

# Baron Funds

## Baron WealthBuilder Fund

### Annual Financial Report

December 31, 2020

#### Ticker Symbols:

Retail Shares: BWBFX

TA Shares: BWBTX

Institutional Shares: BWBIX

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#### DEAR BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND SHAREHOLDER:

In this report, you will find audited financial statements for Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the "Fund") for the year ended December 31, 2020. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") requires mutual funds to furnish these statements semi-annually to their shareholders. We hope you find these statements informative and useful.

We thank you for choosing to join us as fellow shareholders in Baron Funds. We will continue to work hard to justify your confidence.

Sincerely,



Ronald Baron  
Chief Executive Officer  
February 25, 2021



Linda S. Martinson  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Operating Officer  
February 25, 2021



Peggy Wong  
Treasurer and  
Chief Financial Officer  
February 25, 2021

This Annual Financial Report is for the Baron WealthBuilder Fund. If you are interested in the other series of Baron Select Funds, which contains the Baron Partners Fund, Baron Focused Growth Fund, Baron International Growth Fund, Baron Real Estate Fund, Baron Emerging Markets Fund, Baron Global Advantage Fund, Baron Real Estate Income Fund, Baron Health Care Fund, and Baron FinTech Fund, or Baron Investment Funds Trust, which contains the Baron Asset Fund, Baron Growth Fund, Baron Small Cap Fund, Baron Opportunity Fund, Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund, Baron Discovery Fund, and Baron Durable Advantage Fund, please visit the Funds' website at [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com) or contact us at 1-800-99BARON.

The Funds' Proxy Voting Policy is available without charge and can be found on the Funds' website at [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com), by clicking on the "Regulatory Documents" link at the bottom left corner of the homepage or by calling 1-800-99BARON and on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Funds' most current proxy voting record, Form N-PX, is also available on the Funds' website and on the SEC's website.

The Funds file their complete schedules of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to their reports on Form N-PORT. The Funds' Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Schedules of portfolio holdings current to the most recent quarter are also available on the Funds' website.

Some of the comments contained in this report are based on current management expectations and are considered "forward-looking statements." Actual future results, however, may prove to be different from our expectations. You can identify forward-looking statements by words such as "estimate," "may," "expect," "should," "could," "believe," "plan", and other similar terms. We cannot promise future returns and our opinions are a reflection of our best judgment at the time this report is compiled.

The views expressed in this report reflect those of BAMCO, Inc. ("BAMCO" or the "Adviser") only through the end of the period stated in this report. The views are not intended as recommendations or investment advice to any person reading this report and are subject to change at any time without notice based on market and other conditions.

**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. For more complete information about Baron Funds, including charges and expenses, call, write or go to [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com) for a prospectus or summary prospectus. Read them carefully before you invest or send money. This report is not authorized for use as an offer of sale or a solicitation of an offer to buy shares of the Fund, unless accompanied or preceded by the Fund's current prospectus or summary prospectus.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Funds' shareholder reports like this one will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from Baron Funds ("Baron") or from your financial intermediary, such as a broker-dealer or bank. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Baron website, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from Baron or your financial intermediary electronically by contacting your financial intermediary or going to [toicdelivery.com/baronfunds](http://toicdelivery.com/baronfunds).

You may elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge. You can inform Baron or your financial intermediary that you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports by following the instructions included on the envelope or slip inserted with this disclosure. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with Baron or your financial intermediary.



Baron WealthBuilder Fund is an open end, no-load mutual fund that invests only in shares of individual Baron mutual funds ("Baron Funds"). Long-term capital appreciation is its objective. It is not a target date fund.

1. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's objective is to provide investors with a diversified portfolio of Baron Funds that will outperform its benchmark index over the long term, although we cannot guarantee it will meet its objective.
2. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's minimum initial investment is \$2,000, making it suitable for periodic purchases.
3. Baron WealthBuilder Fund has no management fee, but it will indirectly bear its pro-rata share of the expenses of the Baron Funds in which it invests (acquired funds).
4. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's annual operating expenses are capped at 5 bps per year for Institutional Shares and TA Shares (available directly through Baron Funds). Retail Shares operating expenses are capped at 30 bps per year. Portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend, acquired fund fees and expenses are not subject to the operating expense limitation.

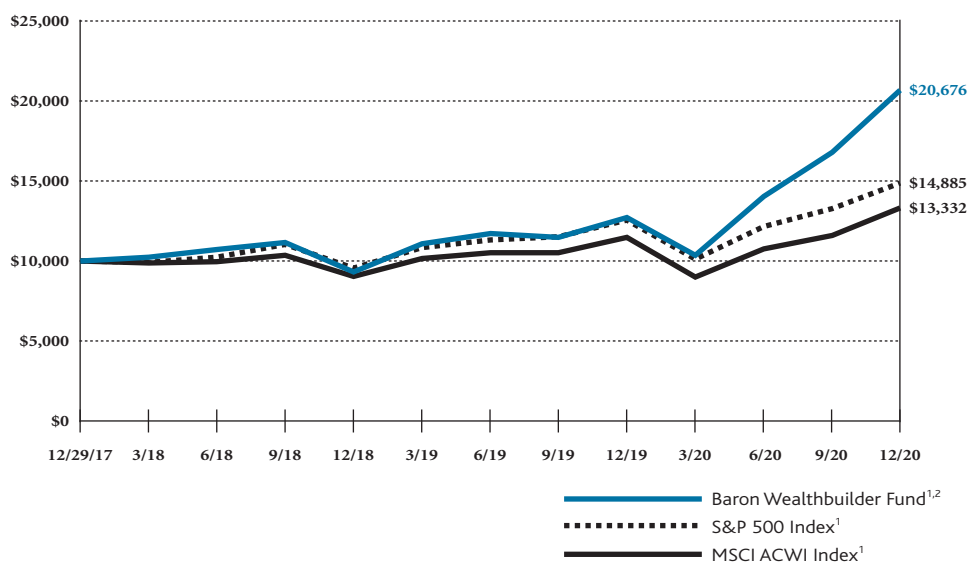
Several criteria, including our qualitative assessments, are used to continually determine Baron WealthBuilder Fund allocations among Baron Funds.

Among the criteria are: (a) absolute performance; (b) excess performance vs. benchmark; (c) performance standard deviation (a measure of risk); (d) Sharpe ratio (a measure of performance per unit of risk); (e) beta (a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements); (f) alpha (a measure of excess return given level of risk as measured by beta); (g) portfolio turnover; (h) growth rates of portfolio investments; (i) fund size; and (j) manager tenure.

As of December 31, 2020, the five largest Baron Funds represented 63.9% of Baron WealthBuilder Fund's net assets.

Ronald Baron, CEO of Baron Capital is the lead portfolio manager of Baron WealthBuilder Fund. Michael Baron, Vice President, is the co-portfolio manager.

### COMPARISON OF THE CHANGE IN VALUE OF \$10,000 INVESTMENT IN BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND (RETAIL SHARES) IN RELATION TO THE S&P 500 INDEX AND THE MSCI ACWI INDEX



### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	One Year	Three Years and Since Inception December 29, 2017)
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	62.45%	27.40%
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	62.85%	27.67%
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	62.85%	27.67%
S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>	18.40%	14.18%
MSCI ACWI Index Net <sup>1</sup>	16.25%	10.06%

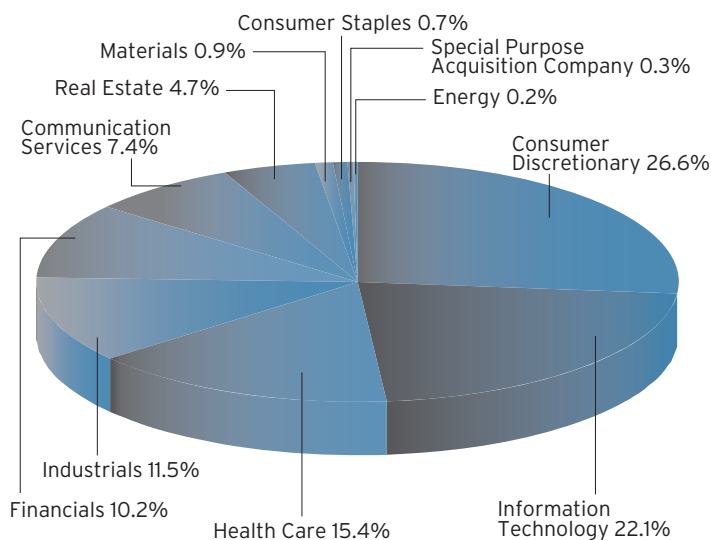
<sup>1</sup> The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 widely held large cap U.S. companies. The MSCI ACWI Index is an unmanaged, free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index reflected in U.S. dollars that measures the equity market performance of large- and mid-cap securities across developed and emerging markets, including the United States. MSCI is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the MSCI Indexes. MSCI is a trademark of Russell Investment Group. The Indexes and Baron WealthBuilder Fund are with dividends, which positively impact the performance results. The MSCI ACWI Index is net of foreign withholding taxes. The indexes are unmanaged. The index performance is not Fund performance; one cannot invest directly into an index.

<sup>2</sup> Past performance is not predictive of future performance. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares. BAMCO, Inc. ("BAMCO" or the "Adviser") has agreed that, pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2031, unless renewed for another 11-year term, it will reimburse certain expenses of the Fund, limiting net annual operating expenses (portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expense are not subject to the operating expense limitation) to 0.30% of average daily net assets of Retail Shares, 0.05% of average daily net assets of Institutional shares and 0.05% of average daily net assets of TA shares, without which performance would have been lower.

**COUNTRY EXPOSURES OF BARON UNDERLYING FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Percent of Total Investments
United States	84.5%
China	4.1%
United Kingdom	2.1%
Netherlands	1.5%
Israel	1.3%
India	1.1%
Canada	1.0%
Brazil	0.9%
Argentina	0.5%
Sweden	0.4%
Other	2.6%
	<b>100.0%</b>

**SECTOR EXPOSURES OF BARON UNDERLYING FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020†**



**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2020, Baron WealthBuilder Fund<sup>1</sup> appreciated 62.45%, outperforming the S&P 500 Index, which increased 18.40%.

Baron WealthBuilder Fund is a diversified fund that invests exclusively in other Baron mutual funds. At any given time, it invests in the securities of a select number of Baron mutual funds representing specific investment strategies. The Fund can invest in funds holding U.S. and international stocks; small-cap, small- to mid-cap, mid-cap, large-cap, all-cap stocks; and sector stocks. Baron WealthBuilder Fund normally invests in a variety of domestic and international equity funds. It seeks to invest in businesses it believes have significant opportunities for growth, sustainable competitive advantages, exceptional management, and an attractive valuation. Of course, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in achieving the Fund’s investment goals.

The past year was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic and social fallout, and the government response. The market continued the prior year’s rally uninterrupted until the peak in February, when news of the rapid and alarming spread of the virus plunged the market into an unprecedented decline until the trough in March. Then, encouraged by massive fiscal and monetary stimulus, stocks staged an equally unprecedented recovery through the end of the year. Growth companies outperformed, driven by lower interest rates and in many cases improving business fundamentals. The pandemic also proved to be a strong accelerant for companies engaged in modernization and digital transformation, many of which we are invested in.

On a sector basis, Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, and Health Care contributed the most. Real Estate, Energy, and Consumer Staples detracted the most.

On a country basis, the U.S., China, and Israel contributed the most. Brazil, India, and the UAE detracted the most.

Baron Partners Fund contributed the most to performance.

No Fund detracted in the period.

While the current COVID-19 vaccine rollout holds the promise of an end in sight, we still have a way to go before we can confidently and safely put this pandemic in the rear view mirror. We think companies benefiting from the pandemic-driven acceleration of digital trends should continue to see strong growth as these trends play out. We also think business for other companies should bounce back vibrantly post-pandemic driven by pent-up demand. We continue to adhere to our traditional investment and allocation methodology while working hard to identify these long-term beneficiaries. We are optimistic that this approach will lead to continued strong performance.

† Sector levels are provided from the Global Industry Classification Standard (“GICS”), developed and exclusively owned by MSCI, Inc. and Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, unless otherwise stated that they have been reclassified or classified by the Adviser. All GICS data is provided “as is” with no warranties.

<sup>1</sup> Performance information reflects results of the Retail Shares.

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Shares		Cost	Value
<b>Affiliated Mutual Funds (100.02%)</b>			
<b>Small Cap Funds (28.10%)</b>			
313,999	Baron Discovery Fund — Institutional Shares	\$ 7,099,602	\$ 10,924,041
306,105	Baron Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	25,537,219	33,319,521
830,283	Baron Small Cap Fund — Institutional Shares	26,957,104	32,356,124
<b>Total Small Cap Funds</b>		<b>59,593,925</b>	<b>76,599,686</b>
<b>Small to Mid Cap Funds (4.61%)</b>			
282,132	Baron Focused Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	5,600,796	12,571,803
<b>Mid Cap Funds (12.96%)</b>			
303,799	Baron Asset Fund — Institutional Shares	26,097,870	35,331,781
<b>Large Cap Funds (7.05%)</b>			
235,490	Baron Durable Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares	2,903,505	3,690,125
302,047	Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	10,396,654	15,540,300
<b>Total Large Cap Funds</b>		<b>13,300,159</b>	<b>19,230,425</b>
<b>All Cap Funds (26.85%)</b>			
417,380	Baron Opportunity Fund — Institutional Shares	10,039,620	17,580,045
329,047	Baron Partners Fund — Institutional Shares	21,434,897	55,622,089
<b>Total All Cap Funds</b>		<b>31,474,517</b>	<b>73,202,134</b>
<b>International Funds (11.95%)</b>			
538,283	Baron Emerging Markets Fund — Institutional Shares	7,611,662	10,259,667
306,034	Baron Global Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares	9,784,556	15,993,315
194,465	Baron International Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	4,722,089	6,322,059
<b>Total International Funds</b>		<b>22,118,307</b>	<b>32,575,041</b>
<b>Sector Funds (8.50%)</b>			
325,323	Baron FinTech Fund — Institutional Shares	3,932,904	4,788,760
313,769	Baron Health Care Fund — Institutional Shares	4,716,824	5,923,951
345,717	Baron Real Estate Fund — Institutional Shares	10,007,346	12,452,742
<b>Total Sector Funds</b>		<b>18,657,074</b>	<b>23,165,453</b>
<b>Total Affiliated Investments (100.02%)</b>		<b>\$ 176,842,648</b>	<b>272,676,323</b>
<b>Liabilities Less Cash and Other Assets (-0.02%)</b>			<b>(58,021)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>\$ 272,618,302</b>
<b>Retail Shares (Equivalent to \$19.57 per share based on 2,274,485 shares outstanding)</b>			<b>\$ 44,520,544</b>
<b>TA Shares (Equivalent to \$19.70 per share based on 2,232,476 shares outstanding)</b>			<b>\$ 43,974,666</b>
<b>Institutional Shares (Equivalent to \$19.70 per share based on 9,344,063 shares outstanding)</b>			<b>\$ 184,123,092</b>

% Represents percentage of net assets.

All Affiliated Mutual Funds are Level 1.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

DECEMBER 31, 2020

<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at value*	\$272,676,323
Receivable for shares sold	980,205
Prepaid expenses	150
	<u>273,656,678</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Due to custodian bank	173,498
Payable for securities purchased	767,582
Payable for shares redeemed	39,124
Distribution fees payable (Note 4)	400
Accrued expenses and other payables	57,772
	<u>1,038,376</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$272,618,302</u>
<b>Net Assets consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$169,162,119
Distributable earnings/(losses)	103,456,183
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$272,618,302</u>
<b>Retail Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 44,520,544
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	2,274,485
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u>\$ 19.57</u>
<b>TA Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 43,974,666
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	2,232,476
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u>\$ 19.70</u>
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$184,123,092
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	9,344,063
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u>\$ 19.70</u>
 *Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at cost	 <u>\$176,842,648</u>

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2020

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2020
<b>Investment income:</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	
Dividends from Affiliated Mutual Funds	\$ 20,338
<b>Total income</b>	<u>20,338</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Distribution fees — Retail Shares (Note 4)	43,189
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Retail Shares	864
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — TA Shares	1,421
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Institutional Shares	5,723
Registration and filing fees	64,937
Administration fees	44,521
Professional fees	42,068
Custodian and fund accounting fees	37,300
Reports to shareholders	36,654
Trustee fees and expenses (Note 4)	8,201
Line of credit fees	1,363
Insurance expense	1,322
Miscellaneous expenses	2,157
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<u>289,720</u>
<b>Interest expense on borrowings</b>	<u>5,531</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	295,251
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — Retail Shares (Note 4)</b>	(18,590)
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — TA Shares (Note 4)</b>	(29,096)
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — Institutional Shares (Note 4)</b>	<u>(118,768)</u>
<b>Net expenses</b>	<u>128,797</u>
<b>Net investment income (loss)</b>	<u>(108,459)</u>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds sold	(115,219)
Capital gain distributions received from Affiliated Mutual Funds	9,184,355
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Affiliated Mutual Funds	<u>81,205,696</u>
<b>Net gain (loss) on investments</b>	<u>90,274,832</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<u>\$90,166,373</u>

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2020	For the Year Ended December 31, 2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (108,459)	\$ (36,716)
Net realized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds	9,069,136	1,567,428
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Affiliated Mutual Funds	81,205,696	31,123,060
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>90,166,373</u>	<u>32,653,772</u>
<b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>		
Distributable earnings — Retail Shares	(378,655)	(181,386)
Distributable earnings — TA Shares	(500,550)	(651,102)
Distributable earnings — Institutional Shares	(1,966,011)	(3,094,919)
Decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	<u>(2,845,216)</u>	<u>(3,927,407)</u>
<b>Capital share transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Retail Shares	36,161,463	4,399,604
Proceeds from the sale of shares — TA Shares	8,711,001	7,979,048
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Institutional Shares	49,693,821	13,978,568
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Retail Shares	378,140	181,370
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distribution — TA Shares	500,142	648,793
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Institutional Shares	1,940,053	3,091,525
Cost of shares redeemed — Retail Shares	(7,798,920)	(1,594,635)
Cost of shares redeemed — TA Shares	(1,575,827)	(615,394)
Cost of shares redeemed — Institutional Shares	(23,763,269)	(30,593,360)
Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions	<u>64,246,604</u>	<u>(2,524,481)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>151,567,761</u>	<u>26,201,884</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	121,050,541	94,848,657
End of year	<u>\$272,618,302</u>	<u>\$121,050,541</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Retail Shares</b>		
Shares sold	2,403,435	385,132
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	23,277	16,533
Shares redeemed	(636,737)	(139,469)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>1,789,975</u>	<u>262,196</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — TA Shares</b>		
Shares sold	584,854	695,656
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	30,868	58,928
Shares redeemed	(123,288)	(55,461)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>492,434</u>	<u>699,123</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Institutional Shares</b>		
Shares sold	3,293,845	1,228,967
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends	119,461	281,048
Shares redeemed	(1,704,041)	(2,759,428)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>1,709,265</u>	<u>(1,249,413)</u>



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ORGANIZATION

Baron Select Funds (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company established as a Delaware statutory trust on April 30, 2003, and accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 Financial Services — Investment Companies. The Trust currently offers ten series. This report covers only the Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund's investment objective is capital appreciation. The Fund is a diversified fund that invests, at any given time, in the securities of a select number of Baron mutual funds (the "Underlying Funds"), representing specific investment strategies. The Fund normally invests in a variety of Baron domestic and international equity funds managed by BAMCO, Inc. ("BAMCO" or the "Adviser"). The Fund can invest in Underlying Funds holding U.S. and international stocks; small-cap, small- to mid-cap, large-cap, all-cap stocks; and specialty stocks. The Adviser decides how much of the Fund's assets to allocate to Underlying Funds based on the outlook for, and on the relative valuations of, the Underlying Funds and the various markets in which they invest. For information on the Underlying Funds, please refer to the Prospectuses and Statements of Additional Information of the Underlying Funds. Also, information on the Underlying Funds is available at [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com).

The Fund offers Retail Shares, TA Shares and Institutional Shares. Each class of shares differs only in its ongoing fees, expenses and eligibility requirements. Retail Shares are offered to all investors but are not available through the Fund's transfer agent. TA Shares are available only to investors who purchase shares directly through the Fund's transfer agent. TA Shares do not charge a 12b-1 fee and no revenue sharing, sub-transfer agency or record-keeping service payments are made by or in respect of TA Shares. Institutional Shares are for investments in the amount of \$1 million or more. Institutional Shares are intended for certain financial intermediaries that offer shares of the Fund through fee-based platforms, retirement platforms or other platforms. Each class of shares has equal rights to earnings and assets, except that each class bears different expenses for distribution and shareholder servicing. The Fund's investment income, realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments, and expenses other than those attributable to a specific class are allocated to each class based on its relative net assets. Each class of shares has exclusive voting rights with respect to matters that affect just that class.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Events occurring subsequent to the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and through the date of issuance of the financial statements have been evaluated for adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

**a) Security Valuation.** The Fund's share price or net asset value ("NAV") is calculated as of the scheduled close of the regular trading session (usually 4 p.m. E.T. or such other time as of which the Fund's NAV is calculated (the "NAV Calculation Time")) on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") on any day the Exchange is scheduled to be open. Investments in the Underlying Funds are valued at their closing NAV per share on the day of valuation.

Portfolio securities held by the Underlying Funds traded on any national stock exchange are valued based on the last sale price on the exchange where such shares are principally traded. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the Underlying Funds use the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. If there are no sales on a given day, the value of the security may be the average of the most recent bid and asked quotations on such exchange or the last sale price from a prior day. Where market quotations are not readily available, or, if in the Adviser's judgment, they do not accurately reflect the fair value of a security held by one of the Underlying Funds, or an event occurs after the market close but before the Underlying Funds are priced that materially affects the value of a security, the security will be valued by the Adviser using policies and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Some of the more common reasons that may necessitate that a security held by one of the Underlying Funds be valued using "fair value" pricing may include, but are not limited to: trading of the security has been halted or suspended; or the security has not been traded for an extended period of time. The Adviser has a Fair Valuation Committee (the "Committee") comprised of senior management representatives and the Committee reports to the Board every quarter. Factors the Committee may consider when valuing a security include whether a current price is stale, there is recent news, the security is thinly traded, transactions are infrequent, or quotations are genuine. There can be no guarantee, however, that a fair valuation used by the Underlying Funds on any given day will more accurately reflect the market value of an investment than the closing price of such investment in its market. U.S. Government obligations, money market instruments, and other debt instruments held by the Underlying Funds with a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Debt instruments having a greater remaining maturity will be valued on the basis of prices obtained from a pricing service approved by the Board or at the mean of the bid and ask prices from the dealer maintaining an active market in that security. The value of the Underlying Funds' investments in convertible bonds/convertible preferred stocks is determined primarily by obtaining valuations from independent pricing services based on readily available bid quotations or, if quotations are not available, by methods which include various considerations such as yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Other inputs used by an independent pricing service to value convertible bonds/convertible preferred stocks generally include underlying stock data, conversion premiums, listed bond and preferred stock prices and other market information which may include benchmark curves, trade execution data, sensitivity analysis, when available, or an estimated value, calculated based on the price of the underlying common share on the valuation date adjusted for accrued and unpaid dividends. Open-end investment companies, including securities lending collateral invested in registered investment company money market funds, are valued at their NAV each day.

Non-U.S. equity securities held by the Underlying Funds traded on foreign securities exchanges are generally valued using an independent pricing vendor that provides daily fair value adjustment factors based on information such as local closing price, relevant general and sector indexes, currency fluctuations, and depositary receipts, as applicable. Securities valued using such adjustment factors are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The models of the independent pricing vendor generate an adjustment factor for each security, which is applied to the local closing price to adjust it for post-closing market movements up to the time the Underlying Funds are valued and translated into U.S. dollars. If the vendor does not provide an adjustment factor for a security, the security is valued based on its most recent local closing price and translated into U.S. dollars. The Adviser may also fair value securities in other situations, for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Underlying Funds are open. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**b) Securities Transactions, Investment Income and Expenses.** Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis for financial reporting and federal income tax purposes. Dividend income and capital gain distributions from the Underlying Funds are recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Dividends received from Underlying Funds are reflected as dividend income; capital gain distributions as realized gains. The Fund is charged for those expenses directly attributable to the Fund, such as distribution and transfer agency fees. Expenses that are not directly attributable to the Fund are typically allocated among the Baron Funds in proportion to their respective net assets.

Expenses included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not include any expenses associated with the Underlying Funds. Because Underlying Funds have varied expenses and fee levels and the Fund may own different proportion of Underlying Funds at different times, the amount of fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund will vary.

**c) Single Issuer.** Single issuer risk is the possibility that factors specific to an issuer to which an Underlying Fund is exposed will affect the market prices of the issuer's securities and therefore the NAV of the Underlying Fund. Due to the size of Baron Partners Fund's and Baron Focused Growth Fund's investments in Tesla, Inc. ("Tesla"), 47% and 38%, respectively, of these Underlying Funds' net assets as of December 31, 2020, the NAVs of these Underlying Funds will be materially impacted by the price of Tesla stock. The Fund's indirect proportional ownership of Tesla is \$30,766,122, which represents 11.3% of the Fund's net assets as of December 31, 2020. The financial statements of the Underlying Funds are available at [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com).

**d) Non-Diversified Portfolio.** Certain Underlying Funds are non-diversified, which means they will likely have a greater percentage of their assets in a single issuer than a diversified fund. As a result, a non-diversified fund will likely invest a greater percentage of its assets in fewer issuers, and the performance of those issuers may have a greater effect on the Underlying Fund's performance (and consequently the Fund's performance) compared to a diversified fund. Thus, a non-diversified fund is more likely to experience significant fluctuations in value, exposing the Underlying Fund (and consequently the Fund) to a greater risk of loss in any given period than a diversified fund. Additionally, non-diversified funds may encounter difficulty liquidating securities.

**e) Industry Concentration.** From time to time, market fluctuations in the value of an Underlying Fund's investments, combined with an Underlying Fund's non-diversified portfolio, may result in an Underlying Fund being concentrated in the securities of a single issuer or a small number of issuers, including in a particular industry. As a result, this Underlying Fund will be particularly exposed to the risks of that company or industry relative to the risk exposure of investment companies holding a diversified portfolio of securities or those that seek to maintain near-index weightings in their portfolio securities. Accordingly, in those cases, an Underlying Fund will be disproportionately exposed to the market conditions, interest rates, and economic, regulatory, or financial developments that significantly affect that company or industry. For example, due to the size of Baron Partners Fund's and Baron Focused Growth Fund's investments in Tesla, which represent about 47% and 38%, respectively, of these Underlying Funds' net assets as of December 31, 2020, these Underlying Funds will be more adversely impacted by negative developments affecting the automotive and energy industries, as well as governmental environmental regulations.

**f) Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, which are short term investments whereby the Fund acquires ownership of a debt security and the seller agrees to repurchase the security at a future date at a specified price. When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which, at all times, equals at least 102% of the principal amount of the repurchase transaction. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults and the market value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. The Fund did not own any repurchase agreements at December 31, 2020.

**g) Federal Income Taxes.** The Fund intends to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute to its shareholders substantially all of its net investment income and any net realized capital gains at least annually. The Fund will not be subject to federal or state income taxes to the extent that it qualifies as regulated investment companies and substantially all of its income is distributed.

**h) Distributions to Shareholders.** Income and capital gain distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for net investment loss and wash sale losses deferred.

**i) Commitments and Contingencies.** In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties, which provide general indemnification. The maximum exposure to the Fund under these agreements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

**j) Cash and Cash Equivalents.** The Fund considers all short term liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

### 3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short term securities, for the year ended December 31, 2020 were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Baron WealthBuilder Fund	\$81,299,475	\$10,823,459

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 4. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

**a) Investment Advisory Fees.** The Adviser, a wholly owned subsidiary of Baron Capital Group, Inc. ("BCG"), serves as investment adviser to the Fund and the Underlying Funds. The Adviser will not be paid a management fee for performing investment management services for the Fund. However, the Adviser receives management fees for managing the Underlying Funds. See the Underlying Funds' Prospectuses or Statements of Additional Information for specific fees. The Adviser is contractually obligated to reimburse certain expenses of the Fund so that its net annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend and extraordinary expenses) are limited to 0.30% of average daily net assets of Retail Shares, 0.05% of average daily net assets of TA Shares and 0.05% of average daily net assets of Institutional Shares.

**b) Distribution Fees.** Baron Capital, Inc. ("BCI"), a wholly owned subsidiary of BCG, is a registered limited purpose broker-dealer and the distributor of the Fund's shares. The Fund is authorized to pay BCI a distribution fee payable monthly pursuant to a distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act equal to 0.25% per annum of the Retail Shares' average daily net assets.

**c) Trustee Fees.** Certain Trustees of the Fund are interested persons (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Trust. None of these Trustees received compensation for his or her services as a Trustee of the Fund. None of the Fund's officers received compensation from the Fund for their services as an officer.

**d) Fund Accounting and Administration Fees.** The Fund has entered into an agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street") to perform accounting and certain administrative services. State Street is compensated for fund accounting services based on a percentage of the Fund's net assets, plus fixed annual fees for the administrative services.

### 5. LINE OF CREDIT

Baron WealthBuilder Fund, together with other funds in Baron Select Funds (except Baron Partners Fund) and Baron Investment Funds Trust, participate in a committed line of credit agreement with State Street to be used for temporary purposes, primarily for financing redemptions. Each fund may borrow up to the lesser of \$200 million or the maximum amount each fund may borrow under the 1940 Act, the limitations included in each fund's prospectus, or any limit or restriction under any law or regulation to which each fund is subject or any agreement to which each fund is a party; provided that the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all loans to any of the funds may not exceed \$200 million. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at a rate per annum equal to the higher of the Overnight Bank Funding Rate plus 0.10% and the Overnight Federal Funds Rate plus 0.10%; plus a margin of 1.00%. An upfront fee of 0.05% is incurred on the commitment amount and a commitment fee of 0.20% per annum is incurred on the unused portion of the line of credit. Both fees are allocated to the participating funds based on their relative net assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, Baron WealthBuilder Fund had borrowings under the line of credit and incurred interest expense of \$5,531. For the 32 days during which there were borrowings, Baron WealthBuilder Fund had an average daily balance on the line of credit of \$3.8 million at a weighted average interest rate of 1.62%.

### 6. ASSET ALLOCATION AND RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE UNDERLYING FUNDS

The Fund's ability to meet its investment objective depends largely upon selecting the best mix of Underlying Funds. The selection of the Underlying Funds and the allocation of the Fund's assets among the various market sectors could cause the Fund to underperform in comparison to other funds with a similar investment objective. In addition, each of the Underlying Funds has its own investment risks, and those risks can affect the value of the Fund's investments. To the extent that the Fund invests more of its assets in one Underlying Fund than in another, it will have greater exposure to the risks of that Underlying Fund.

### 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined by GAAP as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. GAAP provides a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Fund's own assumptions based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below.

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — prices determined using other inputs that are observable either directly, or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data (which could include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, interest rates, credit risk, etc.);
- Level 3 — prices determined using unobservable inputs when quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable, such as when there is little or no market activity for an asset or liability (unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of assets or liabilities and would be based on the best information available).

Investments in open-end registered investment companies are valued at NAV and are classified in the fair value hierarchy as Level 1.

### 8. INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Federal income tax regulations differ from GAAP. Therefore, distributions determined in accordance with tax regulations may differ in amount or character from net investment income and net realized gain for financial reporting purposes. Net investment income (loss) and net realized and unrealized gain (loss) differ for financial statement and tax purposes due to differing treatments of net investment loss, and wash sale losses deferred. Financial reporting records are adjusted for permanent book/tax differences to reflect tax character. Financial records are not adjusted for temporary differences.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 8. INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications to reflect tax character. Reclassifications between the components of distributable earnings relate primarily to the short term capital gain distributions from Underlying Funds. Results of operations and net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Distributable Earnings/(Losses)	\$—
Paid-In Capital	—

As of December 31, 2020, the components of net assets on a tax basis were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$177,596,538
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	95,079,785
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	—
Net tax unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	95,079,785
Undistributed net ordinary income	153,823
Undistributed net realized gain	8,222,575
Paid-in capital	169,162,119
Net Assets	\$272,618,302

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 was as follows:

Year Ended December 31, 2020		Year Ended December 31, 2019	
Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain	Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain
\$—	\$2,845,216	\$47,533	\$3,879,874

<sup>1</sup> For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income distributions.

The Fund follows the provisions of FASB Codification Section 740 ("ASC Section 740") "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. ASC Section 740 sets forth a threshold for financial statement recognition, measurement and disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. The Fund is required to recognize the tax effects of certain tax positions under a "more likely than not" standard, that based on their technical merits, have more than 50 percent likelihood of being sustained upon examination. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken on the Fund's federal income tax returns for the current year and prior two years, and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. At December 31, 2020, the Fund did not have any uncertain tax benefits that require recognition, de-recognition or disclosure. The Fund's federal, state and local income and federal excise tax returns for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired (current and prior three years) are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

### 9. OWNERSHIP CONCENTRATION

As of December 31, 2020 the officers, trustees and portfolio managers owned, directly or indirectly, 15.89% of the Fund. As a result of their ownership, these investors may be able to materially affect the outcome of matters presented to the Fund's shareholders.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 10. TRANSACTIONS IN "AFFILIATED" COMPANIES

The Fund invests in the Institutional Shares of the Underlying Funds which are considered to be affiliated with the Fund.

Name of Issuer	Value at December 31, 2019	Purchase Cost	Sales Proceeds/Return of Capital	Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Realized Gains/(Losses)	Dividend Income	Capital Gain Distributions	Shares Held at December 31, 2020	Value at December 31, 2020	% of Net Assets at December 31, 2020
<b>"Affiliated" Company as of December 31, 2020:</b>										
Baron Asset Fund, Institutional Shares	\$ 18,932,703	\$11,405,421	\$ 1,569,149	\$ 6,580,890	\$ (18,084)	\$ —	\$ 894,476	303,799	\$ 35,331,781	12.96%
Baron Discovery Fund, Institutional Shares	5,172,226	2,678,296	467,522	3,560,256	(19,215)	—	301,221	313,999	10,924,041	4.01%
Baron Durable Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	2,356,622	1,195,451	349,625	469,781	17,896	3,082	—	235,490	3,690,125	1.35%
Baron Emerging Markets Fund, Institutional Shares	6,188,818	3,112,024	907,999	2,010,116	(143,292)	(2,059)	—	538,283	10,259,667	3.76%
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	7,503,384	4,668,963	834,067	4,111,106	90,914	8,395	48,603	302,047	15,540,300	5.70%
Baron FinTech Fund, Institutional Shares	—	4,061,186	127,558	855,856	(724)	—	—	325,323	4,788,760	1.76%
Baron Focused Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	4,899,174	1,900,401	467,065	6,232,557	6,736	—	335,333	282,132	12,571,803	4.61%
Baron Global Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	5,330,129	5,935,004	388,602	5,109,956	6,828	—	—	306,034	15,993,315	5.87%
Baron Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	16,636,484	11,936,695	875,464	5,708,939	(87,133)	—	1,231,946	306,105	33,319,521	12.22%
Baron Health Care Fund, Institutional Shares	1,261,465	3,777,190	129,084	1,015,111	(731)	—	39,005	313,769	5,923,951	2.17%
Baron International Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	3,587,259	1,833,100	367,679	1,280,822	(11,443)	6,533	—	194,465	6,322,059	2.32%
Baron Opportunity Fund, Institutional Shares	8,105,880	3,783,047	1,109,132	6,623,172	177,078	—	1,081,731	417,380	17,580,045	6.45%
Baron Partners Fund, Institutional Shares	19,248,736	8,239,652	1,796,183	29,959,276	(29,392)	—	1,895,505	329,047	55,622,089	20.40%
Baron Real Estate Fund, Institutional Shares	5,325,135	5,091,664	328,557	2,390,535	(26,035)	4,387	587,137	345,717	12,452,742	4.57%
Baron Small Cap Fund, Institutional Shares	16,561,815	11,681,381	1,105,773	5,297,323	(78,622)	—	2,769,398	830,283	32,356,124	11.87%
	<u>\$121,109,830</u>	<u>\$81,299,475</u>	<u>\$10,823,459</u>	<u>\$81,205,696</u>	<u>\$(115,219)</u>	<u>\$20,338</u>	<u>\$9,184,355</u>		<u>\$272,676,323</u>	

## 11. COVID-19 RISK

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) global pandemic and the aggressive responses taken by many governments or voluntarily imposed by private parties, including closing borders, restricting travel and imposing prolonged quarantines or similar restrictions, as well as the closure of, or operational changes to, many retail and other businesses, have had negative impacts, and general uncertainty on markets worldwide. It is not known how long such impacts, or any future impacts of other significant events described above, will or would last, but there could be a prolonged period of global economic slowdown, which may impact your Fund investment.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Net asset value, beginning of year (\$)	Income (loss) from investment operations:			Less distributions to shareholders from:			Net asset value, end of year (\$)	Total return (%)	Ratios to Average Net Assets:					Supplemental Data:		
		Net investment income (loss) (\$)	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (\$)	Total from investment operations (\$)	Net investment income (\$)	Net realized gain on investments (\$)	Total distributions (\$)			Total expenses <sup>9</sup> (%)	Less: Interest expense (%)	Operating expenses (%)	Less: Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser (%)	Net operating expenses (%)	Net investment income (loss) (%)	Net assets (in millions), end of year (\$)	Portfolio turnover rate (%)
<b>RETAIL SHARES</b>																	
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																	
2020	12.23	(0.04) <sup>2</sup>	7.62	7.58	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.57	62.45 <sup>4</sup>	0.41	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	0.41	(0.11)	0.30	(0.29)	44.5	6.65
2019	9.33	(0.03) <sup>2</sup>	3.37	3.34	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.23	36.24 <sup>4</sup>	0.41	(0.02)	0.39	(0.09)	0.30	(0.26)	5.9	22.48
2018	10.00	(0.01) <sup>2</sup>	(0.65)	(0.66)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.33	(6.58) <sup>4</sup>	0.90	0.00	0.90	(0.60)	0.30	(0.13)	2.1	1.24
2017 <sup>1</sup>	10.00	(0.00) <sup>2,3</sup>	0.00	(0.00) <sup>3</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00 <sup>4,7</sup>	0.59 <sup>5,6</sup>	0.00	0.59 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.29) <sup>5,6</sup>	0.30 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.30) <sup>5,6</sup>	0.0	0.00 <sup>7</sup>
<b>TA SHARES</b>																	
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																	
2020	12.28	(0.01) <sup>2</sup>	7.67	7.66	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.70	62.85 <sup>4</sup>	0.16	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	0.16	(0.11)	0.05	(0.04)	44.0	6.65
2019	9.35	(0.00) <sup>2,3</sup>	3.37	3.37	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.28	36.49 <sup>4</sup>	0.17	(0.02)	0.15	(0.10)	0.05	(0.03)	21.4	22.48
2018	10.00	0.01 <sup>2</sup>	(0.65)	(0.64)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.35	(6.38) <sup>4</sup>	0.59	0.00	0.59	(0.54)	0.05	0.05	9.7	1.24
2017 <sup>1</sup>	10.00	(0.00) <sup>2,3</sup>	0.00	(0.00) <sup>3</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00 <sup>4,7</sup>	0.34 <sup>5,6</sup>	0.00	0.34 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.29) <sup>5,6</sup>	0.05 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.05) <sup>5,6</sup>	3.4	0.00 <sup>7</sup>
<b>INSTITUTIONAL SHARES</b>																	
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																	
2020	12.28	(0.01) <sup>2</sup>	7.67	7.66	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.70	62.85 <sup>4</sup>	0.16	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	0.16	(0.11)	0.05	(0.04)	184.1	6.65
2019	9.35	(0.00) <sup>2,3</sup>	3.37	3.37	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.28	36.49 <sup>4</sup>	0.17	(0.02)	0.15	(0.10)	0.05	(0.02)	93.8	22.48
2018	10.00	0.01 <sup>2</sup>	(0.65)	(0.64)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.35	(6.38) <sup>4</sup>	0.49	0.00	0.49	(0.44)	0.05	0.12	83.0	1.24
2017 <sup>1</sup>	10.00	(0.00) <sup>2,3</sup>	0.00	(0.00) <sup>3</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00 <sup>4,7</sup>	0.34 <sup>5,6</sup>	0.00	0.34 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.29) <sup>5,6</sup>	0.05 <sup>5,6</sup>	(0.05) <sup>5,6</sup>	1.0	0.00 <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.<sup>2</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.<sup>3</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.<sup>4</sup> The total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period shown.<sup>5</sup> Certain fixed expenses incurred by the Fund were not annualized for the period ended December 31, 2017.<sup>6</sup> Annualized.<sup>7</sup> Not Annualized<sup>8</sup> Interest expense rounds to less than 0.01%.<sup>9</sup> Expenses do not include acquired fund fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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To the Board of Trustees of Baron Select Funds and Shareholders of  
Baron WealthBuilder Fund

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of net assets, of Baron WealthBuilder Fund (one of the funds constituting Baron Select Funds, referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of December 31, 2020, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2020, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2020, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020 and for the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2020, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2020 and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020 and for the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2020 by correspondence with the transfer agent. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
New York, New York  
February 25, 2021

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the Baron group of funds since 1987.

**TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)**

The federal tax status of distributions paid by the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2020 are listed below.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund's distributions to shareholders included:

Fund	Ordinary Income <sup>1,3</sup>	Long-Term Capital Gains <sup>2,3</sup>	Return of Capital
	\$ —	\$2,845,216	\$ —

<sup>1</sup> For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income distributions.

<sup>2</sup> Long-term capital gains are subject to a maximum allowable rate of 20% for individuals pursuant to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, higher income taxpayers must pay a 3.8% additional tax on investment income.

The information and distributions reported may differ from the information and distributions taxable to the shareholders for the calendar year ended December 31, 2020. The information necessary to complete your income tax return for the calendar year ended December 31, 2020 will be listed on the Form 1099-DIV, which was mailed to you in January/February 2021.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS****BARON SELECT FUNDS**

Held May 22, 2020

## Election of Board of Trustees.

	For	Withhold Authority
Thomas J. Folliard	333,800,661.846	2,932,973.143
Abraham Nachmany	334,086,222.234	2,647,412.755
Raymond Noveck	328,759,367.456	7,974,267.533
Anita Rosenberg	334,159,947.992	2,573,686.997
David A. Silverman	333,533,603.942	3,200,031.047
Marvella Sullivan	329,535,762.508	7,197,872.481
Alex Yemenidjian	333,685,094.133	3,048,540.823



## FUND EXPENSES (UNAUDITED)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing expenses. Ongoing expenses include distribution and service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. The information on this page is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The information in the following table is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested on July 1, 2020 and held for the six months ended December 31, 2020.

### ACTUAL EXPENSES

The table below titled "Based on Actual Total Return" provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information provided in this table, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. To estimate the expenses you paid on your account, divide your ending account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 ending account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading titled "Expenses Paid During the Period."

#### BASED ON ACTUAL TOTAL RETURN FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020<sup>1</sup>

	Actual Total Return	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2020	Ending Account Value December 31, 2020	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	47.27%	\$1,000.00	\$1,472.70 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.86
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	47.37%	\$1,000.00	\$1,473.70 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.31
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	47.47%	\$1,000.00	\$1,474.70 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.31

### HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

The table below titled "Based on Hypothetical Total Return" provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account values and expenses you paid for the period. You may use the information provided in this table to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare the 5% hypothetical example relating to the Fund with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

#### BASED ON HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL RETURN FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020<sup>1</sup>

	Hypothetical Annualized Total Return	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2020	Ending Account Value December 31, 2020	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,023.63 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.53
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.89 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.25
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.89 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.25

<sup>1</sup> Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions, if any.

<sup>2</sup> Expenses are equal to each share class' respective annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half-year, then divided by 366.

<sup>3</sup> Ending account value assumes the return earned after waiver and would have been lower if a portion of the expenses had not been waived.

<sup>4</sup> Annualized expense ratios are adjusted to reflect fee waiver.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

## Board of Trustees and Officers.

Trustees of the Trust, together with information as to their positions with the Trust, principal occupations and other board memberships and affiliations for the past five years, are shown below. Each Trustee serves as Trustee of a Fund until its termination; until the Trustee's retirement, resignation or death; or as otherwise specified in the Trust's organizational documents. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each Executive Officer and Trustee is Baron Select Funds, 767 Fifth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10153. All Trustees listed below, whether Interested or Independent, serve as Trustees for the Trust. Additional information about the Trustees and Officers of the Trust can be found in the Trust's Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI") which may be obtained without charge by writing or calling 1-800-99BARON. The SAI is also available on the Baron Funds® website, www.BaronFunds.com.

Name, Address & Age	Position(s) Held With the Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Public Company Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Interested Trustees</b>					
Ronald Baron <sup>(1),(2)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 77	Chief Executive Officer, Trustee and Portfolio Manager	17 years	Director, Chairman, and CEO: the Firm* (1982-Present); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (1987-Present); Trustee: Baron Select Funds (2003-Present); Portfolio Manager: Baron USA Partners Fund, Ltd. (2003-Present).	17	None.
Linda S. Martinson <sup>(1),(2)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 65	Chairman, President, Chief Operating Officer and Trustee	17 years	Director: the Firm* (2003-Present); Secretary: the Firm* (1997-2008); President: the Firm* (2007-Present); Chief Operating Officer: the Firm (2006-Present); Chairman (2010-Present), President (2007-Present), Trustee (1987-Present): Baron Investment Funds Trust; Chairman (2010-Present), President (2007-Present), Trustee (2003-Present): Baron Select Funds; Director: Baron USA Partners Fund, Ltd. (2006-Present); Director of Baron Emerging Markets Ltd. (2016-Present).	17	None.
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Thomas J. Folliard <sup>(3),(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 55	Trustee	3 years	Non-Executive Chair of the Board: CarMax, Inc. (2016-Present); President and Chief Executive Officer: CarMax, Inc. (2006-2016); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (2017-Present), Baron Select Funds (2017-Present).	17	Director: PulteGroup, Inc. (2012-Present).
Abraham (Avi) Nachmany <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 68	Trustee	<1 year	Independent mutual fund industry consultant (2016-Present); Director of Research E.V.P., Co-Founder Strategic Insight (1986-2015); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust and Baron Select Funds (5/2020-Present); Advisory Board Member: Baron Investment Funds Trust and Baron Select Funds (5/2019-5/2020)	17	None.
Raymond Noveck <sup>(3),(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 77	Lead Trustee	16 years	Private Investor (1999-Present); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (1987-Present), Baron Select Funds (2003-Present).	17	None.
Anita Rosenberg <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 56	Trustee	6 years	Advisory Board Member: Impala Asset Management, LLC (2014-Present); Advisory Board Member: ValueAct Capital, LLC (2014-Present); Senior Advisor: Magnetar Capital (2011-2012); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds (2013-Present).	17	Director: Golub Capital BDC, Inc. (2011-Present).
David A. Silverman, MD <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 70	Trustee	17 years	Physician and Faculty: New York University School of Medicine (1976-Present); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (1987-Present), Baron Select Funds (2003-Present).	17	None.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS (Unaudited) (Continued)

Name, Address & Age	Position(s) Held With the Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Public Company Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Independent Trustees (continued)</b>					
Marvelle Sullivan <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 41	Trustee	< 1 year	Founder and CEO: Marvelle Co. LLC (2019-Present); Managing Director: J.P. Morgan (2017-2019); Global Head of M&A: Novartis (2009-2017); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust and Baron Select Funds (5/2020-Present).	17	None.
Alex Yemenidjian <sup>(3),(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 65	Trustee	13 years	Chairman and CEO: Tropicana Las Vegas (gaming) (2009-2015); Chairman and CEO: Armenco Holdings, LLC (investment company) (2005-Present); Managing Partner: Armenco Capital LLC (investment company) (2013-Present); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (2006-Present), Baron Select Funds (2006-Present).	17	Director: Guess?, Inc. (2005-Present); GreenThumb Industries Inc. (2019-Present).
Errol Taylor <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 65	Trustee	< 1 year	Partner: Milbank LLP (2003-2020); Partner and Member Executive Committee (1987-2003); Senior Research Associate: Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (1977-1987); Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds (12/2020-Present)		None.
<b>Additional Officers of the Funds</b>					
Louis Beasley 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 49	Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer	5 years	Chief Compliance Officer: Baron Capital Group, Inc., BAMCO, Inc., Baron Capital Management Inc., Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds, Baron USA Partners Fund, Ltd (2014-Present); Baron Emerging Markets Fund Ltd. (2016-Present); Vice President: the Firm* (2014-Present); Principal and Director of Investment Management Compliance and Risk Management: Bessemer Trust (2006-2014).	N/A	N/A
Clifford Greenberg 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 61	Senior Vice President and Co-Chief Investment Officer	17 years	Director, Senior Vice President and Co-Chief Investment Officer : the Firm*; Senior Vice President: Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds; Portfolio Manager: Baron Small Cap Fund.	N/A	N/A
Patrick M. Patalino 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 52	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	12 years	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary: the Firm*, Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds; General Counsel: Baron USA Partners Fund, Ltd.; Baron Emerging Markets Fund.	N/A	N/A
Andrew Peck 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 51	Senior Vice President and Co-Chief Investment Officer	17 years	Director, Senior Vice President and Co-Chief Investment Officer: the Firm*, Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds; Portfolio Manager: Baron Asset Fund.	N/A	N/A
Peggy C. Wong 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 59	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	17 years	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer: the Firm*, Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds; Baron USA Partners Fund Ltd.; Baron Emerging Markets Fund Ltd.	N/A	N/A

\* The "Firm" means Baron Capital Group, Inc. ("BCG") along with its subsidiaries BCI, Baron Capital Management, Inc. ("BCM") and BAMCO.

(1) Trustees deemed to be "Interested Trustees" by reason of their employment with the Adviser and the Distributor.

(2) Members of the Executive Committee, which is empowered to exercise all of the powers, including the power to declare dividends, of the full Board when the full Board is not in session.

(3) Members of the Audit Committee.

(4) Members of the Nominating Committee.

(5) Members of the Independent Trustees Committee.







## Privacy Notice

The Fund collects nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

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