

# Baron Small Cap Funds Offer Attractive Risk/Return Profiles

As of December 31, 2020



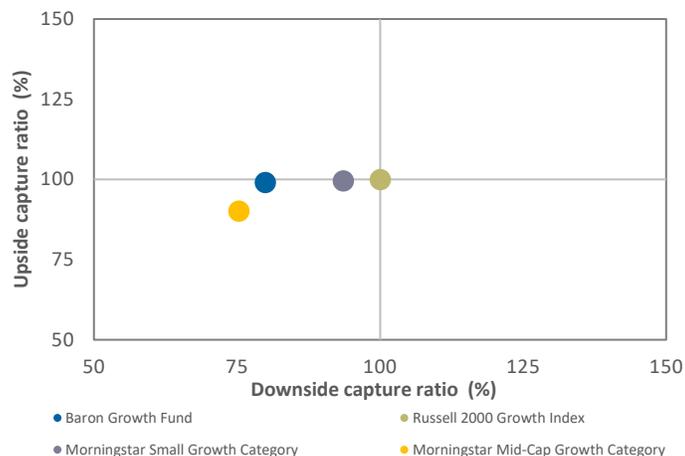
## Baron Growth Fund (BGRIX)<sup>1</sup>

### Letting our winners run

- Invests in small-sized U.S. companies with significant growth potential
- Managed by Baron Capital Founder Ron Baron since the Fund's inception on 12/31/1994

Performance-based Characteristics				
	3 Years		5 Years	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Sharpe Ratio	0.86	0.57	0.95	0.71
Alpha (% annualized)	6.54		5.06	
Beta	0.91		0.86	
Upside Capture (%)	99.07		93.54	
Downside Capture (%)	79.95		74.52	
Portfolio Characteristics				
Active Share (%)	97.3			
Total Number of Stocks	53			

### 3 Year Upside/Downside Capture 12/31/2017 to 12/31/2020



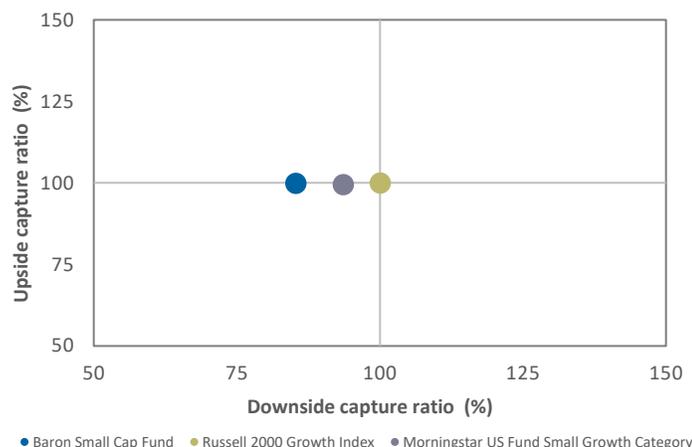
## Baron Small Cap Fund (BSFIX)<sup>1</sup>

### Watering our flowers, cutting our weeds

- Invests in small cap growth stocks, including fallen angels and special situations\*
- Managed by Cliff Greenberg since the Fund's inception on 9/30/1997

Performance-based Characteristics				
	3 Years		5 Years	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Sharpe Ratio	0.75	0.57	0.90	0.71
Alpha (% annualized)	4.49		4.15	
Beta	0.98		0.93	
Upside Capture (%)	99.90		96.58	
Downside Capture (%)	85.27		79.23	
Portfolio Characteristics				
Active Share (%)	95.1			
Total Number of Stocks	72			

### 3 Year Upside/Downside Capture 12/31/2017 to 12/31/2020



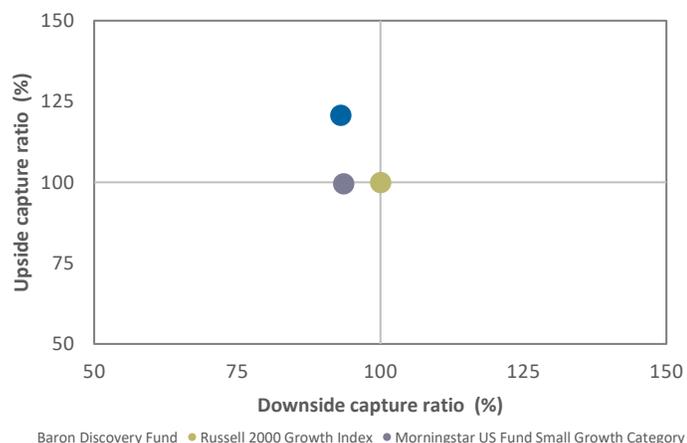
## Baron Discovery Fund (BDFIX)<sup>1</sup>

### Companies you haven't heard of, but you will

- Invests in earlier stage small cap growth companies
- Managed by Randy Gwirtzman and Laird Bieger since the Fund's inception on 9/30/2013

Performance-based Characteristics				
	3 Years		5 Years	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Sharpe Ratio	0.97	0.57	1.19	0.71
Alpha (% annualized)	10.65		10.69	
Beta	1.03		1.01	
Upside Capture (%)	120.74		120.76	
Downside Capture (%)	93.10		85.38	
Portfolio Characteristics				
Active Share (%)	92.9			
Total Number of Stocks	78			

### 3 Year Upside/Downside Capture 12/31/2017 to 12/31/2020



<sup>1</sup>Also available in Retail and R6 Shares

All information as of December 31, 2020

\*Baron Funds defines fallen angels as companies with strong long-term franchises that have disappointed investors, and special situations as opportunities created by lack of investor awareness.

*You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus and summary prospectus contain this and other information about the Fund and can be obtained from the Fund's distributor, Baron Capital, Inc., by calling 1-800-99BARON, or by visiting [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com). Please read them carefully before investing.*

**Baron Discovery Fund's** annualized returns for the Institutional Shares as of December 31, 2020: 1-year, 66.13%; 3-year, 28.48%; 5-year, 28.52%; Since Inception (09/30/2013), 20.99%. Annual expense ratio for the Institutional Shares as of September 30, 2019 was 1.10%.

**Baron Small Cap Fund's** annualized returns for the Institutional Shares as of December 31, 2020: 1-year, 40.68 %; 3-year, 20.78%; 5-year, 19.88%; 10-year, 14.47%; Since Inception (9/30/1997), 11.49%. Annual expense ratio for the Institutional Shares as of September 30, 2019 was 1.05%.

**Baron Growth Fund's** annualized returns for the Institutional Shares as of December 31, 2020: 1-year, 33.06%; 3-year, 22.08%; 5-year, 19.76%; 10-year, 15.06%; Since Inception (12/31/1994), 14.16%. Annual expense ratio for the Institutional Shares as of September 30, 2019 was 1.04%.

*The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Adviser reimburses certain Baron Fund expenses pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2031, unless renewed for another 11-year term and the Fund's transfer agency expenses may be reduced by expense offsets from an unaffiliated transfer agent, without which performance would have been lower. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance information current to the most recent month end, visit [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com) or call 1-800-99BARON.*

Unless otherwise noted, all performance and performance related calculations are based on the Institutional Shares. Performance for the Institutional Shares of Baron Growth and Small Cap Funds prior to 5/29/2009 are based on the performance of the Retail Shares, which have a distribution fee. The Institutional Shares do not have a distribution fee. If the annual returns for the Institutional Shares prior to 5/29/2009 did not reflect this fee, the returns would be higher.

**Baron Growth Fund's** investment mandate has been, and continues to be, to invest in small-cap growth stocks for the long term. Because of its long-term approach, the Fund could have a significant percentage of its assets invested in securities that have appreciated beyond their market capitalization at the time of the Fund's initial investment.

**RISKS:** Specific risks associated with investing in smaller companies include that the securities may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell during market downturns. 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.

**Baron Discovery Fund's** 1-, 3-, and 5-year 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.

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Morningstar calculates both the Morningstar Small Growth and Mid-Cap Growth Category Average performance using its Fractional Weighting methodology. Baron Discovery Fund and Baron Small Cap Fund have been included in the category since inception. Morningstar moved Baron Growth Fund from the Small Growth Category effective 5/31/2011 to the Mid-Cap Growth Category. Morningstar calculates the Morningstar US Mid-Cap Growth Category Average using its Fractional Weighting methodology.

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**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. **Upside Capture** explains how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are greater than zero. **Downside Capture** measures how well a fund performs in time periods where the benchmark's returns are less 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. **Active Share** is 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.

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