# **BARON FIFTH AVENUE GROWTH FUND**

June 30, 2021

#### Institutional Shares (BFTIX)



#### Portfolio Manager

Alex Umansky joined Baron in 2011 as a portfolio manager. He has 28 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 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 significant growth potential and competitive advantages. Diversified.

Inception Date	April 30, 2004
Net Assets	\$840.14 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	40 / 99.5%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	15.84%
Active Share	70.5%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$71.75 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$414.61 billion
As of FYE 9/30/2020	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	068278878
Gross Expense Ratio	0.78%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.03)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.75%

#### Top 10 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
Amazon.com, Inc.	7.9
Alphabet Inc.	6.4
Facebook, Inc.	4.8
ServiceNow, Inc.	3.9
EPAM Systems, Inc.	3.9
Twilio Inc.	3.8
Adobe Inc.	3.8
Veeva Systems Inc.	3.7
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	3.4
Mastercard Incorporated	3.4
Total	45.0

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

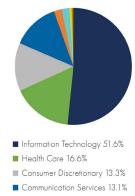
Blend Growth

Large

Medium

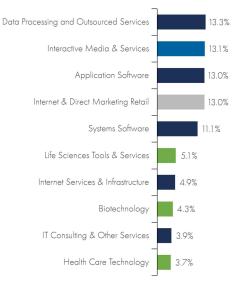
Small

Value



- Financials 2.2%
- Real Estate 2.1%
- Industrials 0.6%
- Cash & Cash Equivalents 0.5%

#### 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. Even though the Fund is diversified, it may establish significant positions where the Adviser has the greatest conviction. This could increase volatility of the Fund's returns.



## BARON FIFTH AVENUE GROWTH FUND

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)							
Year	BFTIX	Russell 1000 Growth Index	S&P 500 Index				
2012	21.20	15.26	16.00				
2013	35.73	33.48	32.39				
2014	8.34	13.05	13.69				
2015	6.61	5.67	1.38				
2016	-1.76	7.08	11.96				
2017	40.97	30.21	21.83				
2018	1.39	-1.51	-4.38				
2019	34.25	36.39	31.49				
2020	50.81	38.49	18.40				

Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>						
	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years			
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	20.68	17.43	16.84			
Sharpe Ratio	1.19	1.50	1.07			
Alpha (%) - Annualized	1.69	3.68	-0.20			
Beta	0.96	0.98	1.07			
R-Squared (%)	85.15	82.15	84.56			
Tracking Error (%)	8.00	7.37	6.70			
Information Ratio	0.10	0.50	0.12			
Upside Capture (%)	93.62	101.49	105.27			
Downside Capture (%)	82.71	80.75	106.49			

Performance⁴		Total Re	turn (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				Cumulative Returns (%)		
	2nd Q 2021	1 st Q 2021	4th Q 2020	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	12/31/2011 - 06/30/2021	10 Years	Since Inception 4/30/2004	Since Inception 4/30/2004
BFTIX-Institutional Shares	13.82	-1.57	8.15	12.03	35.34	25.94	27.32	20.86	18.67	12.25	627.50
Russell 1000 Growth Index	11.93	0.94	11.39	12.99	42.50	25.14	23.66	19.39	17.87	12.42	646.65
S&P 500 Index	8.55	6.17	12.15	15.25	40.79	18.67	17.65	16.14	14.84	10.45	450.49
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	10.28	2.23	12.50	12.38	41.70	22.56	21.98	17.28	15.99	N/A	N/A

Alex Umansky began managing Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund on 11/1/2011. Fund performance from 10/31/2011 to 6/30/2021 was 20.08% vs. the performance of the Russell 1000 Growth Index and the S&P 500 Index, which were 18.99% and 15.93%, respectively. Alex restructured the Fund during his first two months at Baron Capital. Fund performance after 12/31/2011 was generated exclusively by Alex for the period after portfolio reconstruction.

#### 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(%) 2.27 1.27 Systems Software Alphabet Inc. 10.36 6.59 1.04 Interactive Media & Services 13.14 2.21 EPAM Systems, Inc. 3.82 Data Processing and Outsourced Services 12 91 141 8 22 0.93 Amazon.com, Inc. 12.30 0.90 Application Software 124 CrowdStrike, Inc. 2.53 Esta da a a la da 1 71 004 1.04 IT Consulting & Other Services 3.82 **Top Detractors** Average Weight(%) Contribution(%) Aerospace & Defense 0.18 -0.01

4.74	0.84		
Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)		
1.84	-0.13		
1.27	-0.13		
2.91	-0.08		
2.99	-0.06		
0.18	-0.01		
	Average Weight(%) 1.84 1.27 2.91 2.99		

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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.

4 - Alex Umansky began managing Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund on 11/1/2011. The Category Average is calculated manually from 11/1/2011 to the most recent quarter end using Morningstar's Fractional Weighting methodology and only includes funds categorized in Morningstar's US Large Growth Category for the entire time period.

The Fund may not achieve its objectives. Portfolio holdings may change over time.

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