

# BARON PARTNERS FUND

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Institutional Shares (BPTIX)



## Portfolio Managers

Ron Baron is Baron Capital's founder, chairman, and CEO. He has 52 years of research and investment experience.

Michael Baron joined Baron in 2004 as a research analyst and was named co-portfolio manager of Baron WealthBuilder Fund in 2020 and Baron Partners Fund in 2018. He has 19 years of research experience.

Please visit our website for details on their experience and education.

## 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 durable competitive advantages
- Purchase price and risk management are integral to our investment process

## Investment Strategy

This is a focused Fund that invests mainly in U.S. companies of any size with significant growth potential. A substantial percentage of the Fund's assets are in its top 10 holdings. It also uses leverage. Non-diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	January 31, 1992
Net Assets	\$6.17 billion
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	30 / 114.9%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	9.86%
Active Share	95.8%
Median Market Cap <sup>4</sup>	\$15.92 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>4</sup>	\$399.19 billion

### As of FYE 12/31/2021 Institutional Shares

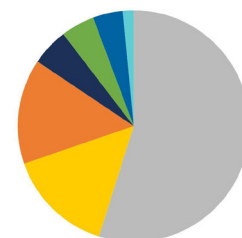
CUSIP	06828M405
Expense Ratio*	1.11%

\*The Expense Ratio includes 1.05% of operating expense and 0.06% of interest expense. Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>2</sup>

	% of Total Investments
Tesla, Inc.	45.5
CoStar Group, Inc.	7.2
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	6.8
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	4.2
The Charles Schwab Corp.	4.2
FactSet Research Systems, Inc.	4.1
Hyatt Hotels Corp.	3.8
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	3.7
Vail Resorts, Inc.	3.2
Gartner, Inc.	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.4</b>
Long Equity Exposure (% of Net Assets)	114.9
Cash & Equivalents (% of Net Assets)	-14.9

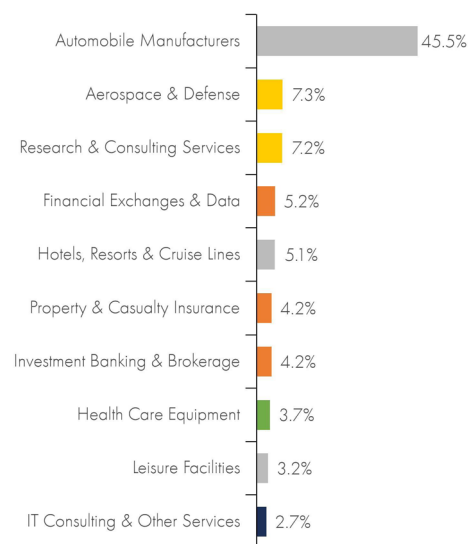
## GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1,2,5</sup>



Consumer Discretionary	54.9%
Industrials	14.9%
Financials	14.7%
Information Technology	5.2%
Health Care	4.7%
Communication Services	4.2%
Real Estate	1.5%

Individual weights may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1,2,5</sup>



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

## Risks

**Risks:** The Fund is non-diversified which means, in addition to increased volatility of the Fund's returns, it will likely have a greater percentage of its assets in a single issuer or a small number of issuers, including in a particular industry than a diversified fund. Single issuer risk is the possibility that factors specific to an issuer to which the Fund is exposed will affect the market prices of the issuer's securities and therefore the net asset value of the Fund. As of the date of the latest prospectus supplement, about 48% of the Fund's assets are invested in Tesla stock. Therefore, the Fund is exposed to the risk that were Tesla stock to lose significant value, which could happen rapidly, the Fund's performance would be adversely affected. Specific risks associated with leverage include increased volatility of the Fund's returns and exposure of the Fund to greater risk of loss in any given period.



## Historical Performance(Calendar Year %)

Year	BPTIX	Russell Midcap Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
2013	48.02	35.74	32.39
2014	10.56	11.90	13.69
2015	-2.43	-0.20	1.38
2016	4.29	7.33	11.96
2017	31.91	25.27	21.83
2018	-1.75	-4.75	-4.38
2019	45.38	35.47	31.49
2020	149.18	35.59	18.40
2021	31.73	12.73	28.71

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

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	45.71	37.51	28.67	26.85
Sharpe Ratio	0.88	0.71	0.76	0.48
Alpha (%) - Annualized	38.50	18.85	8.09	5.98
Beta	1.60	1.45	1.41	1.11
R-Squared (%)	71.34	68.78	69.06	67.52
Tracking Error (%)	28.40	23.08	17.37	15.46
Information Ratio	1.28	0.87	0.67	0.39
Upside Capture (%)	220.85	178.40	156.19	127.42
Downside Capture (%)	128.65	126.88	128.07	112.32

## Performance

	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)					Cumulative Returns (%)
	3rd Q 2022	2nd Q 2022	1st Q 2022	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 1/31/1992	Since Inception 1/31/1992
BPTIX-Institutional Shares	10.00	-30.55	-5.84	-28.06	-14.00	40.61	27.81	22.49	15.31	7789.55
Russell Midcap Growth Index	-0.65	-21.07	-12.58	-31.45	-29.50	4.26	7.62	10.85	9.27	141762
S&P 500 Index	-4.88	-16.10	-4.60	-23.87	-15.47	8.16	9.24	11.70	9.50	1515.30
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average	-4.09	-20.82	-10.76	-32.09	-27.10	6.77	8.95	11.36	-	-

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance<sup>4</sup>

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

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Automobile Manufacturers	51.47	8.24
Research & Consulting Services	7.76	1.19
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines	5.86	0.52
Investment Banking & Brokerage	4.34	0.46
Alternative Carriers	2.64	0.45

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Aerospace & Defense	8.81	-0.84
Health Care Supplies	0.74	-0.30
Application Software	1.00	-0.09
Office REITs	0.41	-0.07
Property & Casualty Insurance	4.54	-0.07

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Tesla, Inc.	51.47	8.24
CoStar Group, Inc.	7.76	1.19
The Charles Schwab Corp.	4.34	0.46
Iridium Communications Inc.	2.64	0.45
Hyatt Hotels Corp.	4.30	0.40

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	8.31	-0.88
Figs Inc.	0.74	-0.30
Guidewire Software, Inc.	1.00	-0.09
Douglas Emmett, Inc.	0.41	-0.07
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	4.54	-0.07

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2 - The Fund's top 10 holdings and the sector and sub-industry breakdowns are expressed as a percentage of the Fund's long positions. These percentages may change over time.

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

4 - Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.

5 - Cash includes cash, cash equivalents, and unrealized appreciation/depreciation from unfunded commitments in PIPE, SPAC PIPE and/or private equity securities.

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

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