

BARON HEALTH CARE FUND

December 31, 2021

Institutional Shares (BHCHX)



Portfolio Manager

Neal Kaufman joined Baron in 2005 as a research analyst specializing in health care and was named portfolio manager in 2018. He has 21 years of research experience. From 2001 to 2005, he worked at Credit Suisse First Boston as a vice president and managed a portfolio in the Equity Proprietary Trading group. From 1996 to 2001, he practiced corporate law in New York. Neal graduated *cum laude* from Yale College with a B.A. in History in 1993, from Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 1996, and from Columbia Business School with an M.B.A. in 2002.

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 in companies engaged in the research, development, production, sale, delivery, or distribution of products and services related to the health care industry. The Fund may purchase securities of companies of any market capitalization. Non-diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth
		Large
		Medium
		Small

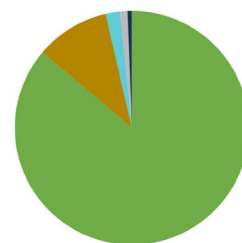
Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	April 30, 2018
Net Assets	\$255.22 million
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	59 / 89.8%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	53.11%
Active Share	71.6%
Median Market Cap ²	\$8.83 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap ²	\$95.68 billion
As of FYE 12/31/2020	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	06828M660
Gross Expense Ratio	1.45%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.60)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.85%
Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.	

Top 10 Holdings

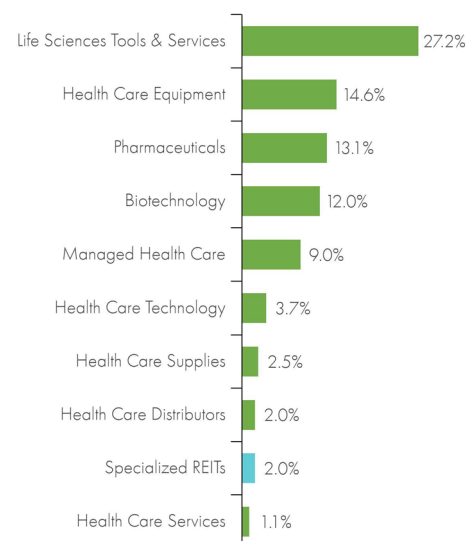
	% of Net Assets
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	7.0
ICON Plc	5.4
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.7
Bio-Techne Corporation	4.7
Natera, Inc.	4.2
Eli Lilly and Company	3.9
argenx SE	3.3
Zoetis Inc.	2.8
Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC	2.8
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	2.3
Total	41.1

GICS Sector Breakdown¹



- Health Care 86.2%
- Cash & Cash Equivalents 10.2%
- Real Estate 2.0%
- Consumer Discretionary 1.0%
- Information Technology 0.6%

Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



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

Risks

Risks: In addition to general market conditions, the value of the Fund will be affected by investments in health care companies which are subject to a number of risks, including the adverse impact of legislative actions and government regulations. The Fund is non-diversified, which means it may have a greater percentage of its assets in a single issuer than a diversified fund. The Fund invests in small and medium sized companies whose securities may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell during market downturns.



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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year ⁴	BHCHX	Russell 3000 Health Care Index	S&P 500 Index
2018	-4.70	4.85	-4.02
2019	35.57	22.11	31.49
2020	47.72	19.34	18.40
2021	15.72	18.60	28.71

Performance Based Characteristics³

	3 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	17.16	18.36
Sharpe Ratio	1.83	1.25
Alpha (%) - Annualized	11.05	6.05
Beta	0.99	1.00
R-Squared (%)	76.81	76.80
Tracking Error (%)	8.27	8.84
Information Ratio	1.49	0.74
Upside Capture (%)	116.15	108.12
Downside Capture (%)	64.65	82.14

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 4/30/2018	Since Inception 4/30/2018
BHCHX-Institutional Shares	2.05	1.18	11.43	15.72	15.72	32.34	-	-	24.12	120.87
Russell 3000 Health Care Index	7.17	0.17	8.16	18.60	18.60	20.01	-	-	17.60	81.21
S&P 500 Index	11.03	0.58	8.55	28.71	28.71	26.07	-	-	19.52	92.31
Morningstar Health Category Average	0.57	-2.11	7.18	6.88	6.88	18.84	-	-	N/A	N/A

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES¹

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Managed Health Care	7.64	1.88
Pharmaceuticals	10.99	1.39
Life Sciences Tools & Services	28.66	0.53
Health Care Equipment	16.52	0.47
Specialized REITs	1.82	0.30
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Health Care Technology	5.07	-1.05
Biotechnology	12.96	-0.82
Health Care Supplies	3.07	-0.37
Health Care Facilities	0.85	-0.13
Specialty Stores	0.52	-0.09

BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	6.00	1.58
ICON Plc	5.32	0.92
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.60	0.71
Eli Lilly and Company	3.51	0.62
Zoetis Inc.	2.69	0.62
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Natera, Inc.	5.17	-0.87
Zai Lab Limited	0.62	-0.45
Schrodinger, Inc.	0.93	-0.45
Figs Inc.	1.21	-0.37
GoodRx Holdings, Inc.	2.05	-0.36

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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 - Performance information for 2018 is from its inception date 4/30/2018 to 12/31/2018.

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

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