

# Baron Global Advantage Fund (BGAIX)

As of March 31, 2020



## Big Ideas, Disruptive Change

The Fund invests mainly in growth companies of all sizes located throughout the world  
Managed by Alex Umansky since inception on 4/30/2012

### Big Ideas

- The Fund invests in unique, competitively advantaged companies that are agents or beneficiaries of disruptive change on a global scale
- We prefer companies with secular, organic growth potential, robust free cash flow, and high returns on invested capital

### Disruptive Change

- Autonomous Driving
- Virtual Reality
- Blockchain
- CRISPR
- Digitization
- Big Data
- Cloud Computing
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence

## A Concentrated Portfolio with a Focus on Alpha Generation

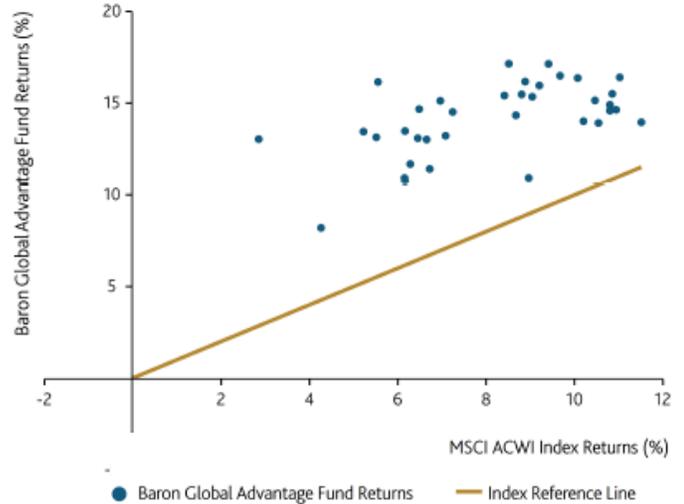
Baron Global Advantage Fund has generated excess returns over 1-, 3-, 5-year and since inception time periods



Source: FactSet SPAR.

100%

Since inception, Baron Global Advantage Fund has outperformed its index 100% of the time\*



Source: MSCI, Inc.

\*Based on monthly rolling 5-year returns

★★★★★ (5-star) overall rating from Morningstar <sup>1</sup>

### Impressive Risk-Adjusted Performance

	3 Years		5 Years	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Sharpe Ratio	0.95	-0.02	0.67	0.13
Alpha (% annualized)	17.2		10.34	
Upside Capture (%)	139.97		135.84	
Downside Capture (%)	58.94		82.58	

### Highly Ranked in Morningstar World Large Stock Category <sup>1</sup>

Time Frame	Category % Rank
1-Year	1%
3-Year	1%
5-Year	1%
Since Inception	1%

<sup>1</sup> Out of 722 Funds

<sup>1</sup> Based on risk-adjusted returns as of 03/31/2020

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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.

**Performance listed in the document is net of annual operating expenses. Annual expense ratio for the Institutional Shares as of December 31, 2019 was 1.00%, but the net annual expense ratio is 0.90% (net of the adviser's fee waivers).**

**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.

Morningstar created a World Small/Mid Stock Category and moved a large number of funds formerly in World Stock to the new category. Morningstar renamed the World Stock Category to the World Large Stock Category effective April 28, 2017 to reflect the remaining large cap stocks in the category. The Fund has been included in the category since inception.

The number of share classes in each category may vary depending on the date that Baron downloaded information from Morningstar Direct.

Morningstar calculates its category averages using its Fractional Weighting methodology. Morningstar rankings are based on total returns and do not include sales charges. Total returns do account for management, administrative, and 12b-1 fees and other costs automatically deducted from fund assets.

The Morningstar US Fund World Large Stock Category consisted of 864, 751, 619, and 444 share classes for the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, and since inception (4/30/2012) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Global Advantage Fund in the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile for the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, and since inception periods.

As of 3/31/2020, Morningstar had awarded Baron Global Advantage Fund Institutional Share Class 5 stars, 5 stars, and 1 star for its 3-year, 5-year, and overall performance, respectively.

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Effective 1/31/2019, the Fund has changed its primary benchmark to the **MSCI ACWI Index**. **MSCI ACWI Index** measures the equity market performance of large and midcap securities across developed and emerging markets, including the United States. **MSCI ACWI Growth Index** captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The indexes are unmanaged. The index performance is not fund performance; one cannot invest directly into an index.

**Alpha** measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. **Downside Capture** measures how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are less than zero. **Upside Capture** explains how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are greater than zero. **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.

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