BARON PARTNERS FUND

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Institutional Shares (BPTIX)



Portfolio Managers

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

Michael Baron joined Baron in 2004 as a research analyst and was named co-portfolio manager of Baron WealthBuilder Fund in 2020 and Baron Partners Fund in 2018. He has 20 years of research experience

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

Investment Strategy

This is a focused Fund that invests mainly in U.S. companies of any size with significant growth potential. A substantial percentage of the Fund's assets are in its top 10 holdings. It also uses leverage. Non-diversified.

| | Value | Blend | Growth | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | | | | Large |
| ò | | | | Medium |
| | | | | Small |

| Portfolio Facts and Characteristics | |
|--|----------------------|
| Inception Date | January 31, 1992 |
| Net Assets | \$5.95 billion |
| # of Issuers / % of Net Assets | 26 / 116.5% |
| Turnover (3 Year Average) | 7.34% |
| Active Share | 95.4% |
| Median Market Cap ⁴ | \$14.77 billion |
| Weighted Average Market Cap ⁴ | \$265.84 billion |
| As of FYE 12/31/2022 | Institutional Shares |
| CUSIP | 06828M405 |
| Expense Ratio* | 1.44% |
| | |

^{*}The Expense Ratio includes 1.04% of operating expense and 0.4% of interest expense. Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

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

Top 10 Holdings^{2,5}

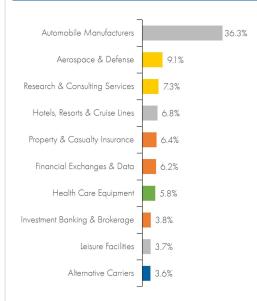
| | % of Total Investments |
|--|------------------------|
| Tesla, Inc. | 36.3 |
| Space Exploration Technologies Corp. | 8.6 |
| CoStar Group, Inc. | 7.3 |
| Arch Capital Group Ltd. | 6.4 |
| IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. | 5.8 |
| Hyatt Hotels Corporation | 5.4 |
| FactSet Research Systems Inc. | 4.4 |
| The Charles Schwab Corp. | 3.8 |
| Vail Resorts, Inc. | 3.7 |
| Iridium Communications Inc. | 3.6 |
| Total | 85.2 |
| Long Equity Exposure (% of Net Assets) | 116.5 |
| Cash & Equivalents (% of Net Assets) | -16.5 |

Consumer Discretionary 48.0% Financials 18.0% Industrials 16.6% Health Care 6.5% Communication Services 5.0%

■ Information Technology 4.4%

Real Estate 1.6%

Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown 1,2



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

Risks

Risks: The Fund is non-diversified which means, in addition to increased volatility of the Fund's returns, it will likely have a greater percentage of its assets in a single issuer or a small number of issuers, including in a particular industry than a diversified fund. Single issuer risk is the possibility that factors specific to an issuer to which the Fund is exposed will affect the market prices of the issuer's securities and therefore the net asset value of the Fund. As of the date of the latest prospectus supplement, about 49% of the Fund's assets are invested in Tesla stock.

Therefore, the Fund is exposed to the risk that were Tesla stock to lose significant value, which could happen rapidly, the Fund's performance would be adversely affected. Specific risks associated with leverage include increased volatility of the Fund's returns and exposure of the Fund to greater risk of loss in any given period.



| BPTIX | Russell Midcap Growth Index | S&P 500 Index |
|----------------|--|--|
| 10.56 | 11.90 | 13.69 |
| -2.43 | -0.20 | 1.38 |
| 4.29 | 7.33 | 11.96 |
| 31.91 | 25.27 | 21.83 |
| -1. <i>7</i> 5 | -4.75 | -4.38 |
| 45.38 | 35.47 | 31.49 |
| 149.18 | 35.59 | 18.40 |
| 31.73 | 12.73 | 28.71 |
| -42.41 | -26.72 | - 18.11 |
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| Performance Based Characteristics ³ | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|----------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | | | | | |
| Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized | 44.93 | 39.19 | 29.84 | 27.07 | | | | | |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.94 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.47 | | | | | |
| Alpha (%) - Annualized | 21.65 | 15.90 | 5.67 | 5.32 | | | | | |
| Beta | 1.54 | 1.44 | 1.41 | 1.12 | | | | | |
| R-Squared (%) | 62.62 | 65.74 | 66.62 | 66.67 | | | | | |
| Tracking Error (%) | 30.17 | 24.91 | 18.62 | 15.80 | | | | | |
| Information Ratio | 0.93 | 0.69 | 0.47 | 0.34 | | | | | |
| Upside Capture (%) | 180. <i>7</i> 8 | 169.08 | 149.18 | 125.76 | | | | | |
| Downside Capture (%) | 130.78 | 129.96 | 132.36 | 113.27 | | | | | |

| Performance | Total Return (%) | | | | Annualized Returns (%) | | | | Cumulative Returns (%) | |
|---|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1 st Q 2023 | 4th Q 2022 | 3rd Q 2022 | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception 1/31/1992 | Since Inception 1/31/1992 |
| BPTIX-Institutional Shares | 23.41 | - 19.94 | 10.00 | 23.41 | -24.52 | 43.29 | 26.35 | 19.95 | 15.00 | 7694.69 |
| Russell Midcap Growth Index | 9.14 | 6.90 | -0.65 | 9.14 | -8.52 | 15.20 | 9.07 | 11.17 | 9.66 | 1670.57 |
| S&P 500 Index | 7.50 | 7.56 | -4.88 | 7.50 | -7.73 | 18.60 | 11.19 | 12.24 | 9.85 | 1767.69 |
| Morningstar Large Growth Category Average | 11.65 | 3.10 | -4.09 | 11.65 | -12.67 | 14.80 | 10.21 | 12.07 | - | - |

| BY SUB-INDUSTRIES ¹ | | | BY HOLDINGS | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Top Contributors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) | Top Contributors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
| Automobile Manufacturers | 37.05 | 19.82 | Tesla, Inc. | 37.05 | 19.82 |
| Health Care Equipment | 6.84 | 1.83 | IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. | 6.84 | 1.83 |
| Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines | 8.49 | 1.75 | Hyatt Hotels Corporation | 6.48 | 1.61 |
| Alternative Carriers | 4.30 | 1.05 | Iridium Communications Inc. | 4.30 | 1.05 |
| Financial Exchanges & Data | 7.29 | 0.73 | Arch Capital Group Ltd. | 7.71 | 0.52 |
| Top Detractors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) | Top Detractors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
| Investment Banking & Brokerage | 5.63 | -2.55 | The Charles Schwab Corp. | 5.63 | -2.55 |
| Research & Consulting Services | 9.83 | -0.98 | CoStar Group, Inc. | 9.83 | -0.98 |
| IT Consulting & Other Services | 4.17 | -0.18 | Gartner, Inc. | 4.17 | -0.18 |
| Office REITs | 0.16 | -0.03 | Douglas Emmett, Inc. | 0.16 | -0.03 |
| Life Sciences Tools & Services | 0.03 | -0.01 | Illumina, Inc. | 0.03 | -0.01 |

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- 2 The Fund's top 10 holdings and the sector and sub-industry breakdowns are expressed as a percentage of the Fund's long positions. These percentages may change over time.
- 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 Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.
- 5 Individual weights may not sum to the total due to rounding.

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