# BARON GLOBAL ADVANTAGE FUND

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Institutional Shares (BGAIX)



## 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 growth companies of all sizes located throughout the world. Diversified

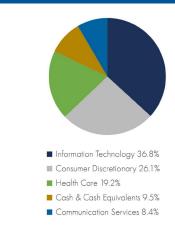
Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.



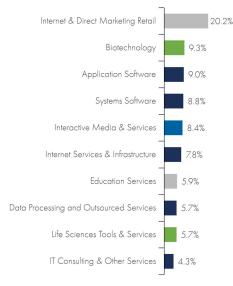
#### Portfolio Facts and Characteristics Inception Date April 30, 2012 Net Assets \$1.23 billion # of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets 47 / 90.5% Turnover (3 Year Average) 18.15% Active Share 93.1% Median Market Cap<sup>2</sup> \$14.29 billion \$205.66 billion Weighted Average Market Cap<sup>2</sup> As of FYE 12/31/2019 Institutional Shares **CUSIP** 06828M835 1.00% Gross Expense Ratio Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser (0.10)% 0.90% Net Expense Ratio

|                               | % of Net Assets |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | 6.3             |
| Amazon.com, Inc.              | 6.0             |
| Facebook, Inc.                | 4.0             |
| Wix.com Ltd.                  | 3.2             |
| MercadoLibre, Inc.            | 3.0             |
| TAL Education Group           | 2.9             |
| GDS Holdings Limited          | 2.8             |
| Splunk, Inc.                  | 2.7             |
| Twilio Inc.                   | 2.6             |
| Veeva Systems Inc.            | 2.6             |
| Total                         | 36.1            |

## 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

**Risks**: Growth stocks can react differently to issuer, political, market and economic developments than the market as a whole. Non-U.S. investments may involve additional risks to those inherent in U.S. investments, including exchange-rate fluctuations, political or economic instability, the imposition of exchange controls, expropriation, limited disclosure and illiquid markets,

resulting in greater share price volatility. Securities of small and medium-sized companies may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell.



| Historical Performance (Calendar Year %) |         |                |                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------|----------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Year                                     | BGAIX M | SCI ACWI Index | MSCI ACWI<br>Growth Index |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2012                                     | 4.20    | 5.00           | 3.52                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2013                                     | 30.13   | 22.80          | 23.17                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014                                     | 5.32    | 4.16           | 5.43                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2015                                     | -1.51   | -2.36          | 1.55                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016                                     | -0.93   | <i>7</i> .86   | 3.27                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2017                                     | 49.82   | 23.97          | 30.00                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2018                                     | -3.66   | -9.42          | -8.13                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2019                                     | 45.45   | 26.60          | 32.72                     |  |  |  |  |  |

| Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup> |         |         |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------|---------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since<br>Inception |  |  |  |  |  |
| Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized                     | 21.19   | 20.32   | 17.68              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharpe Ratio                                   | 1.38    | 0.99    | 1.00               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alpha (%) - Annualized                         | 24.09   | 13.79   | 9.38               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beta   | 1.05    | 1.15    | 1.10               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R-Squared (%)                                  | 65.53   | 67.14   | 65.48              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tracking Error (%)                             | 12.47   | 11.84   | 10.46              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information Ratio                              | 2.00    | 1.25    | 0.98               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upside Capture (%)                             | 156.92  | 150.15  | 133.74             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Downside Capture (%)                           | 58.94   | 85.41   | 84.63              |  |  |  |  |  |

| Country Breakdown |                    |                      |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                   | % of Net<br>Assets |                      | % of Net<br>Assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Developed         | 63.8               | Emerging             | 26.7               |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States     | 49.1               | China                | 16.6               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Israel            | 5.2                | Brazil               | 5.4                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Netherlands       | 4.9                | Argentina            | 3.9                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada            | 2.6                | United Arab Emirates | 0.8                |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom    | 2.0                |                      |                    |  |  |  |  |  |

| Performance                                    |               | Total Return (%) |               |       |        | Annualized Returns (%) |            |             |                              | Cumulative Returns<br>(%)    |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------|--------|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | 2nd Q<br>2020 | 1 st Q<br>2020   | 4th Q<br>2019 | YTD   | 1 Year | 3<br>Years             | 5<br>Years | 10<br>Years | Since Inception<br>4/30/2012 | Since Inception<br>4/30/2012 |
| BGAIX-Institutional Shares                     | 46.39         | -7.62            | 12.26         | 35.23 | 45.91  | 31.02                  | 21.21      | -           | 18.34                        | 295.64                       |
| MSCI ACWI Index                                | 19.22         | -21.37           | 8.95          | -6.25 | 2.11   | 6.14                   | 6.46       | -           | 8.07                         | 88.52                        |
| MSCI ACWI Growth Index                         | 25.14         | - 15.71          | 10.23         | 5.48  | 16.58  | 13.18                  | 10.83      | -           | 11.07                        | 135.71                       |
| Morningstar World Large Stock Category Average | 20.06         | -21.05           | 8.18          | -5.33 | 1.83   | 5.55                   | 6.04       | -           | N/A                          | N/A                          |

| BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>     |                   |                 | BY HOLDINGS               |                   |                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Top Contributors                   | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) | Top Contributors          | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
| Internet & Direct Marketing Retail | 19.10             | 10.66           | Wix.com Ltd.              | 2.81              | 3.20            |
| Internet Services & Infrastructure | 8.85              | 8.40            | Twilio Inc.               | 2.53              | 2.76            |
| Systems Software                   | 6.79              | 4.95            | MercadoLibre, Inc.        | 3.02              | 2.72            |
| Application Software               | 9.35              | 4.85            | Fiverr International Ltd. | 1.99              | 2.63            |
| Biotechnology                      | 9.45              | 3.51            | Amazon.com, Inc.          | 5.81              | 2.54            |
| Top Detractors                     | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) | Top Detractors            | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
| No detractors this quarter         |                   |                 | Arco Platform Limited     | 0.57              | -0.01           |

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- 2 Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.
- 3 Source: FactSet SPAR. Except for Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio, the performance based characteristics above were calculated relative to the Fund's benchmark The Fund may not achieve its objectives. Portfolio holdings may change over time.

The Fund's 3 and 5-year historical performance was impacted by gains from IPOs and/or secondary offerings, and there is no guarantee that these results can be repeated or that the Fund's level of participation in IPOs and secondary offerings will be the same in the future.

Effective 1/31/2019, the Fund has changed its primary benchmark to the MSCI ACWI Index.

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