# BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND

March 31, 2023

Institutional Shares (BDAIX)



# Portfolio Manager

Alex Umansky joined Baron in 2011 as a portfolio manager. He has 30 years of research experience, 18 of which were at Morgan Stanley. From 2007 to 2011, he was co-manager of the Morgan Stanley Opportunity Fund. He co-managed the Global Opportunity Fund from 2008 to 2011 as well as the International Opportunity and the International Advantage Funds from 2010 to 2011. He co-managed the Information Fund from 2004 to 2005 and the Small Company Growth Fund from 1999 to 2002. He was lead manager of the Morgan Stanley Institutional Technology Strategy and the Technology Fund from 1998 to 2004. Alex graduated from New York University Stern School of Business with a B.S. in Finance, Information Systems, and Mathematics in 1993.

# 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 large-sized U.S. companies with competitive advantages. The Fund emphasizes businesses with excess free cash flow that can be returned to shareholders. Diversified.

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

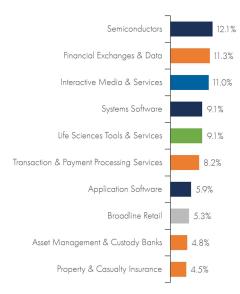
Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

### Portfolio Facts and Characteristics Inception Date December 29, 2017 Net Assets \$61.25 million # of Issuers / % of Net Assets 30 / 99.2% Turnover (3 Year Average) 19.96% Active Share 76.1% Median Market Cap<sup>2</sup> \$146.93 billion Weighted Average Market Cap<sup>2</sup> \$487.99 billion As of FYE 9/30/2022 Institutional Shares **CUSIP** 068278761 1.10% Gross Expense Ratio Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser (0.40)% 0.70% Net Expense Ratio

	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corporation	9.1
Meta Platforms, Inc.	7.8
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.3
Visa Inc.	4.5
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	4.5
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.4
Accenture plc	4.3
NVIDIA Corporation	3.9
Intuit Inc.	3.9
Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.	3.8
Total	51.4

# ■ Information Technology 32.8% ■ Financials 29.9% ■ Health Care 13.5% ■ Communication Services 11.0% ■ Consumer Discretionary 5.3% ■ Consumer Staples 3.7% ■ Industrials 3.0% ■ Cash & Cash Equivalents 0.8%

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



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

### Risks

**Risks**: The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, which are subject to price fluctuations in the stock market. In addition, because the Fund invests primarily in large-cap company securities, it may underperform other funds during periods when the Fund's securities are out of favor.



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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)							
Year	BDAIX	S&P 500 Index					
2018	-7.28	-4.38					
2019	41.13	31.49					
2020	20.32	18.40					
2021	32.16	28.71					
2022	-24.81	-18.11					

Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>								
	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception					
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	20.97	19.39	19.16					
Sharpe Ratio	0.82	0.57	0.55					
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-0.94	1.19	1.57					
Beta	1.05	1.00	1.00					
R-Squared (%)	92.45	92.69	92.75					
Tracking Error (%)	5.84	5.24	5.16					
Information Ratio	-0.07	0.23	0.30					
Upside Capture (%)	106.00	102.99	103.11					
Downside Capture (%)	112.10	99.44	98.02					

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 12/29/2017	Since Inception 12/29/2017
BDAIX-Institutional Shares	16.04	4.65	-5.00	16.04	-2.70	18.19	12.38	-	12.03	81.58
S&P 500 Index	7.50	<i>7</i> .56	-4.88	<i>7</i> .50	-7.73	18.60	11.19	-	10.47	68.65
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	11.65	3.10	-4.09	11.65	-12.67	14.80	10.21	-	9.76	63.09

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Interactive Media & Services	9.82	4.41	Meta Platforms, Inc.	6.56	3.82
Semiconductors	11.26	4.25	NVIDIA Corporation	3.60	2.50
Systems Software	8.53	1.67	Microsoft Corporation	8.53	1.67
Financial Exchanges & Data	11.85	1.39	Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.	3.75	1.33
Broadline Retail	5.26	1.19	Amazon.com, Inc.	5.26	1.19
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Managed Health Care	4.56	-0.55	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.56	-0.55
Investment Banking & Brokerage	0.20	-0.01	Danaher Corporation	3.70	-0.19
·			Agilent Technologies, Inc.	1.24	-0.09
			LPL Financial Holdings Inc.	0.20	-0.01

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- 1 GICS sector/industry group/industry/sub-industry levels are sourced from the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®), jointly developed and exclusively owned by MSCI Inc. and S&P Dow Jones Indices. All GICS data is provided "as is" with no warranties. All GICS structure changes that have occurred since 2016 have been applied retroactively in historical holdings-based analyses, including performance attribution. The Adviser may have reclassified/classified certain securities in or out of a sub-industry within a sector. Such reclassifications are not supported by S&P or MSCI.
- 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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