# BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND

December 31, 2021

Institutional Shares (BDAIX)



#### Portfolio Manager

Alex Umansky joined Baron in 2011 as a portfolio manager. He has 29 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 durable 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 Fund emphasizes businesses with excess free cash flow that can be returned to shareholders. Diversified.

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

# Inception Date December 29, 2017 Net Assets \$59.29 million # of Issuers / % of Net Assets 33 / 98.4% Turnover (3 Year Average) 13.08% Active Share 78.6% Median Market Cap² \$82.11 billion Weighted Average Market Cap² \$511.73 billion

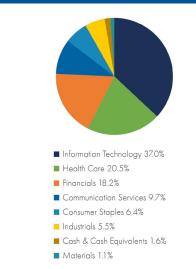
As of FYE 9/30/2021	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	068278761
Gross Expense Ratio	1.48%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.78)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.70%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

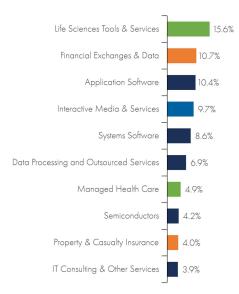
# Top 10 Holdings

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	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corporation	8.6
Alphabet Inc.	6.2
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.9
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	4.0
Danaher Corporation	4.0
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.9
Accenture plc	3.9
Mastercard Incorporated	3.8
Meta Platforms, Inc.	3.5
IHS Markit Ltd.	3.5
Total	46.3

### 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**: 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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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)				
Year	BDAIX	S&P 500 Index		
2018	-7.28	-4.38		
2019	41.13	31.49		
2020	20.32	18.40		
2021	32.16	28.71		

Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>					
	3 Years	Since Inception			
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	16.98	16.89			
Sharpe Ratio	1.77	1.12			
Alpha (%) - Annualized	5.31	2.93			
Beta	0.94	0.95			
R-Squared (%)	93.63	93.41			
Tracking Error (%)	4.40	4.41			
Information Ratio	1.10	0.56			
Upside Capture (%)	104.46	100.42			
Downside Capture (%)	85.31	88.51			

Performance	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)			Cumulative Returns (%)				
	4th Q 2021	3rd Q 2021	2nd Q 2021	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/29/2017	Since Inception 12/29/2017
BDAIX-Institutional Shares	11.06	2.12	13.14	32.16	32.16	30.93	-	-	20.11	108.09
S&P 500 Index	11.03	0.58	8.55	28.71	28.71	26.07	-	-	17.65	91.58
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	6.91	-0.07	10.28	20.45	20.45	29.54	-	-	N/A	N/A

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Systems Software	9.17	1.75	Microsoft Corporation	9.17	1 <i>.7</i> 5
Life Sciences Tools & Services	13.40	1.64	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.46	1.18
Managed Health Care	4.46	1.18	Accenture plc	3.46	0.94
Financial Exchanges & Data	10.43	1.06	Alphabet Inc.	6.75	0.68
Application Software	9.61	0.95	Intuit Inc.	3.40	0.60
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Health Care Equipment	1.63	-0.18	Stevanato Group S.p.A	1.20	-0.15
			Visa, Inc.	3.50	-0.12
			Meta Platforms, Inc.	4.11	-0.08
			Texas Instruments Incorporated	2.37	-0.04

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- 2 Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.
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