# **BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND**

June 30, 2020

### Institutional Shares (BDAIX)



#### Portfolio Manager

Alex Umansky joined Baron in 2011 as a portfolio manager. He has 27 years of research experience, 18 of which were at Morgan Stanley. From 2007 to 2011, he was co-manager of the Morgan Stanley Opportunity Fund. He co-managed the Global Opportunity Fund from 2008 to 2011 as well as the International Opportunity and the International Advantage Funds from 2010 to 2011. He co-managed the Information Fund from 2004 to 2005 and the Small Company Growth Fund from 1999 to 2002. He was lead manager of the Morgan Stanley Institutional Technology Strategy and the Technology Fund from 1998 to 2004. Alex graduated from New York University Stern School of Business with a B.S. in Finance, Information Systems, and Mathematics in 1993.

#### Investment Principles

- Long-term perspective allows us to think like an owner of a business
- Independent and exhaustive research is essential to understanding the long-term fundamental growth prospects of a business
- We seek appropriately capitalized open-ended growth opportunities, exceptional leadership, and sustainable competitive advantages
- Purchase price and risk management are integral to our investment process

#### Investment Strategy

The Fund invests mainly in large-sized U.S. companies with competitive advantages. The Strategy emphasizes businesses with excess free cash flow that can be returned to shareholders. Diversified.

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics	
Inception Date	December 29, 2017
Net Assets	\$12.00 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	35 / 95.1%
Turnover (2 Year Average)	17.23%
Active Share	79.2%
Median Market Cap²	\$79.37 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$250.22 billion
As of FYE 9/30/2019	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	068278761
Gross Expense Ratio	4.91%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(4.21)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.70%
Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.	

# Top 10 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corporation	5.6
Adobe Inc.	5.4
S&P Global Inc.	5.0
Moody's Corporation	4.9
AstraZeneca PLC	4.9
Danaher Corporation	4.6
Facebook, Inc.	4.2
Accenture plc	4.2
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.9
Mastercard Incorporated	3.7
Total	46.4

#### GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1</sup>

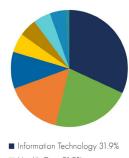
Blend Growth

Large

Medium

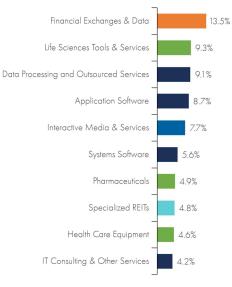
Small

Value



- Health Care 21.9%
- Financials 15.6%
- Communication Services 10.2%
- Industrials 5.3%
- Cash & Cash Equivalents 4.9%
- Real Estate 4.8%
- Consumer Staples 4.4%
- Materials 1.0%

#### Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart above.

#### Risks

Risks: The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, which are subject to price fluctuations in the stock market. In addition, because the Fund invests primarily in large-cap company securities, it may underperform other funds during periods when the Fund's securities are out of favor.



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Performance		Total Return (%)			Annualized Returns (%)				Cumulative Returns (%)	
	2nd Q 2020	1 st Q 2020	4th Q 2019	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/29/2017	Since Inception 12/29/2017
BDAIX-Institutional Shares	22.17	- 15.95	10.32	2.68	16.84	-	-	-	12.54	34.37
S&P 500 Index	20.54	- 19.60	9.07	-3.08	7.51	-	-	-	8.23	21.85
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	27.43	-15.48	9.36	7.84	17.34	-	-	-	N/A	N/A

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance <sup>2</sup>									
BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS						
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)				
Financial Exchanges & Data	13.05	3.40	S&P Global Inc.	4.92	1.65				
Application Software	7.83	2.48	Adobe Inc.	5.09	1.64				
Life Sciences Tools & Services	8.77	2.36	Microsoft Corporation	5.51	1.56				
Interactive Media & Services	7.18	1.76	Moody's Corporation	4.99	1.50				
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	9.21	1.74	Accenture plc	3.96	1.16				
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)				
No detractors this quarter			CME Group, Inc.	1.40	-0.02				

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