

# Baron Emerging Markets Fund

Retail Shares (BEXFX) and Institutional Shares (BEXIX)

BAMCO, Inc., Registered Investment Adviser



## 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 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 Manager

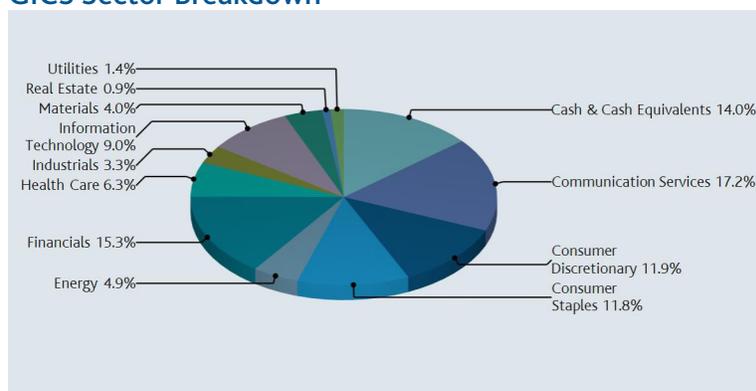
Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 31 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, he was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which acquired the Artemis Funds, a long-short equity strategy he co-founded in 1998. From 1993 to 2003, he worked at ING as a director 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, Michael was an analyst at Bear Stearns. Michael graduated summa cum laude from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	December 31, 2010
Net Assets	\$5.25 billion
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	97 / 86.0%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	32.82%
Active Share	81.3%
Median Market Cap†	\$9.87 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap†	\$65.31 billion
<b>Retail Shares</b>	
CUSIP	06828M884
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.36%
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	
CUSIP	06828M876
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.10%

†Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.  
R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

## GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



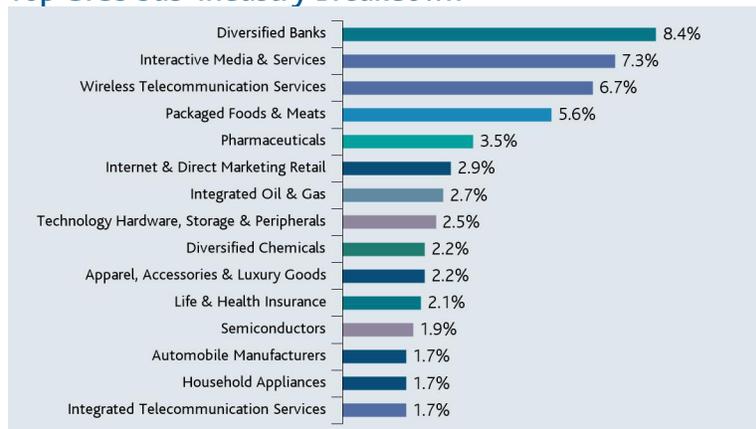
## Performance Based Characteristics - Retail Shares<sup>2</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	12.76	12.14	14.03
Sharpe Ratio	0.66	0.29	0.26
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-0.91	1.20	2.93
Beta	0.84	0.75	0.77
R-Squared (%)	87.44	81.75	83.16
Tracking Error (%)	5.10	6.36	6.92
Information Ratio	-0.61	0.06	0.40
Upside Capture (%)	83.64	77.20	82.64
Downside Capture (%)	90.85	71.46	69.65

## Top 10 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	3.7
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	2.7
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	2.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.	1.9
Sberbank of Russia PJSC	1.7
KIA Motors Corporation	1.7
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras	1.6
China Mobile Ltd.	1.6
Fomento Económico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V.	1.5
KB Financial Group, Inc.	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.3</b>

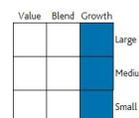
## Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



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

## 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 difficult to sell during market downturns.



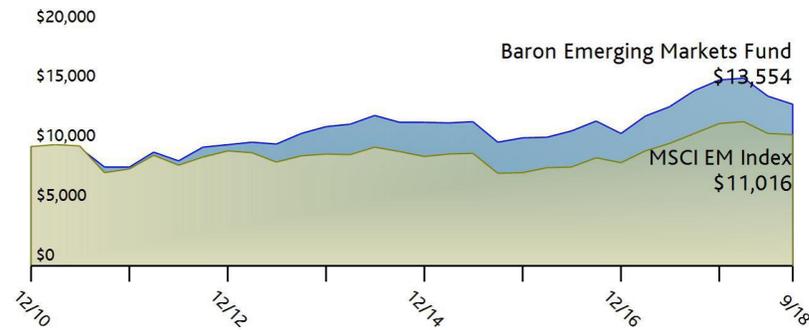
1 - Industry sector or sub-industry group levels are provided from the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), developed and exclusively owned by MSCI, Inc. ("MSCI") and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). All GICS data is provided "as is" with no warranties. The Adviser may have reclassified/classified certain securities in or out of a sub-industry. Such reclassifications are not supported by S&P or MSCI.

2 - Source: FactSet SPAR. Except for Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio, the performance based characteristics above were calculated relative to the Fund's benchmark.

3 - As of FYE 12/31/2017

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Comparison of Change in Value of \$10,000 Investment in Baron Emerging Markets Fund - Retail Shares vs. the MSCI EM Index as of September 30, 2018



## Country Breakdown as of September 30, 2018

	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets
<b>Emerging</b>	81.2	<b>Emerging (Cont'd)</b>	
China	25.9	Thailand	1.8
India	13.0	Malaysia	0.6
Korea	8.5	Indonesia	0.4
Brazil	7.7	<b>Developed</b>	2.4
Taiwan	7.2	United Kingdom	1.4
Mexico	6.5	Hong Kong	1.0
South Africa	4.8	<b>Frontier</b>	2.4
Russia	2.8	Argentina	1.9
Philippines	2.0	Panama	0.4
		Nigeria	0.1

## Performance as of September 30, 2018

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	3rd Q 2018	2nd Q 2018	1st Q 2018	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/31/2010	Since Inception 12/31/2010
BEXFX-Retail Shares	-5.00	-9.45	0.78	-13.31	-8.03	9.26	3.99	-	4.00	35.54
BEXIX-Institutional Shares	-4.98	-9.35	0.85	-13.14	-7.79	9.55	4.26	-	4.26	38.14
MSCI EM Index	-1.09	-7.96	1.42	-7.68	-0.81	12.36	3.61	-	1.26	10.16
MSCI EM IMI Growth Index	-5.37	-7.18	1.20	-11.10	-3.84	11.85	4.59	-	2.11	17.53
Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category Average	-2.47	-8.90	2.01	-9.37	-3.63	10.09	2.54	-	N/A	N/A

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance for the Quarter Ended September 30 2018<sup>4</sup>

### BY SUB-INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup>

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Integrated Oil & Gas	2.46	0.37
Wireless Telecommunication Services	5.92	0.34
Semiconductors	1.74	0.30
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	1.45	0.25
Health Care Distributors	1.00	0.20

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Pharmaceuticals	4.20	-1.49
Interactive Media & Services	7.50	-0.82
Diversified Banks	9.09	-0.68
Packaged Foods & Meats	5.76	-0.47
Life & Health Insurance	2.34	-0.39

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.	1.74	0.30
MyEG Services Berhad	0.44	0.25
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras	1.34	0.24
Sinopharm Group Co. Ltd.	1.00	0.20
KIA Motors Corporation	1.39	0.19

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	3.58	-0.67
Sino Biopharmaceutical Ltd.	1.14	-0.52
Yunnan Baiyao Group Co., Ltd.	0.95	-0.41
CSPC Pharmaceutical Group Limited	1.16	-0.41
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	3.48	-0.40

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Footnotes continued from prior page.

4 - Source: FactSet PA.

The 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.

Definitions (provided by BAMCO, Inc.): The indexes cited are free float-adjusted market capitalization indexes. The **MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index Net USD** is designed to measure equity market performance of large and mid-cap securities across 23 Emerging Markets countries. The **MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) IMI Growth Index Net USD** is designed to measure equity market performance of large, mid and small-cap securities exhibiting overall growth characteristics across 23 Emerging Markets countries. The indexes and the Fund include reinvestment of dividends, net of withholding taxes, which positively impact the performance results. Morningstar calculates The **Morningstar US Fund Diversified Emerging Mkts Average** using its Fractional Weighting methodology. The Fund has been included in the category since inception. © 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The Morningstar information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. **Standard Deviation (Std. Dev.)**: measures the degree to which a fund's performance has

varied from its average performance over a particular time period. The greater the standard deviation, the greater a fund's volatility (risk). **Sharpe Ratio**: is a risk-adjusted performance statistic that measures reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a fund's risk adjusted performance. **Alpha**: measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. **Beta**: measures a fund's sensitivity to market movements. The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. **R-Squared**: measures how closely a fund's performance correlates to the performance of the benchmark index, and thus is a measurement of what portion of its performance can be explained by the performance of the index. Values for R-Squared range from 0 to 100, where 0 indicates no correlation and 100 indicates perfect correlation. **Tracking Error**: measures how closely a fund's return follows the benchmark index returns. It is calculated as the annualized standard deviation of the difference between the fund and the index returns. **Information Ratio**: measures the excess return of a fund divided by the amount of risk the fund takes relative to the benchmark index. The higher the information ratio, the higher the excess return expected of the fund, given the amount of risk involved. **Upside Capture**: explains how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are greater than zero. **Downside Capture**: explains how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are less than zero. **Active Share**: a term used to describe the share of a portfolio's holdings that differ from that portfolio's benchmark index. It is calculated by comparing the weight of each holding in the Fund to that holding's weight in the benchmark. Positions with either a positive or negative weighting versus the benchmark have Active Share. An Active Share of 100% implies zero overlap with the benchmark. Active Share was introduced in 2006 in a study by Yale academics, M. Cremers and A. Petajisto, as a measure of active portfolio management.