# BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND

September 30, 2021

Institutional Shares (BWBIX)



## Portfolio Managers

Ron Baron is Baron Capital's founder, chairman, and CEO. He has been Baron WealthBuilder Fund's portfolio manager since its inception. He has 51 years of investment research and portfolio management experience. Ron has a B.A. in Chemistry from Bucknell University.

Michael Baron joined Baron in 2004 as a research analyst. He was Baron WealthBuilder Fund's assistant portfolio manager at its inception and named coportfolio manager in 2020. He has 18 years of investment research experience. Michael has a B.A. in Economics from Duke University and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Please visit our website for more details on their experience.

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

## Investment Strategy

The Fund is an equity allocation strategy that invests exclusively in other Baron Funds. The Fund enables investors to obtain growth equity exposures across market caps, geographies, and sectors.

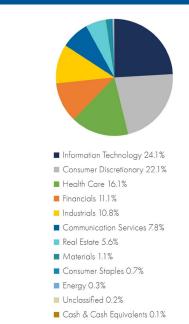
Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics	
Inception Date	12/29/2017
Net Assets	\$481.86 million
# of Underlying Issuers	504
# of Mutual Funds Held	16
Turnover (3-Year Average)	11.65%
Active Share <sup>4</sup>	85.2%
Median Market Cap <sup>2,4</sup>	\$11.67 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2,4</sup>	\$167.42 billion
As of FYE 12/31/2020	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	06828M694
Gross Expense Ratio*	1.22%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.11)%
Net Expense Ratio*	1.11%

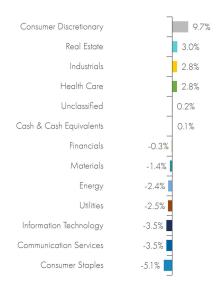
\*Includes acquired fund fees and expenses of 1.06%. Retail and Transfer Agent Shares are also available for this Fund.

#### **Holdings** % of Net Assets Baron Partners Fund 15.5 Baron Growth Fund 13.2 Baron Asset Fund 12.9 Baron Small Cap Fund 12.2 Baron Global Advantage Fund 64 Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund 61 Baron Opportunity Fund 60 Baron Real Estate Fund 17 Baron Discovery Fund 4.3 Baron Focused Growth Fund 4.1 Baron Emerging Markets Fund 3.8 Baron Health Care Fund 28 Baron International Growth Fund 24 Baron FinTech Fund 24 Baron Durable Advantage Fund 1.8 Baron Real Estate Income Fund 1.4 100.0 Total

## GICS Sector Breakdown 1,4,5



## Active Sector Exposure 1,4,5



## Risks

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**Risks:** The Fund is a non-diversified fund because it 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 can invest in funds holding U.S. and international stocks; small-cap, small to mid-cap, large-cap, all-cap stocks; and specialty stocks. Each of the Underlying Funds has its own investment risks, and those risks can affect the value of the Fund's investments and therefore the value of the Fund's shares. 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. For further information regarding the investment risks of the Underlying Funds, please refer to the Underlying Funds'



Performance Based Characteristics <sup>3</sup>						
	3 Years	Since Inception				
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	24.47	22.36				
Sharpe Ratio	1.05	1.05				
Alpha (%) - Annualized	7.14	5.72				
Beta	1.21	1.19				
R-Squared (%)	85.96	85.07				
Tracking Error (%)	9.95	9.24				
Information Ratio	1.10	0.98				
Upside Capture (%)	124.38	119.87				
Downside Capture (%)	95.87	92.52				

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

Market Cap Breakdown - Morningstar <sup>4,5</sup>						
	BWBIX	S&P 500 Index	MSCI All Country World Index			
	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets			
Giant Cap	20.7	50.2	49.2			
Large Cap	19.3	34.4	36.0			
Mid Cap	44.0	15.4	14.7			
Small Cap	13.3	0.1	0.0			
Micro Cap	2.5					
Cash & Cash Eq.	0.1					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0			

	% of Net Assets
Developed	92.7
United States	84.7
United Kingdom	2.5
Netherlands	1.7
Canada	1.5
Israel	1.0
Sweden	0.7
Ireland	0.6
Emerging	3.8
China	1.9
India	1.4
Argentina	0.5
Total	96.5

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)				
	2018	2019	2020	
BWBIX	-6.38	36.49	62.85	
S&P 500 Index	-4.38	31.49	18.40	
MSCI ACWI Index	-9.42	26.60	16.25	

Performance		Total Return (%)			Annualized Returns (%)				Cumulative Returns (%)	
	3rd Q 2021	2nd Q 2021	1 st Q 2021	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/29/2017	Since Inception 12/29/2017
BWBIX-Institutional Shares	0.56	8.02	1.27	10.00	35.42	26.94	-	-	24.71	128.91
S&P 500 Index	0.58	8.55	6.17	15.92	30.00	15.99	-	-	15.66	72.55
MSCI ACWI Index	-1.05	<i>7</i> .39	4.57	11.12	27.44	12.58	-	-	11.05	48.14
Morningstar Allocation—85%+ Equity Category	-1.05	6.75	6.30	12.25	30.00	11.68	-	-	N/A	N/A

QUARTERLY BY FUND			LAST 12 MONTHS BY FUND		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Baron Partners Fund	14.87	0.76	Baron Partners Fund	17.13	10.67
Baron Growth Fund	13.12	0.46	Baron Growth Fund	12.74	4.47
Baron Focused Growth Fund	3.98	0.18	Baron Small Cap Fund	12.32	3.72
Baron Small Cap Fund	12.22	0.16	Baron Asset Fund	13.43	3.52
Baron FinTech Fund	2.41	0.07	Baron Opportunity Fund	6.37	2.32

Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors
Baron Global Advantage Fund	6.57	-0.32	No detractors this q
Baron Emerging Markets Fund	3.87	-0.27	
Baron Discovery Fund	4.35	-0.23	
Baron Opportunity Fund	6.05	-0.12	
Baron Real Estate Fund	4.67	-0.08	

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No detractors this quarter		

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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. The benchmark's 3-Yr and Since Inception Sharpe ratios were 0.79 and 0.83 respectively, and the 3-Yr and Since Inception Std. Dev. (%) Annualized were 18.81% and 17.36% respectively.
- 4 The numbers and percentages shown are based on individual securities held in one or more of the underlying funds.
- 5 Cash includes cash, cash equivalents, and unrealized appreciation/depreciation from unfunded commitments in PIPE, SPAC PIPE and/or Private Equity securities.

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