BARON GROWTH FUND

December 31, 2022 | Institutional Shares (BGRIX)

Portfolio Managers

Ron Baron is Baron Capital's founder, chairman, and CEO. He has 53 years of research and investment experience.

Neal Rosenberg joined Baron in 2006 as a research analyst and was named co-portfolio manager of Baron Growth Fund in 2018. He has 20 years of research experience.

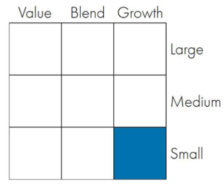
Please visit our website for details on their experience and education.

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 small-sized U.S. companies with significant growth potential. Diversified.



Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

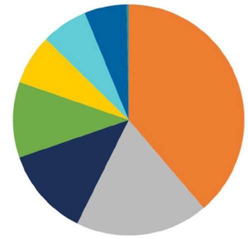
Inception Date	December 31, 1994
Net Assets	$6.86 billion
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	42 / 101.1%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	1.01%
Active Share	98.8%
Median Market Cap[2]	$5.57 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap[2]	$17.25 billion
As of FYE 9/30/2022	**Institutional Shares**
CUSIP	068278704
Expense Ratio	1.04%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

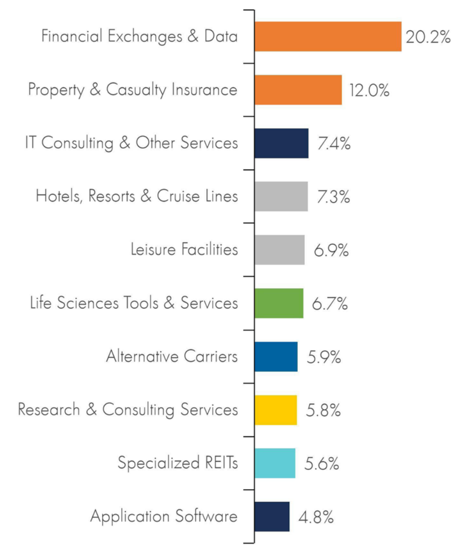
Top 10 Holdings[4]

	% of Net Assets
MSCI, Inc.	10.3
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	8.3
Gartner, Inc.	7.4
FactSet Research Systems, Inc.	6.9
Vail Resorts, Inc.	6.9
Iridium Communications Inc.	5.9
CoStar Group, Inc.	5.8
Choice Hotels International, Inc.	4.8
Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.	4.0
Kinsale Capital Group, Inc.	3.8
Total	**64.1**

GICS Sector Breakdown[1,4]



Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown[1]



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

Risks

Risks: Specific risks associated with investing in smaller companies include that the securities may be thinly traded and 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.

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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BGRIX	Russell 2000 Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
2013	38.69	43.30	32.39
2014	4.66	5.60	13.69
2015	-4.06	-1.38	1.38
2016	6.31	11.32	11.96
2017	27.35	22.17	21.83
2018	-2.67	-9.31	-4.38
2019	40.50	28.48	31.49
2020	33.06	34.63	18.40
2021	20.15	2.83	28.71
2022	-22.40	-26.36	-18.11

Performance Based Characteristics[3]

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	26.28	23.37	18.25	18.30
Sharpe Ratio	0.26	0.42	0.64	0.58
Alpha (%) - Annualized	7.04	7.83	4.26	7.04
Beta	0.92	0.92	0.85	0.72
R-Squared (%)	87.14	88.36	84.96	79.97
Tracking Error (%)	9.64	8.22	7.68	10.33
Information Ratio	0.71	0.93	0.41	0.53
Upside Capture (%)	104.04	105.63	92.43	85.91
Downside Capture (%)	85.45	82.66	77.07	64.92

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 12/31/1994	Since Inception 12/31/1994
BGRIX-Institutional Shares	11.93	-1.61	-18.69	-22.40	-22.40	7.45	11.15	12.33	12.80	2817.23
Russell 2000 Growth Index	4.13	0.24	-19.25	-26.36	-26.36	0.65	3.51	9.20	7.30	619.29
S&P 500 Index	7.56	-4.88	-16.10	-18.11	-18.11	7.66	9.42	12.56	9.94	1320.52
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	5.07	-1.83	-20.56	-27.79	-27.79	4.14	7.09	10.67	8.99	1012.98

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance[2]

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES[1]

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Property & Casualty Insurance	11.53	2.61
IT Consulting & Other Services	7.11	1.35
Financial Exchanges & Data	20.92	1.30
Alternative Carriers	5.74	0.93
Life Sciences Tools & Services	6.59	0.85

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Office REITs	0.82	-0.10
Electrical Components & Equipment	0.25	-0.04
Health Care Supplies	0.43	-0.03
Building Products	0.80	-0.02
Environmental & Facilities Services	0.12	-0.01

BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	7.35	2.39
Gartner, Inc.	7.11	1.35
MSCI, Inc.	10.41	1.12
Iridium Communications Inc.	5.74	0.93
Vail Resorts, Inc.	6.81	0.71

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Douglas Emmett, Inc.	0.82	-0.10
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	1.72	-0.09
Figs Inc.	0.19	-0.05
Northvolt AB	0.25	-0.04
Trex Company, Inc.	0.80	-0.02

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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.

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

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