# BARON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

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Institutional Shares (BEXIX)



## Portfolio Manager

Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 33 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, Michael was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which he formed to acquire the Artemis Funds, a long-short equity strategy he co-founded in 1998. From 1993 to 2003, he worked at ING as a director of proprietary trading and was named senior managing director and portfolio manager in 1996. From 1989 to 1993, he worked at Lazard Frères in investment banking. From 1987 to 1989, he worked at Bear Stearns as a corporate finance analyst. Michael graduated summa cum laude from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

# 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

Total

## Investment Strategy

The Fund invests primarily in emerging market companies of all sizes with significant growth potential. The Fund may invest up to 20% in companies in developed and frontier countries. Diversified.

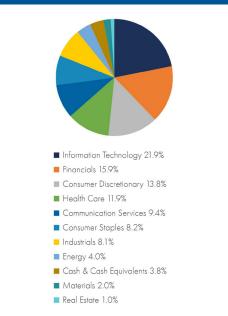
Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.



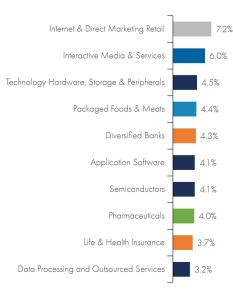
#### Portfolio Facts and Characteristics Inception Date December 31, 2010 Net Assets \$4.83 billion # of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets 94 / 96.2% Turnover (3 Year Average) 49.54% Active Share 77.2% Median Market Cap<sup>2</sup> \$11.98 billion \$109.45 billion Weighted Average Market Cap<sup>2</sup> As of FYE 12/31/2019 Institutional Shares **CUSIP** 06828M876 1.09% Expense Ratio

Top 10 Holdings	
	% of Net Assets
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	5.8
Tencent Holdings Limited	5.0
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	3.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.	3.0
Reliance Industries Limited	2.7
Zai Lab Limited	2.4
GDS Holdings Limited	1.7
Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd.	1.6
PagSeguro Digital Ltd.	1.6
China Conch Venture Holdings Ltd.	1.6

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



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



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

#### Risks

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Risks: In addition to the general stock market risk that securities may fluctuate in value, investments in developing countries may have increased risks due to a greater possibility of: settlement delays; currency and capital controls; interest rate sensitivity; corruption and crime; exchange rate volatility; and inflation or deflation. The Fund invests in companies of all sizes, including small and medium sized companies whose securities

companies whose securities may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell during market downturns.

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)									
Year	BEXIX	MSCI EM Index	MSCI EM IMI Growth Index						
2011	- 17.00	-18.42	-20.04						
2012	23.22	18.22	20.72						
2013	15.02	-2.60	0.10						
2014	3.75	-2.19	-0.15						
2015	- 10.97	- 14.92	- 10.51						
2016	4.08	11.19	5.84						
2017	40.63	37.28	44.70						
2018	-18.49	-14.58	-18.44						
2019	18.86	18.42	23.60						

Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>								
	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception					
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	19.46	17.54	16.12					
Sharpe Ratio	0.04	0.14	0.21					
Alpha (%) - Annualized	0.77	1.01	3.31					
Beta	1.00	0.93	0.84					
R-Squared (%)	91.07	90.10	85.09					
Tracking Error (%)	5.82	5.65	6.80					
Information Ratio	0.10	0.13	0.47					
Upside Capture (%)	97.02	93.60	88.75					
Downside Capture (%)	94.62	89.87	<i>7</i> 5.23					

	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets
Emerging	92.8	Emerging (Cont'd)	Assets
China	43.4	Indonesia	0.9
India	20.0	Thailand	0.7
Brazil	<i>7</i> .9	United Arab Emirates	0.6
Korea	4.6	Argentina	0.4
Taiwan	4.6	Hungary	0.2
Russia	3.5	Developed	3.4
Mexico	3.2	Hong Kong	2.0
Philippines	1.5	Japan	1.0
South Africa	1.3	Norway	0.4

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 12/31/2010	Since Inception 12/31/2010
BEXIX-Institutional Shares	26.67	-25.02	9.53	-5.02	0.56	2.46	3.61	-	4.09	46.36
MSCI EM Index	18.08	-23.60	11.84	-9.78	-3.39	1.90	2.86	-	0.90	8.91
MSCI EM IMI Growth Index	22.76	-20.34	13.25	-2.21	8.32	5.30	5.28	-	2.83	30.34
Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category Average	20.68	-25.26	10.33	-9.77	-3.66	1.15	2.46	-	N/A	N/A

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Application Software	3.52	2.04	Tencent Holdings Limited	4.86	1.38
Interactive Media & Services	5.71	1.75	Zai Lab Limited	2.42	1.30
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	7.62	1.70	Reliance Industries Limited	2.40	1.18
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	2.83	1.58	China Tourism Group Duty Free Corporation Limited	0.96	0.99
Biotechnology	2.91	1.47	PagSeguro Digital Ltd.	1.39	0.96
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Construction & Engineering	1.23	-0.21	Guangzhou Automobile Group Company Limited	0.46	-0.24
Automobile Manufacturers	0.75	-0.12	Haitong Securities Co., Ltd.	0.38	-0.09
Gas Utilities	0.31	-0.05	Infraestructura Energetica Nova S.A.B. de C.V.	0.31	-0.05
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation	0.37	-0.05	China Conch Venture Holdings Ltd.	1.95	-0.05
Household Products	0.85	-0.04	Golar LNG Ltd.	0.37	-0.05

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