

# Baron Opportunity Fund

Retail Shares (BIOPX) and Institutional Shares (BIOIX)

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 high growth businesses of any market capitalization benefiting from innovation through development of pioneering, transformative, or technologically advanced products and services. Diversified.

## Portfolio Manager

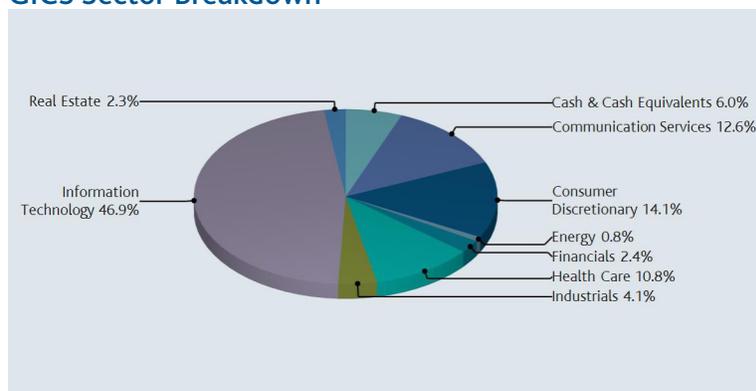
Michael Lippert joined Baron in 2001 as a research analyst and was named portfolio manager in 2006. He has 17 years of research experience. In 2001, Michael worked at JLF Asset Management as a financial analyst and general counsel. From 1991 to 2001, Michael worked at Baker & Botts L.L.P. as a trial partner. Michael graduated summa cum laude from Tufts University with a B.A. in History in 1988 and from Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 1991.

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	February 29, 2000
Net Assets	\$473.97 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	59 / 94.0%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	29.66%
Active Share	67.7%
Median Market Cap†	\$15.74 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap†	\$251.81 billion
<b>Retail Shares</b>	
CUSIP	068278407
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.41%
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	
CUSIP	068278886
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.14%

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

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



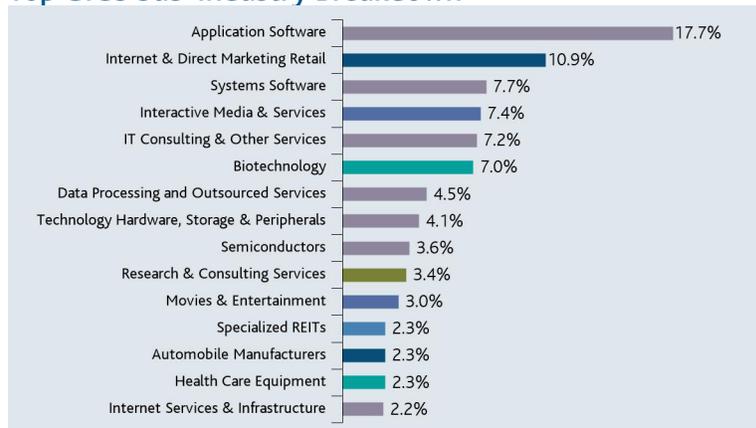
## Performance Based Characteristics - Retail Shares<sup>2</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	14.43	15.39	18.83
Sharpe Ratio	1.54	0.83	0.72
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-1.62	-5.48	-1.83
Beta	1.23	1.24	1.16
R-Squared (%)	75.26	69.47	83.51
Tracking Error (%)	7.55	8.85	8.02
Information Ratio	0.36	-0.33	-0.03
Upside Capture (%)	119.97	113.00	113.80
Downside Capture (%)	143.06	168.43	127.46

## Top 10 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
Amazon.com, Inc.	6.3
Microsoft Corporation	5.0
Guidewire Software, Inc.	4.9
Alphabet Inc.	4.8
Gartner, Inc.	4.4
Apple, Inc.	4.1
Acxiom Corporation	2.8
CoStar Group, Inc.	2.7
Tesla, Inc.	2.3
Wix.com Ltd.	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.5</b>

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



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

## Risks

Securities issued by small and medium sized companies may be thinly traded and may be more difficult to sell during market downturns. Companies propelled by innovation, including technology advances and new business models, may present the risk of rapid change and product obsolescence, and their success may be difficult to predict for the long term. 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.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

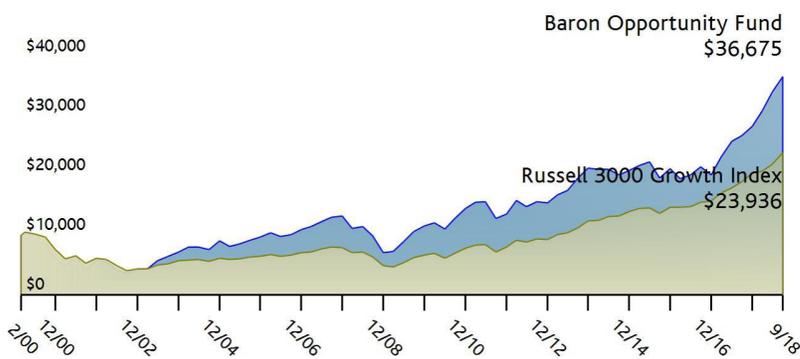
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2 - Source: FactSet SPAR. Except for Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio, the performance based characteristics above were calculated relative to the Fund's benchmark.

3 - As of FYE 9/30/2017

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Comparison of Change in Value of \$10,000 Investment in Baron Opportunity Fund - Retail Shares vs. the Russell 3000 Growth Index as of September 30, 2018



## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BIOPX	Russell 3000 Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
2004	25.59	6.93	10.88
2005	7.05	5.17	4.91
2006	12.14	9.46	15.79
2007	21.10	11.40	5.49
2008	-46.06	-38.44	-37.00
2009	61.80	37.01	26.46
2010	25.43	17.64	15.06
2011	-6.16	2.18	2.11
2012	13.69	15.21	16.00
2013	37.55	34.23	32.39
2014	-1.67	12.44	13.69
2015	1.20	5.09	1.38
2016	-4.84	7.39	11.96
2017	40.51	29.59	21.83

## 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 2/29/2000	Since Inception 2/29/2000
BIOPX-Retail Shares	7.84	10.02	9.18	29.53	37.41	23.10	13.30	13.95	7.24	266.75
BIPIX-Institutional Shares	7.84	10.15	9.20	29.72	37.73	23.39	13.59	14.23	7.38	275.85
Russell 3000 Growth Index	8.88	5.87	1.48	16.99	25.89	20.36	16.23	14.18	4.81	139.36
S&P 500 Index	7.71	3.43	-0.76	10.56	17.91	17.31	13.95	11.97	6.20	206.00
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	6.48	4.16	2.15	13.42	20.31	15.81	11.68	11.97	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(%)
Application Software	17.03	2.84
IT Consulting & Other Services	6.67	2.01
Systems Software	8.00	0.92
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	12.51	0.83
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	3.92	0.82

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Automobile Manufacturers	2.79	-0.68
Interactive Home Entertainment	2.31	-0.36
Casinos & Gaming	0.59	-0.27
Interactive Media & Services	7.87	-0.20
Biotechnology	7.90	-0.16

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Axiom Corporation	2.57	1.24
Amazon.com, Inc.	6.24	1.05
Apple, Inc.	3.92	0.82
The Trade Desk	1.67	0.82
Microsoft Corporation	5.00	0.78

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Tesla, Inc.	2.79	-0.68
Electronic Arts Inc.	2.31	-0.36
Gemphire Therapeutics Inc.	0.16	-0.33
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	1.38	-0.28
The Stars Group Inc.	0.59	-0.27

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Footnotes continued from prior page.

4 - Source: FactSet PA.

Performance for the Institutional Shares prior to 5/29/2009 is based on the performance of the Retail Shares, which have a distribution fee. The Institutional Shares do not have a distribution fee. If the annual returns for the Institutional Shares prior to 5/29/2009 did not reflect this fee, the returns would be higher.

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.

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

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