

# BARON INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND

September 30, 2020

Institutional Shares (BINIX)



## Portfolio Manager

Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 33 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, Michael was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which he formed to acquire 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, he worked at Bear Stearns as a corporate finance analyst. Michael graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

## 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 mainly in non-U.S. companies of any size with significant growth potential. The Fund invests principally in companies in developed countries. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

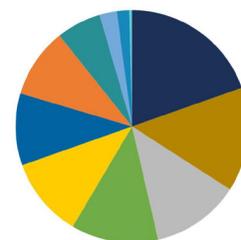
Inception Date	December 31, 2008
Net Assets	\$436.88 million
# of Equity Securities / % of Net Assets	90 / 85.5%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	52.45%
Active Share	89.9%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$13.08 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$62.84 billion
<b>As of FYE 12/31/2019</b>	<b>Institutional Shares</b>
CUSIP	06828M603
Gross Expense Ratio	1.04%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.09)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.95%

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

## Top 10 Holdings

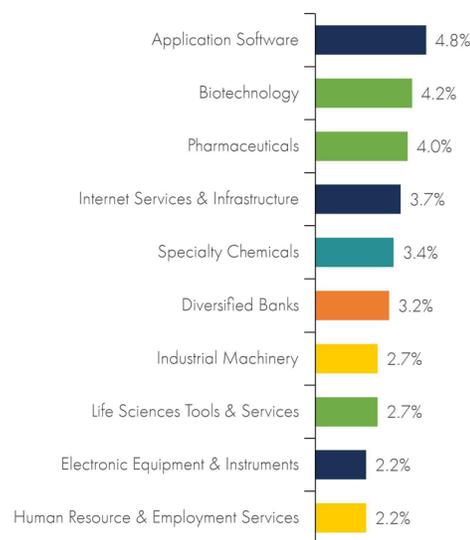
	% of Net Assets
argenx SE	2.4
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	2.1
Future plc	2.1
NEXTDC Limited	1.8
S4 Capital plc	1.8
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	1.8
Zai Lab Limited	1.7
AstraZeneca PLC	1.7
B&M European Value Retail S.A.	1.7
Keyence Corporation	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.7</b>

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



Information Technology	19.6%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.5%
Consumer Discretionary	12.3%
Health Care	12.1%
Industrials	11.1%
Communication Services	10.0%
Financials	9.7%
Materials	6.2%
Energy	2.4%
Consumer Staples	1.7%
Real Estate	0.4%

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



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

## Risks

**Risks:** 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. This may result in greater share price volatility. Securities of small and medium-sized companies may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell. 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.



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## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

Year	BINIX	MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index
2011	-16.13	-13.71	-14.66
2012	18.17	16.83	16.69
2013	21.89	15.29	15.85
2014	-2.07	-3.87	-2.77
2015	1.48	-5.66	-0.26
2016	1.35	4.50	0.06
2017	37.33	27.19	32.25
2018	-17.68	-14.20	-14.96
2019	29.39	21.51	26.98

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

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	18.06	15.53	15.35
Sharpe Ratio	0.35	0.66	0.50
Alpha (%) - Annualized	7.03	5.10	4.37
Beta	1.04	0.99	0.96
R-Squared (%)	87.27	84.88	85.53
Tracking Error (%)	6.48	6.04	5.86
Information Ratio	1.06	0.85	0.72
Upside Capture (%)	114.17	107.07	101.71
Downside Capture (%)	84.57	81.78	80.17

## Country Breakdown

	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets	
<b>Developed</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>Developed (Cont'd)</b>	
United Kingdom	15.3	Hong Kong	1.5
Japan	13.0	Spain	1.5
France	5.1	Norway	0.4
Netherlands	3.4	<b>Emerging</b>	<b>26.2</b>
Switzerland	3.4	China	12.5
United States	3.3	India	5.4
Sweden	3.2	Brazil	3.4
Canada	2.8	Russia	2.6
Germany	2.5	Mexico	1.3
Israel	2.1	Korea	0.7
Australia	1.8	United Arab Emirates	0.3

## Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	3rd Q 2020	2nd Q 2020	1st Q 2020	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/31/2008	Since Inception 12/31/2008
BINIX-Institutional Shares	9.52	28.37	-21.50	10.35	20.37	8.05	11.36	8.24	11.37	254.43
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	6.25	16.12	-23.36	-5.44	3.00	1.16	6.23	4.00	6.82	117.17
MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index	10.54	20.09	-19.27	7.16	17.65	7.03	10.01	6.41	9.15	179.74
Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category Average	9.63	21.42	-19.08	8.10	18.53	7.17	9.70	7.12	N/A	N/A

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

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

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Publishing	1.76	0.86
Advertising	1.82	0.75
Specialty Chemicals	3.64	0.63
Life Sciences Tools & Services	2.98	0.57
Internet Services & Infrastructure	4.36	0.56

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Systems Software	0.94	-0.15
Restaurants	0.34	-0.12
Aerospace & Defense	1.00	-0.12
Diversified Banks	3.56	-0.06
Diversified Capital Markets	1.24	-0.05

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Future plc	1.76	0.86
S4 Capital plc	1.82	0.75
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	1.81	0.54
NEXTDC Limited	1.95	0.50
B&M European Value Retail S.A.	1.70	0.47

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
WANdisco plc	0.75	-0.19
TeamViewer AG	1.68	-0.15
Network International Holdings Ltd.	0.44	-0.15
BNP Paribas S.A.	1.49	-0.14
J D Wetherspoon plc	0.34	-0.12

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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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