

# BARON INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND

December 31, 2022

Institutional Shares (BINIX)



## Portfolio Manager

Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 36 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, Michael was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which he formed to acquire the Artemis Funds, a long-short equity strategy he co-founded in 1998. From 1993 to 2003, he worked at ING as a director of proprietary trading and was named senior managing director and portfolio manager in 1996. From 1989 to 1993, he worked at Lazard Frères in investment banking. From 1987 to 1989, he worked at Bear Stearns as a corporate finance analyst. Michael graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

## 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 non-U.S. companies of any size with significant growth potential. The Fund invests principally in companies in developed countries. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

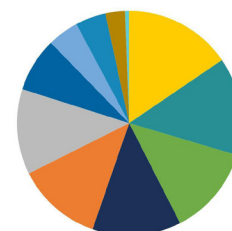
Inception Date	December 31, 2008
Net Assets	\$482.66 million
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	102 / 97.2%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	41.39%
Active Share	88.0%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$13.19 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$57.16 billion
<b>As of FYE 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Institutional Shares</b>
CUSIP	06828M603
Gross Expense Ratio	0.96%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.01)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.95%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>4</sup>

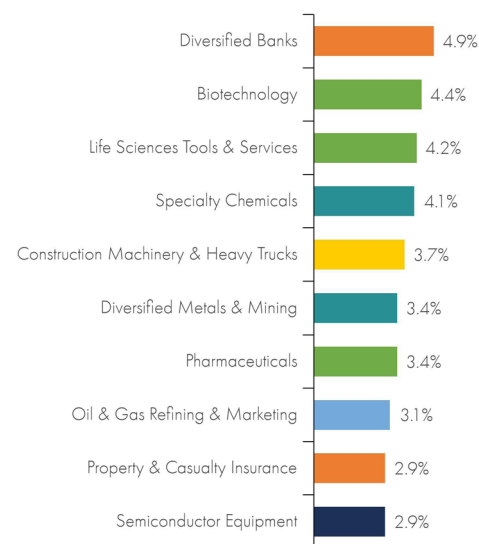
	% of Net Assets
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	2.9
AstraZeneca PLC	2.8
argenx SE	2.5
Linde plc	2.4
Meyer Burger Technology AG	2.2
Keyence Corporation	1.8
BNP Paribas S.A.	1.7
Pernod Ricard SA	1.7
Constellation Software, Inc.	1.7
Industria de Diseno Textil, S.A.	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.5</b>

## GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1,4</sup>



Industrials	15.5%
Materials	14.1%
Health Care	12.9%
Information Technology	12.8%
Financials	12.3%
Consumer Discretionary	12.3%
Communication Services	7.8%
Energy	4.5%
Consumer Staples	4.4%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.8%
Real Estate	0.6%

## Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



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

## Risks

**Risks:** 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. This may result in greater share price volatility. Securities of small and medium-sized companies may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell. 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.



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## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BINIX	MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index
2013	21.89	15.29	15.85
2014	-2.07	-3.87	-2.77
2015	1.48	-5.66	-0.26
2016	1.35	4.50	0.06
2017	37.33	27.19	32.25
2018	-17.68	-14.20	-14.96
2019	29.39	21.51	26.98
2020	30.83	10.65	22.40
2021	9.88	7.82	5.97
2022	-27.29	-16.00	-23.49

## Performance Based Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	22.29	19.27	15.78
Sharpe Ratio	0.04	0.05	0.36
Alpha (%) - Annualized	1.83	1.53	2.81
Beta	1.08	1.05	1.00
R-Squared (%)	89.55	88.52	85.12
Tracking Error (%)	7.37	6.59	6.09
Information Ratio	0.19	0.20	0.44
Upside Capture (%)	113.81	105.29	103.65
Downside Capture (%)	107.88	99.78	89.92

## Top 25 Countries

	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets
<b>Developed</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>Developed (Cont'd)</b>	
United Kingdom	14.2	Sweden	1.2
Japan	9.4	Israel	1.1
France	8.6	Ireland	1.0
Netherlands	6.5	Norway	0.9
Switzerland	5.8	Australia	0.6
United States	4.5	<b>Emerging</b>	<b>28.7</b>
Spain	3.5	China	10.4
Canada	2.9	India	6.9
Germany	2.9	Brazil	3.2
Italy	2.5	Korea	2.7
Denmark	1.5	Poland	2.3
Hong Kong	1.5	Taiwan	1.6
		Peru	0.9
		Mexico	0.7

## Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	4th Q 2022	3rd Q 2022	2nd Q 2022	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/31/2008	Since Inception 12/31/2008
BINIX-Institutional Shares	14.85	-11.51	-16.18	-27.29	-27.29	1.49	2.17	6.50	9.04	235.74
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	14.28	-9.91	-13.73	-16.00	-16.00	0.07	0.88	3.80	6.13	130.15
MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index	12.73	-9.17	-16.30	-23.49	-23.49	-0.26	1.39	4.77	7.04	159.05
Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category Average	13.77	-9.43	-16.58	-25.29	-25.29	0.04	2.11	5.26	7.07	160.31

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance<sup>2</sup>

### BY SUB-INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup>

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Diversified Banks	4.36	1.06
Diversified Metals & Mining	3.22	0.99
Semiconductor Equipment	2.35	0.98
Property & Casualty Insurance	2.70	0.97
Pharmaceuticals	3.25	0.67

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	0.78	-0.19
Consumer Finance	1.60	-0.19
Managed Health Care	0.29	-0.11
Interactive Media & Services	2.20	-0.09
Investment Banking & Brokerage	0.51	-0.07

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	2.70	0.97
Meyer Burger Technology AG	1.69	0.87
AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V.	1.28	0.64
AstraZeneca PLC	2.68	0.61
BNP Paribas S.A.	1.60	0.52

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
DLocal Limited	0.32	-0.20
Bajaj Finance Limited	1.60	-0.19
Baidu, Inc.	0.69	-0.19
China Conch Environment Protection Holdings Limited	0.13	-0.15
Hapvida Participacoes e Investimentos S.A.	0.29	-0.11

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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 - Individual weights may not sum to the total due to rounding.

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The Fund's 3- and 5-year 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.

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