

BARON DISCOVERY FUND

March 31, 2019

Institutional Shares (BDFIX)



Portfolio Managers

Laird Bieger joined Baron in 2000, and Randy Gwartzman joined Baron two years later, in 2002. Laird and Randy were named portfolio managers in 2013. They each have 22 years of research experience. Please visit our website, www.BaronFunds.com, for a complete description of 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 appropriately capitalized open-ended growth opportunities, exceptional leadership, and sustainable competitive advantages
- Purchase price and risk management are integral to our investment process

Investment Strategy

The Fund invests primarily in small-sized U.S. companies. It invests in a select number of high-growth businesses that tend to be in an early phase of their lifecycles. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	September 30, 2013
Net Assets	\$515.31 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	66 / 93.2%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	55.65%
Active Share	94.3%
Median Market Cap ²	\$1.46 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap ²	\$2.30 billion

As of FYE 9/30/2018 Institutional Shares

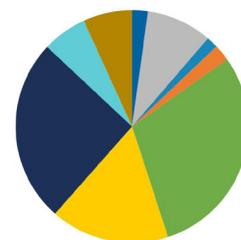
CUSIP	068278852
Gross Expense Ratio	1.12%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.02)%
Net Expense Ratio	1.10%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

Top 10 Holdings

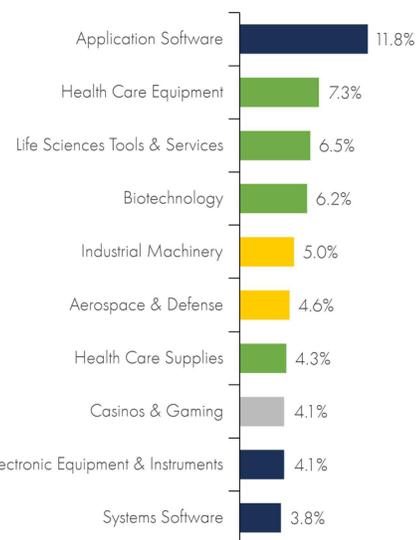
	% of Net Assets
Mercury Systems, Inc.	3.4
Myriad Genetics, Inc.	3.3
Americold Realty Trust	2.7
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	2.7
Yext, Inc.	2.5
RIB Software SE	2.5
The Trade Desk	2.5
Intersect ENT, Inc.	2.4
Sientra, Inc.	2.4
2U, Inc.	2.3
Total	26.7

GICS Sector Breakdown¹



Communication Services	2.2%
Consumer Discretionary	9.1%
Consumer Staples	1.6%
Financials	2.3%
Health Care	29.8%
Industrials	16.5%
Information Technology	25.5%
Real Estate	6.2%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.8%

Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



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

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 ⁴	BDFIX	Russell 2000 Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
2013	16.70	8.17	10.51
2014	13.80	5.60	13.69
2015	-14.53	-1.38	1.38
2016	21.73	11.32	11.96
2017	35.83	22.17	21.83
2018	0.64	-9.31	-4.38

Performance Based Characteristics³

	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	18.74	19.76	19.26
Sharpe Ratio	1.41	0.58	0.80
Alpha (%) - Annualized	10.67	3.47	6.12
Beta	1.06	1.05	1.05
R-Squared (%)	85.00	82.71	81.73
Tracking Error (%)	7.33	8.27	8.28
Information Ratio	1.74	0.46	0.81
Upside Capture (%)	131.70	112.97	118.57
Downside Capture (%)	85.11	100.08	93.99

Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	1st Q 2019	4th Q 2018	3rd Q 2018	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception ⁴ 9/30/2013	Since Inception ⁴ 9/30/2013
BDFIX-Institutional Shares	19.72	-23.36	13.83	19.72	22.02	27.65	12.18	-	15.99	126.11
Russell 2000 Growth Index	17.14	-21.65	5.52	17.14	3.85	14.87	8.41	-	9.26	62.77
S&P 500 Index	13.65	-13.52	7.71	13.65	9.50	13.51	10.91	-	12.25	88.80
Morningstar Small Growth Category Average	17.01	-20.82	7.00	17.01	7.70	15.88	8.45	-	N/A	N/A

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES¹

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Application Software	10.81	4.01
Life Sciences Tools & Services	6.90	1.79
Aerospace & Defense	4.88	1.28
Industrial Machinery	4.98	1.27
Systems Software	4.61	1.23

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Specialty Stores	1.27	-0.26
Health Care Supplies	3.52	-0.09

BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
The Trade Desk	2.61	1.52
Mercury Systems, Inc.	3.58	1.19
Xelt, Inc.	2.54	1.02
ForeScout Technologies, Inc.	1.67	0.83
TherapeuticsMD, Inc.	2.61	0.75

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Sientra, Inc.	1.61	-0.56
Ra Medical Systems, Inc.	0.85	-0.44
Hudson Ltd.	0.12	-0.23
Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.	1.51	-0.21
Revanche Therapeutics, Inc.	0.87	-0.13

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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 - Performance information for 2013 is from its inception date 9/30/2013 to 12/31/2013.

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

The Fund's historical performance was impacted by gains from IPOs and/or secondary offerings, and there is no guarantee that these results can be repeated or that the Fund's level of participation in IPOs and secondary offerings will be the same in the future.

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