# BARON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

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Institutional Shares (BEXIX)



# 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

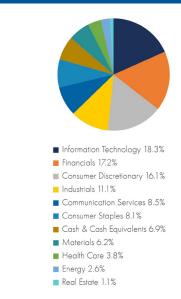
The Fund invests primarily in emerging market companies of all sizes with significant growth potential. The Fund may invest up to 20% in companies in developed and frontier countries. Diversified.



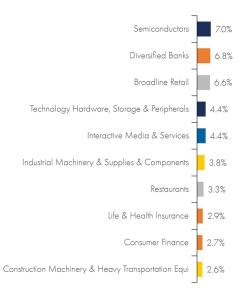
#### Portfolio Facts and Characteristics Inception Date December 31, 2010 Net Assets \$4.88 billion # of Issuers / % of Net Assets 94 / 93.1% Turnover (3 Year Average) 39.89% 73.5% Active Share Median Market Cap<sup>2</sup> \$12.67 billion \$100.74 billion Weighted Average Market Cap<sup>2</sup> As of FYE 12/31/2022 Institutional Shares **CUSIP** 06828M876 Expense Ratio 1.12% Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

Top 10 Holdings⁴	
	% of Net Assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	6.7
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	4.4
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	3.8
Tencent Holdings Limited	3.2
HDFC Bank Limited	2.0
Yum China Holdings Inc.	1.8
Suzano S.A.	1.7
Bajaj Finance Limited	1.7
Delta Electronics, Inc.	1.7
Kingsoft Corporation Ltd.	1.7
Total	28.8

# GICS Sector Breakdown 1,4



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



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

### Risks

Risks: In addition to the general stock market risk that securities may fluctuate in value, investments in developing countries may have increased risks due to a greater possibility of: settlement delays; currency and capital controls; interest rate sensitivity; corruption and crime; exchange rate volatility; and inflation or deflation. The Fund invests in companies of all sizes, including small and medium sized companies whose securities may be thinly traded and more

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difficult to sell during market

downturns.

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)								
Year	BEXIX	MSCI EM Index	MSCI EM IMI Growth Index					
2014	3.75	-2.19	-0.15					
2015	- 10.97	-14.92	- 10.51					
2016	4.08	11.19	5.84					
2017	40.63	37.28	44.70					
2018	-18.49	- 14.58	-18.44					
2019	18.86	18.42	23.60					
2020	29.22	18.31	30.75					
2021	-6.07	-2.54	-5.50					
2022	-25.82	-20.09	-23.88					

Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>								
	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years					
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	20.23	20.02	16.68					
Sharpe Ratio	0.31	-0.19	0.14					
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-0.63	-1.24	1.36					
Beta	1.03	1.02	0.92					
R-Squared (%)	92.89	92.80	87.63					
Tracking Error (%)	5.43	5.38	6.03					
Information Ratio	-0.11	-0.27	0.19					
Upside Capture (%)	104.01	98.71	92.60					
Downside Capture (%)	107.87	104.45	87.16					

Country Bre	eakdown		
	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets
Other	0.0	Emerging (Cont'd)	
Russia	0.0	Peru	1.2
Emerging	85.3	Poland	1.1
China	30.6	United Arab Emirates	0.2
India	21.0	Developed	7.9
Korea	9.4	Hong Kong	3.3
Taiwan	8.7	Japan	1.3
Brazil	4.5	United Kingdom	1.0
Mexico	2.7	Italy	0.9
Indonesia	2.1	France	0.8
Philippines	2.0	Norway	0.5
South Africa	1.8	Spain	0.1

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 12/31/2010	Since Inception 12/31/2010
BEXIX-Institutional Shares	2.68	8.58	-11.30	2.68	-11.32	7.23	-2.34	3.14	2.93	42.45
MSCI EM Index	3.96	9.70	-11.57	3.96	-10.70	<i>7</i> .83	-0.91	2.00	1.19	15.62
MSCI EM IMI Growth Index	4.27	9.28	- 11.35	4.27	-11.96	<i>7</i> .18	-0.47	3.10	2.21	30.71
Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category Average	4.83	9.61	-10.19	4.83	-9.39	9.29	-0.80	1.93	0.90	11.61

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Semiconductors	6.68	1.32	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	6.11	1.18
Interactive Media & Services	4.50	0.90	Tencent Holdings Limited	2.93	0.59
Interactive Home Entertainment	1.30	0.59	Kingsoft Corporation Ltd.	1.30	0.59
Industrial Machinery & Supplies & Components	3.89	0.44	Alibaba Group Holding Limited	3.40	0.54
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	4.23	0.42	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	4.23	0.42
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Consumer Finance	3.02	-0.38	Bajaj Finance Limited	1.94	-0.33
Oil & Gas Equipment & Services	1.13	-0.25	JD.com, Inc.	1.22	-0.28
Education Services	1.98	-0.24	Tenaris S.A.	1.13	-0.25
Paper Products	1.85	-0.22	Kingdee International Software Group Company Limited	0.94	-0.23
Life & Health Insurance	3.05	-0.19	Suzano S.A.	1.85	-0.22

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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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