

# BARON GLOBAL ADVANTAGE FUND

March 31, 2021

Institutional Shares (BGAIX)



## Portfolio Manager

Alex Umansky joined Baron in 2011 as a portfolio manager. He has 28 years of research experience, 18 of which were at Morgan Stanley. From 2007 to 2011, he was co-manager of the Morgan Stanley Opportunity Fund. He co-managed the Global Opportunity Fund from 2008 to 2011 as well as the International Opportunity and the International Advantage Funds from 2010 to 2011. He co-managed the Information Fund from 2004 to 2005 and the Small Company Growth Fund from 1999 to 2002. He was lead manager of the Morgan Stanley Institutional Technology Strategy and the Technology Fund from 1998 to 2004. Alex graduated from New York University Stern School of Business with a B.S. in Finance, Information Systems, and Mathematics in 1993.

## 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 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 mainly in growth companies of all sizes located throughout the world. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	April 30, 2012
Net Assets	\$2.57 billion
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	67 / 98.8%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	16.35%
Active Share	92.4%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$18.90 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$246.00 billion

## As of FYE 12/31/2020 Institutional Shares

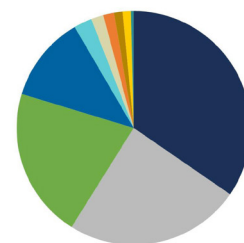
CUSIP	06828M835
Gross Expense Ratio	0.92%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.02)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.90%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

## Top 10 Holdings

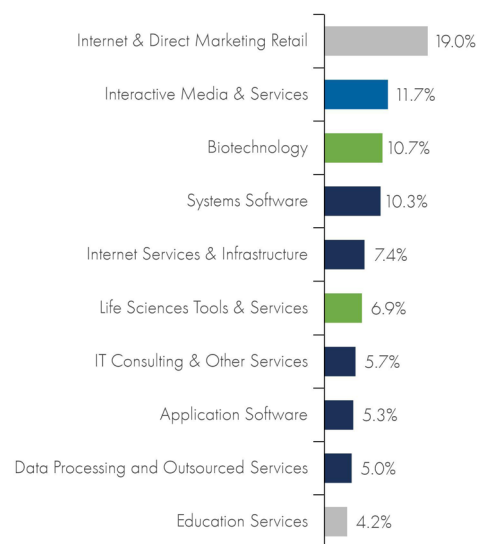
	% of Net Assets
Alphabet Inc.	5.7
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.6
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	4.6
Facebook, Inc.	4.0
Accelaron Pharma Inc.	3.1
Fiverr International Ltd.	2.8
GDS Holdings Limited	2.7
EPAM Systems, Inc.	2.7
RingCentral, Inc.	2.7
Wix.com Ltd.	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.5</b>

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



Information Technology	34.6%
Consumer Discretionary	24.3%
Health Care	20.8%
Communication Services	11.9%
Real Estate	2.5%
Unclassified	1.7%
Financials	1.5%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.2%
Industrials	1.1%
Materials	0.4%

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



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

## Risks

**Risks:** Growth stocks can react differently to issuer, political, market and economic developments than the market as a whole. Non-U.S. investments may involve additional risks to those inherent in U.S. investments, including exchange-rate fluctuations, political or economic instability, the imposition of exchange controls, expropriation, limited disclosure and illiquid markets, resulting in greater share price volatility. Securities of small and medium-sized companies may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell.



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## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BGAIX	MSCI ACWI Index	MSCI ACWI Growth Index
2012	4.20	5.00	3.52
2013	30.13	22.80	23.17
2014	5.32	4.16	5.43
2015	-1.51	-2.36	1.55
2016	-0.93	7.86	3.27
2017	49.82	23.97	30.00
2018	-3.66	-9.42	-8.13
2019	45.45	26.60	32.72
2020	79.46	16.25	33.60

## Performance Based Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	22.60	18.92	17.88
Sharpe Ratio	1.36	1.58	1.09
Alpha (%) - Annualized	19.72	16.86	8.91
Beta	0.96	0.99	1.05
R-Squared (%)	58.13	56.99	62.68
Tracking Error (%)	14.64	12.41	10.95
Information Ratio	1.37	1.43	0.88
Upside Capture (%)	125.77	136.13	124.68
Downside Capture (%)	50.61	55.44	78.57

## Country Breakdown

	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets
<b>Developed</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>Emerging (Cont'd)</b>	
United States	56.6	Brazil	3.8
Israel	6.1	Argentina	3.3
Netherlands	4.7	India	2.6
Canada	3.1	Korea	1.3
United Kingdom	2.4	Poland	0.5
<b>Emerging</b>	<b>25.9</b>	Mexico	0.4
China	13.7	Indonesia	0.3

## Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	1st Q 2021	4th Q 2020	3rd Q 2020	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 4/30/2012	Since Inception 4/30/2012
BGAIX-Institutional Shares	-1.84	17.33	13.10	-1.84	90.71	32.19	30.97	-	20.19	415.40
MSCI ACWI Index	4.57	14.68	8.13	4.57	54.60	12.07	13.21	-	10.55	144.47
MSCI ACWI Growth Index	0.28	13.09	12.00	0.28	58.95	17.51	17.08	-	13.09	199.39
Morningstar World Large Stock Category Average	4.69	14.96	8.22	4.69	57.22	11.58	12.57	-	N/A	N/A

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance<sup>2</sup>

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

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Interactive Media & Services	9.85	0.93
Life Sciences Tools & Services	6.66	0.87
IT Consulting & Other Services	5.23	0.40
Semiconductor Equipment	0.79	0.19
Automobile Manufacturers	0.72	0.16

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Education Services	3.62	-1.05
Application Software	6.83	-1.01
Data Processing and Outsourced Services	5.08	-0.78
Systems Software	10.54	-0.53
Biotechnology	10.18	-0.39

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Alphabet Inc.	4.56	0.63
10X Genomics, Inc.	1.96	0.49
Guardant Health, Inc.	1.97	0.38
Coupang, LLC	0.26	0.36
Fiverr International Ltd.	2.99	0.32

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
RingCentral, Inc.	3.12	-0.63
StoneCo Ltd.	1.57	-0.48
TAL Education Group	1.63	-0.44
Splunk, Inc.	1.99	-0.38
Afya Limited	1.15	-0.34

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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.

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