS FROM VALUE LINE SECURITIES, INC., 220 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017-5891 OR CALL 1-800-243-2729, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, OR VISIT US AT WWW.VALUELINE.COM. READ THE PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU INVEST OR SEND MONEY.

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