

BARON ASSET FUND

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Institutional Shares (BARIX)



Portfolio Manager

Andrew Peck joined Baron in 1998 as a research analyst and was named portfolio manager of Baron Asset Fund in 2003 and Baron All Cap Growth Strategy in 2004. In 2020, he was named co-chief investment officer. He has 25 years of research experience. From 1992 to 1994, he worked as an analyst in Salomon Brothers' Equity Capital Markets group. Andrew graduated *magna cum laude* from Yale College with a B.A. in History in 1991 and from Stanford Law School and Graduate School of Business with a J.D. and M.B.A. in 1998.

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 mid-sized U.S. companies that have matured beyond their start-up phase and have significant secular growth opportunities. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

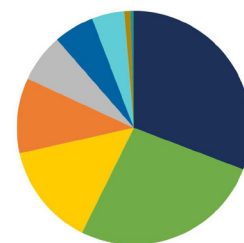
Inception Date	June 12, 1987
Net Assets	\$6.17 billion
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	65 / 99.2%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	10.22%
Active Share	82.8%
Median Market Cap ²	\$21.51 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap ²	\$30.74 billion
As of FYE 9/30/2020	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	068278605
Expense Ratio	1.05%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

Top 10 Holdings

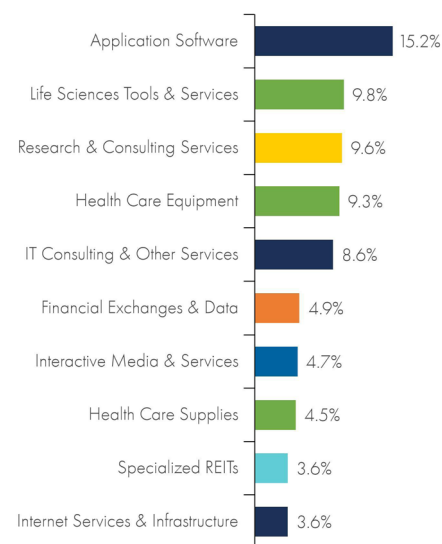
	% of Net Assets
Gartner, Inc.	7.4
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	6.8
Mettler-Toledo International, Inc.	4.3
Vail Resorts, Inc.	3.3
ANSYS, Inc.	3.2
Bio-Techne Corporation	3.1
Verisk Analytics, Inc.	3.1
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	3.1
CoStar Group, Inc.	3.0
Ceridian HCM Holding Inc.	3.0
Total	40.3

GICS Sector Breakdown^{1,5}



- Information Technology 30.8%
- Health Care 26.5%
- Industrials 14.2%
- Financials 10.4%
- Consumer Discretionary 6.7%
- Communication Services 5.6%
- Real Estate 4.5%
- Cash & Cash Equivalents 0.8%
- Materials 0.5%

Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



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

Risks

Risks: Securities issued by medium sized companies may be thinly traded and may be more difficult to sell during market downturns. 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.



Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BARIX	Russell Midcap Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
2012	15.63	15.81	16.00
2013	39.25	35.74	32.39
2014	9.77	11.90	13.69
2015	0.20	-0.20	1.38
2016	6.51	7.33	11.96
2017	26.49	25.27	21.83
2018	0.14	-4.75	-4.38
2019	37.96	35.47	31.49
2020	33.33	35.59	18.40

Performance Based Characteristics³

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	20.85	17.03	15.12
Sharpe Ratio	0.84	1.13	1.15
Alpha (%) - Annualized	1.03	2.39	1.41
Beta	0.92	0.92	0.94
R-Squared (%)	94.34	92.66	92.53
Tracking Error (%)	5.28	4.81	4.24
Information Ratio	-0.08	0.25	0.11
Upside Capture (%)	98.01	100.65	100.54
Downside Capture (%)	98.19	94.61	98.07

Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	3rd Q 2021	2nd Q 2021	1st Q 2021	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception ⁴ 6/12/1987	Since Inception ⁴ 6/12/1987
BARIX-Institutional Shares	-0.14	10.03	-1.03	8.75	25.29	18.72	20.45	18.00	12.46	5505.76
Russell Midcap Growth Index	-0.76	11.07	-0.57	9.60	30.45	19.14	19.27	17.54	11.08	3551.99
S&P 500 Index	0.58	8.55	6.17	15.92	30.00	15.99	16.90	16.63	10.46	2933.54
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	-0.86	7.00	3.96	9.72	33.09	18.19	18.82	16.49	N/A	N/A

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES¹

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
IT Consulting & Other Services	7.97	1.51
Health Care Supplies	4.39	0.50
Research & Consulting Services	9.37	0.35
Financial Exchanges & Data	4.68	0.20
Health Care Equipment	9.54	0.19

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Internet Services & Infrastructure	4.43	-1.15
Interactive Media & Services	4.96	-0.79
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	1.50	-0.53
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	1.32	-0.19
Health Care Technology	2.28	-0.14

BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Gartner, Inc.	6.76	1.39
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	2.95	0.45
Ceridian HCM Holding Inc.	2.68	0.41
Verisk Analytics, Inc.	2.91	0.38
FactSet Research Systems, Inc.	2.10	0.34

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Wix.com Ltd.	1.95	-0.71
Zillow Group, Inc.	2.05	-0.66
RingCentral, Inc.	1.28	-0.35
Stitch Fix, Inc.	0.79	-0.33
GDS Holdings Limited	0.45	-0.24

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund's transfer agency expenses may be reduced by expense offsets from an unaffiliated transfer agent, without which performance would have been lower. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance information current to the most recent month end, visit www.BaronFunds.com or call 1-800-99BARON. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus and summary prospectus contain this and other information about the Fund and can be obtained from the Fund's distributor, Baron Capital, Inc., by calling 1-800-99BARON or visiting www.BaronFunds.com. Please read them carefully before investing.

1 - Industry sector or sub-industry group levels are provided from the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), developed and exclusively owned by MSCI, Inc. ("MSCI") and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). All GICS data is provided "as is" with no warranties. The Adviser may have reclassified/classified certain securities in or out of a sub-industry. Such reclassifications are not supported by S&P or MSCI.

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 - For this report, the Since Inception date for Russell Midcap Growth Index is 6/30/1987.

5 - Cash includes cash, cash equivalents, and unrealized appreciation/depreciation from unfunded commitments in PIPE, SPAC PIPE and/or Private Equity securities.

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

Performance for the Institutional Shares prior to 5/29/2009 is based on the performance of the Retail Shares, which have a distribution fee. The Institutional Shares do not have a distribution fee. If the annual returns for the Institutional Shares prior to 5/29/2009 did not reflect this fee, the returns would be higher.

The Fund's 3Q 2021 historical performance was impacted by gains from IPOs and there is no guarantee that these results can be repeated or that the Fund's level of participation in IPOs will be the same in the future.

Prior to February 15, 2007, the Fund's strategy was to invest primarily in small and mid-sized growth companies. Since then, the Fund's investment strategy has shifted to mid-sized companies.

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