

Summary Prospectus

January 28, 2020

Baron Durable Advantage Fund

Retail Shares : BDAFX

Institutional Shares : BDAIX

R6 Shares : BDAUX

Baron Investment Funds Trust



Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus and other information about the Fund online at www.BaronFunds.com/prospectus. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1-800-99BARON or by sending an email request to info@BaronFunds.com. The Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, dated 1/28/20, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

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Investment Goal

The investment goal of the Baron Durable Advantage Fund (the "Fund") is capital appreciation through investments primarily in securities of large-sized companies.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you would pay if you bought and held shares of the Fund.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

| | Management Fee | Distribution (12b-1) Fee | Other Expenses ¹ | Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | Expense Reimbursements | Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Expense Reimbursements ¹ |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND | | | | | | |
| Retail Shares | 0.65% | 0.25% | 5.32% | 6.22% | (5.27)% | 0.95% |
| Institutional Shares | 0.65% | 0.00% | 4.26% | 4.91% | (4.21)% | 0.70% |
| R6 Shares | 0.65% | 0.00% | 4.00% | 4.65% | (3.95)% | 0.70% |

¹ BAMCO ("BAMCO" or the "Adviser") has agreed that, pursuant to a contract with an 11-year term terminating on August 29, 2030, it will reimburse certain expenses of the Fund, limiting net annual operating expenses (portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend and extraordinary expenses are not subject to the operating expense limitation) to 0.95% of average daily net assets of Retail Shares, 0.70% of average daily net assets of Institutional Shares and 0.70% of average daily net assets of R6 shares. Only the Board of Trustees of the Fund may terminate the expense reimbursement agreement prior to its termination date.

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a

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5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| YEAR | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND | | | | |
| Retail Shares | \$97 | \$303 | \$525 | \$1,166 |
| Institutional Shares | \$72 | \$224 | \$390 | \$ 871 |
| R6 Shares | \$72 | \$224 | \$390 | \$ 871 |

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes for Fund shareholders. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 13.23% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund

The Fund is a diversified fund that invests primarily in equity securities in the form of common stock of U.S. large-sized companies. The Adviser defines large-sized companies as those, at the time of purchase, with market capitalizations no smaller than the top 90th percentile by total market capitalization of the S&P 500 Index at June 30, or companies with market capitalizations above \$10 billion, whichever is smaller. The Adviser seeks to invest primarily in what it believes are unique, well-managed, competitively advantaged businesses that generate significant excess free cash flow that is consistently returned to shareholders in the form of stock buybacks and/or dividends.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

General Stock Market. Investing in the stock market is risky because securities fluctuate in value. These fluctuations may be due to political, economic or general market circumstances. Other factors may affect a single company or industry but not the broader market. Because the values of securities fluctuate, when you sell your investment in the Fund, you may lose money. Current and future portfolio holdings in the Fund are subject to risk.

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Large-Cap Companies. 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.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund (Retail Shares) by showing the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for 1 year and since inception compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available online at www.BaronFunds.com/performance or by calling 1-800-99BARON (1-800-992-2766).

Total Return (%) for the year ended December 31 (Retail Shares)



Best Quarter: 03/31/19: 14.75%

Worst Quarter: 12/31/18: (13.85)%

Average Annual Total Returns (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The following table shows the Fund's Retail Shares' annual return (before and after taxes) and the change in value of broad-based market indexes for the year ended December 31, 2019. The table also shows the average annual return of the Fund's Institutional Shares and R6 Shares, but it does not show after-tax returns.

After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal marginal income tax rate in effect at the time of each distribution and assumed sale, but they do not include the impact of state and local taxes.

Your actual after-tax returns depend on your own tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns reflect past tax effects and are not predictive of future tax effects. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund's shares in a tax-deferred account (including a 401(k) or IRA or Coverdell account), or to investors that are tax-exempt.

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| | 1 year | 5 years | 10 years | Since Inception |
|---|--------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| BARON DURABLE ADVANTAGE FUND | | | | |
| Retail Shares (Inception date: 12-29-17) | | | | |
| Return before taxes | 40.78% | N/A | N/A | 14.13% |
| Return after taxes on distributions | 40.78% | N/A | N/A | 14.08% |
| Return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares | 24.14% | N/A | N/A | 10.92% |
| Institutional Shares (Inception date: 12-29-17) | | | | |
| Return before taxes | 41.13% | N/A | N/A | 14.39% |
| R6 Shares (Inception date: 12-29-17) | | | | |
| Return before taxes | 41.13% | N/A | N/A | 14.39% |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 31.49% | N/A | N/A | 12.13% |

The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of larger-cap companies.

Management

Investment Adviser. BAMCO is the investment adviser of the Fund.

Portfolio Manager. Alex Umansky has been the portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception on December 29, 2017. Mr. Umansky has worked at the Adviser as a portfolio manager since November of 2011.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Shares may be purchased only on days that the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

| | Minimum Initial Investment | Minimum Subsequent Investment | Maximum Subsequent Investment |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Retail Shares | \$2,000 | No Minimum | No Maximum |
| Baron Automatic Investment Plan | \$500 (with subsequent minimum investments of \$50 per month until your investment has reached \$2,000.) | No Minimum | No Maximum |

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| | Minimum Initial Investment | Minimum Subsequent Investment | Maximum Subsequent Investment |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Baron Funds® website purchases | \$2,000 | \$10 | \$6,500 for retirement accounts and \$250,000 for non-retirement accounts. |
| Institutional Shares | \$1,000,000 (Employees of the Adviser and its affiliates and Trustees of the Baron Funds® and employer sponsored retirement plans (qualified and nonqualified) are not subject to the eligibility requirements for Institutional Shares.) | No Minimum | No Maximum |
| Baron Funds® website purchases | You may not make an initial purchase through the Baron Funds® website. | \$10 | \$6,500 for retirement accounts and \$250,000 for non-retirement accounts. |
| R6 Shares | \$5,000,000 (There is no minimum initial investment for qualified retirement plans; however, the shares must be held through plan-level or omnibus accounts held on the books of the Fund.) | No Minimum | No Maximum |
| Baron Funds® website purchases | You may not make an initial purchase through the Baron Funds® website. | \$10 | \$6,500 for retirement accounts and \$250,000 for non-retirement accounts. |

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You Can Purchase or Redeem Shares By:

1. Mailing a request to Baron Funds®, P.O. Box 219946, Kansas City, MO 64121-9946 or by overnight mail to: Baron Funds®, 430 West 7th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105-1514;
2. Wire (Purchase Only);
3. Calling 1-800-442-3814;
4. Visiting the Baron Funds® website www.BaronFunds.com; or
5. Through a broker, dealer or other financial intermediary that may charge you a fee.

The Fund is not for short-term traders who intend to purchase and then sell their Fund shares within a 90 day period. If the Adviser reasonably believes that a person is not a long-term investor, it will attempt to prohibit that person from making additional investments in the Fund.

Tax Information

Distributions of the Fund's net investment income (other than "qualified dividend income") and distributions of net short-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gains reported as capital gain dividends by the Fund will be taxable to you as long-term capital gains, regardless of the length of time you have held shares of the Fund. If you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account, you may be subject to federal income tax on withdrawals from tax-deferred arrangement at a later date.

Financial Intermediary Compensation

If you purchase Retail or Institutional Shares of the Fund through a broker, dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or financial adviser), the Fund, Baron Capital, Inc., the Fund's distributor, BAMCO or their affiliates may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker, dealer or other financial intermediary, including and your salesperson, to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

