

# Baron Real Estate Fund

Retail Shares (BREFX) and Institutional Shares (BREIX)

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 broadly in real estate businesses with significant growth potential. It maintains exposure across different industries and all capitalization ranges. Diversified.

## Portfolio Manager

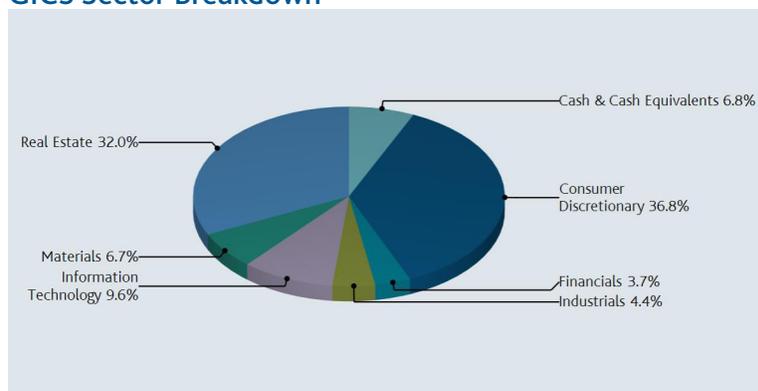
Jeff Kolitch joined Baron in 2005 as a research analyst specializing in real estate and was named portfolio manager in 2009. He has 26 years of research experience. Previously, Jeff was with Goldman Sachs & Co. from 1995 to 2005, where in 2002 he was named a managing director of its Equity Capital Markets group. Jeff graduated from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Economics in 1990, and from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University with a Masters of Management in 1995.

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	December 31, 2009
Net Assets	\$851.04 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	47 / 93.2%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	50.86%
Active Share	75.0%
Median Market Cap†	\$8.59 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap†	\$28.40 billion
<b>Retail Shares</b>	
CUSIP	06828M702
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.32%
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	
CUSIP	06828M801
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	1.06%

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

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



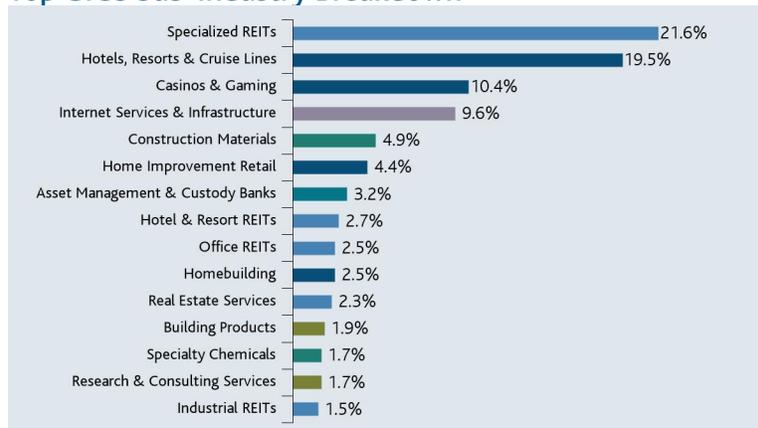
## Performance Based Characteristics - Retail Shares<sup>2</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	13.74	13.14	15.56
Sharpe Ratio	0.52	0.55	0.86
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-3.89	-3.06	0.90
Beta	1.12	1.09	1.02
R-Squared (%)	78.58	78.11	84.00
Tracking Error (%)	6.49	6.21	6.23
Information Ratio	-0.50	-0.43	0.16
Upside Capture (%)	93.98	95.52	103.05
Downside Capture (%)	119.59	116.07	99.07

## Top 10 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
American Tower Corp.	5.9
Equinix, Inc.	5.8
InterXion Holding N.V.	5.0
Home Depot, Inc.	4.4
MGM Resorts International	4.0
Penn National Gaming, Inc.	3.2
Brookfield Asset Management, Inc.	3.2
GDS Holdings Limited	2.8
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Ltd.	2.7
Vulcan Materials Company	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.7</b>

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



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

## Risks

In addition to general market conditions, the value of the Fund will be affected by the strength of the real estate markets as well as by interest rate fluctuations, credit risk, environmental issues and economic conditions. 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.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

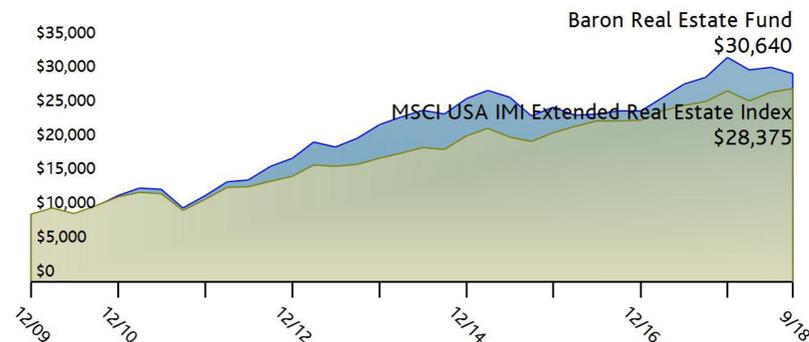
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2 - Source: FactSet SPAR. Except for Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio, the performance based characteristics above were calculated relative to the Fund's benchmark.

3 - As of FYE 12/31/2017

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Comparison of Change in Value of \$10,000 Investment in Baron Real Estate Fund - Retail Shares vs. the MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index as of September 30, 2018



## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BREFX	MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index	MSCI US REIT Index
2010	26.60	24.81	26.98
2011	0.63	-2.26	7.48
2012	42.60	27.00	16.47
2013	27.12	17.44	1.26
2014	16.61	17.96	28.82
2015	-4.65	2.27	1.28
2016	-2.01	8.24	7.14
2017	31.04	18.04	3.74

## 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 12/31/2009	Since Inception 12/31/2009
BREFX-Retail Shares	-2.84	1.14	-5.44	-7.08	1.84	7.89	7.77	-	13.65	206.40
BREIX-Institutional Shares	-2.76	1.20	-5.40	-6.91	2.12	8.18	8.05	-	13.94	213.22
MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index	1.91	4.82	-5.28	1.18	7.10	11.13	10.47	-	12.66	183.75
MSCI US REIT Index	0.78	9.74	-8.39	1.32	2.37	6.30	7.78	-	10.34	136.48
S&P 500 Index	7.71	3.43	-0.76	10.56	17.91	17.31	13.95	-	13.96	213.66
Morningstar Real Estate Category Average	0.58	7.98	-6.89	1.22	3.39	7.24	8.56	-	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(%)
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines	18.72	0.69
Specialty Chemicals	2.36	0.27
Asset Management & Custody Banks	2.77	0.26
Home Improvement Retail	4.65	0.25
Hotel & Resort REITs	2.78	0.08

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Construction Materials	9.47	-2.04
Homebuilding	3.32	-0.86
Casinos & Gaming	10.26	-0.59
Real Estate Services	2.46	-0.19
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.05	-0.18

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	2.04	0.46
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Ltd.	2.27	0.44
InterXion Holding N.V.	4.32	0.31
The Sherwin-Williams Company	2.36	0.27
Brookfield Asset Management, Inc.	2.77	0.26

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Vulcan Materials Company	4.22	-0.70
Summit Materials, Inc.	1.70	-0.64
Installed Building Products, Inc.	1.62	-0.54
Eagle Materials Inc.	1.82	-0.35
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	1.73	-0.34

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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.

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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.