

# Baron Funds

## Baron WealthBuilder Fund

### Annual Financial Report

December 31, 2018

#### 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, 2018. 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 and  
Chief Investment Officer  
February 26, 2019



Peggy Wong  
Treasurer and  
Chief Financial Officer  
February 26, 2019

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 and Baron Health Care 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 "Legal Notices" 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 its report 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 [icsdelivery.com/baronfunds](http://icsdelivery.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 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 mutual 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.

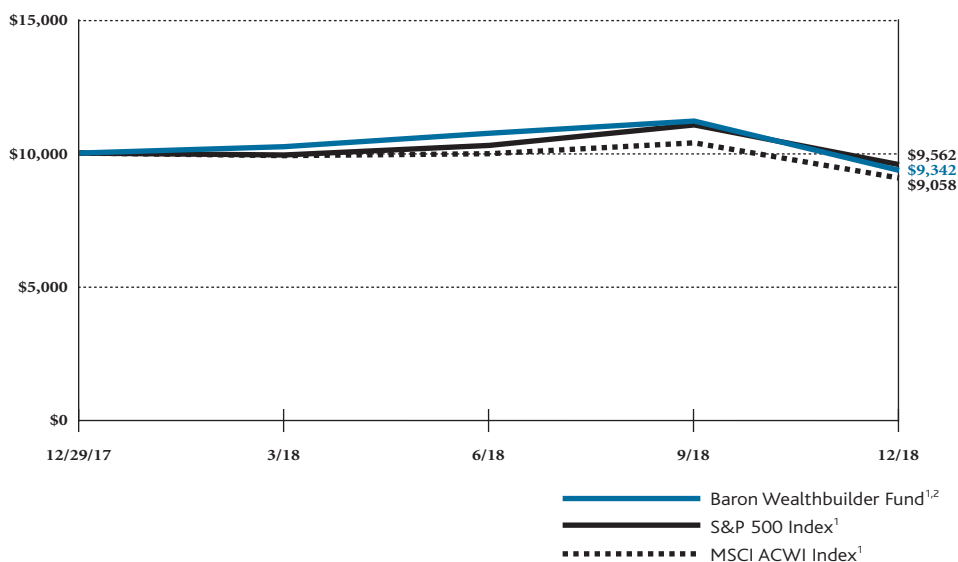
Several criteria, including our qualitative assessments, are used to continually determine Baron WealthBuilder Fund allocations among Baron Funds.

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, 2018, the five largest Baron mutual funds represented 68.5% of Baron WealthBuilder Fund's portfolio.

Ronald Baron, CEO and CIO of Baron Capital is the portfolio manager of Baron WealthBuilder Fund. Michael Baron, Vice President, is the assistant 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**



**TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	One Year and Since Inception (December 29, 2017)
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares <sup>1, 2</sup>	(6.58%)
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares <sup>1, 2</sup>	(6.38%)
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares <sup>1, 2</sup>	(6.38%)
S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>	(4.38%)
MSCI ACWI <sup>1</sup>	(9.42%)

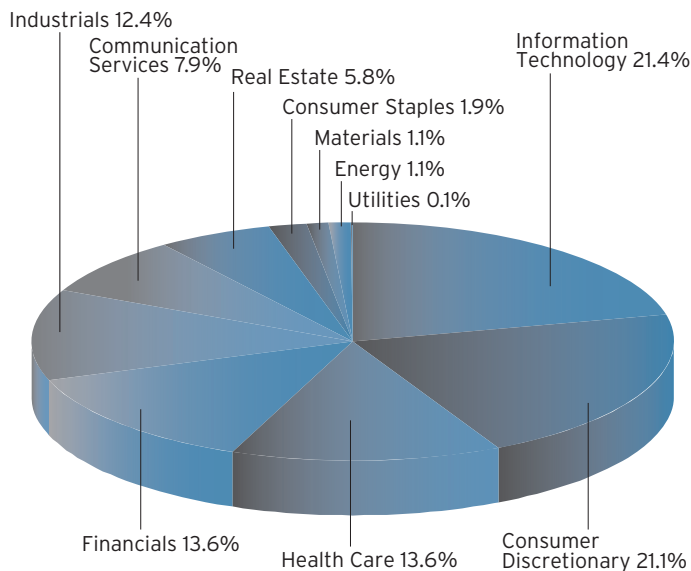
<sup>1</sup> The indexes are unmanaged. The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 widely held large cap U.S. companies. The MSCI ACWI Index is an unmanaged, free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index reflected in US dollars that measures the equity market performance of large and mid cap securities across developed and emerging markets. The Indexes and Baron WealthBuilder Fund are with dividends, which positively impact the performance results.

<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. The Adviser has reimbursed certain Fund expenses (by contract as long as BAMCO, Inc. is the Adviser to the Fund) 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.

**COUNTRY EXPOSURES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Percent of Total Investments
United States	80.4%
China	4.5%
India	2.3%
Brazil	1.7%
Israel	1.3%
Taiwan	1.1%
United Kingdom	1.0%
Korea	1.0%
South Africa	0.9%
Netherlands	0.9%
Other	4.9%
	<b>100.0%</b>

**SECTOR EXPOSURES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018<sup>†</sup>**  
(as a percent of total investments)



**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the year ended December 31, 2018, Baron WealthBuilder Fund<sup>1</sup> declined 6.58%, underperforming the S&P 500 Index, which fell 4.38%, and outperforming the MSCI ACWI Index, which fell 9.42%.

Baron WealthBuilder Fund is a non-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 specialty 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.

After a volatile start to the year, the markets posted mostly positive returns for the second and third quarters of 2018, buoyed by strong corporate earnings results and economic data. Investor sentiment took an abrupt turn in the fourth quarter as projections of a slowdown in economic momentum and corporate earnings growth coupled with rising interest rates helped spur a sell-off that lasted through much of the rest of the year. The U.S.-China trade dispute and partial federal government shutdown also put pressure on markets and 2018 ended as the worst year for U.S. stocks since 2008.

On a country basis, Israel, the Netherlands, and Taiwan contributed the most to performance, while the United States, China, and India were the largest detractors.

On a sector basis, Information Technology and Health Care contributed to performance while Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, and Financials detracted the most.

Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund contributed the most to performance.

Baron Emerging Markets Fund was the top detractor from performance.

Within the U.S., given recent market volatility, we believe the current environment favors active stock picking. Internationally, should the outlook for foreign and trade policy reduce pressure on China and Fed policy shift to a marginally more accommodative stance, we believe many of our investments offer material upside from current levels. As always, we believe that our forward-looking and bottom-up fundamental approach positions us to discover exciting long-term investment opportunities regardless of the market environment.

<sup>†</sup> 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, 2018			Cost	Value
Shares				
<b>Affiliated Mutual Funds (99.97%)</b>				
<b>Small Cap Funds (30.52%)</b>				
214,538	Baron Discovery Fund — Institutional Shares		\$ 4,542,948	\$ 3,666,454
203,432	Baron Growth Fund — Institutional Shares		15,469,647	12,850,792
498,006	Baron Small Cap Fund — Institutional Shares		15,622,457	12,425,246
<b>Total Small Cap Funds</b>			<b>35,635,052</b>	<b>28,942,492</b>
<b>Small to Mid Cap Funds (3.84%)</b>				
225,766	Baron Focused Growth Fund — Institutional Shares		3,973,298	3,646,119
<b>Mid Cap Funds (15.02%)</b>				
214,775	Baron Asset Fund — Institutional Shares		16,636,651	14,241,715
<b>Large Cap Funds (6.29%)</b>				
98,093	Baron Durable Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares		1,040,212	906,382
192,586	Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund — Institutional Shares		5,602,445	5,059,245
<b>Total Large Cap Funds</b>			<b>6,642,657</b>	<b>5,965,627</b>
<b>All Cap Funds (20.30%)</b>				
299,970	Baron Opportunity Fund — Institutional Shares		6,314,564	5,465,449
282,222	Baron Partners Fund — Institutional Shares		15,751,104	13,789,365
<b>Total All Cap Funds</b>			<b>22,065,668</b>	<b>19,254,814</b>
<b>International Funds (19.41%)</b>				
931,481	Baron Emerging Markets Fund — Institutional Shares		12,903,550	11,615,571
143,563	Baron Global Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares		3,211,171	2,874,138
203,276	Baron International Growth Fund — Institutional Shares		4,724,180	3,921,185
<b>Total International Funds</b>			<b>20,838,901</b>	<b>18,410,894</b>
<b>Specialty Funds (4.59%)</b>				
31,892	Baron Health Care Fund — Institutional Shares		331,075	303,932
192,101	Baron Real Estate Fund — Institutional Shares		5,190,710	4,053,338
<b>Total Specialty Funds</b>			<b>5,521,785</b>	<b>4,357,270</b>
<b>Total Affiliated Investments (99.97%)</b>			<b>\$111,314,012</b>	<b>94,818,931</b>
<b>Cash and Other Assets Less Liabilities (0.03%)</b>				<b>29,726</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				<b>\$94,848,657</b>
<b>Retail Shares (Equivalent to \$9.33 per share based on 222,314 shares outstanding)</b>				<b>\$ 2,074,950</b>
<b>TA Shares (Equivalent to \$9.35 per share based on 1,040,919 shares outstanding)</b>				<b>\$ 9,733,477</b>
<b>Institutional Shares (Equivalent to \$9.35 per share based on 8,884,211 shares outstanding)</b>				<b>\$83,040,230</b>

% Represents percentage of net assets.

All Affiliated Mutual Funds are Level 1.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

DECEMBER 31, 2018

<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at value*	\$ 94,818,931
Receivable for shares sold	28,000
Due from investment adviser	110,852
	<u>94,957,783</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Due to custodian bank	1,000
Payable for securities purchased	18,636
Payable for shares redeemed	8,364
Distribution fees payable (Note 4)	387
Accrued expenses and other payables	80,739
	<u>109,126</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 94,848,657</u></u>
<b>Net Assets consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$107,478,771
Distributable earnings/(losses)	<u>(12,630,114)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 94,848,657</u></u>
<b>Retail Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 2,074,950
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	222,314
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u><u>\$ 9.33</u></u>
<b>TA Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 9,733,477
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	1,040,919
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u><u>\$ 9.35</u></u>
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 83,040,230
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	8,884,211
Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	<u><u>\$ 9.35</u></u>
 *Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at cost	 <u><u>\$111,314,012</u></u>

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>For the Year Ended December 31, 2018</u>
<b>Investment income:</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	
Dividends from Affiliated Mutual Funds	\$ 72,025
Interest	10
<b>Total income</b>	<u>72,035</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Registration and filing fees	95,566
Custodian and fund accounting fees	47,310
Professional fees	44,388
Administration fees	38,947
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Retail Shares	1,687
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — TA Shares	313
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Institutional Shares	1,672
Distribution fees — Retail Shares (Note 4)	2,386
Reports to shareholders	2,060
Line of credit fees	481
Trustee fees and expenses	38
Miscellaneous expenses	150
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	234,998
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — Retail Shares (Note 4)</b>	(5,729)
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — TA Shares (Note 4)</b>	(38,421)
<b>Reimbursement of expenses by Adviser — Institutional Shares (Note 4)</b>	(165,710)
<b>Net expenses</b>	<u>25,138</u>
<b>Net investment income (loss)</b>	<u>46,897</u>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds:</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds sold	(60,980)
Capital gain distributions received from Affiliated Mutual Funds	4,009,534
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Affiliated Mutual Funds	(16,495,081)
<b>Net gain (loss) on investments</b>	<u>(12,546,527)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<u><u>\$(12,499,630)</u></u>

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2018	For the Period Ended December 31, 2017 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 46,897	\$ (19)
Net realized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds sold	3,948,554	—
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Affiliated Mutual Funds	(16,495,081)	—
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>(12,499,630)</u>	<u>(19)</u>
<b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>		
Distributable Earnings — Retail Shares	(2,877)	—
Distributable Earnings — TA Shares	(12,405)	—
Distributable Earnings — Institutional Shares	(115,202)	—
Decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	<u>(130,484)</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Capital share transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Retail Shares	3,144,063	33,040
Proceeds from the sale of shares — TA Shares	10,573,045	1,000,040
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Institutional Shares	90,838,603	3,411,273
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Retail Shares	2,860	—
Net asset value of shares issues in reinvestment of distribution — TA Shares	12,338	—
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Institutional Shares	114,741	—
Cost of shares redeemed — Retail Shares	(809,302)	—
Cost of shares redeemed — TA Shares	(803,316)	—
Cost of shares redeemed — Institutional Shares	(38,595)	—
Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions	<u>103,034,437</u>	<u>4,444,353</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>90,404,323</u>	<u>4,444,334</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	4,444,334	—
End of year	<u>\$ 94,848,657</u>	<u>\$4,444,334</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Retail Shares</b>		
Shares sold	295,564	3,304
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	282	—
Shares redeemed	(76,836)	—
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>219,010</u>	<u>3,304</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — TA Shares</b>		
Shares sold	1,020,035	100,004
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends	1,214	—
Shares redeemed	(80,334)	—
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>940,915</u>	<u>100,004</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Institutional Shares</b>		
Shares sold	8,535,421	341,127
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	11,294	—
Shares redeemed	(3,631)	—
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>8,543,084</u>	<u>341,127</u>

<sup>1</sup> For the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017.



## 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 Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund's investment objective is capital appreciation. 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. However, included in the Underlying Funds are diversified funds (with the exception of Baron Partners Fund, Baron Focused Growth Fund, Baron Real Estate Income Fund and Baron Health Care Fund). 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 or make revenue sharing payments, to include payments to sub-transfer agency or record-keeping services. 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 Statements 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 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 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, and sensitivity analysis, when available.

Non-U.S. equity securities held by the Underlying Funds are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices and translated into U.S. dollars at the NAV Calculation Time, except under the circumstances described below. Most foreign markets close before the NAV Calculation Time. For securities primarily traded in the Far East, for example, the most recent closing prices may be as much as 15 hours old at the NAV Calculation Time. As a result, the Adviser uses a third-party pricing service to assist in determining fair value of foreign securities. This service utilizes a systematic methodology in making fair value estimates. 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. The Adviser cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. As a means of evaluating its fair value process, the Adviser routinely compares closing market prices, the next day's opening prices in the same markets, and the adjusted prices. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts.

**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

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 gain/loss. The Fund is charged for those expenses directly attributable to the Fund, such as distribution and transfer agency fees.

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 the Underlying Funds have varied expenses and fee levels and the Fund may own different proportions of Underlying Funds at different times, the amount of fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund will vary.

**c) 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, 2018.

**d) Federal and Foreign 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.

**e) 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.

**f) 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.

**g) 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.

**h) Diversification and Concentration of Underlying Funds.** Certain of the Underlying Funds hold non-diversified or concentrated portfolios that may contain fewer securities or invest in fewer industries than the portfolios of other mutual funds. This may increase the risk that the value of an Underlying Fund could decrease because of the poor performance of one or a few investments or of a particular industry. Additionally, non-diversified funds may encounter difficulty liquidating securities.

### 3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short term securities, for the year ended December 31, 2018 were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Baron WealthBuilder Fund	\$107,521,001	\$590,362

### 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 may be deemed to be affiliated with, or interested persons (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund's Adviser or of BCI. None of the Trustees so affiliated 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, subject to certain minimums plus fixed annual fees for the administrative services.

### 5. 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.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 6. 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 each 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.

### 7. 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.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications to reflect tax character. Reclassifications between income, gains and paid-in capital relate primarily to the tax treatment of net investment loss. Results of operations and net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Undistributed (Accumulated) Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$	—
Undistributed (Accumulated) Net Realized Gain (Loss)		—
Paid-In Capital		—

As of December 31, 2018, the components of net assets on a tax basis were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$111,375,075
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	—
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	(16,556,144)
Net tax unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(16,556,144)
Accumulated net investment income (loss)	46,980
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	3,879,050
Paid-in capital	107,478,771
Net Assets	\$ 94,848,657

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2018 and for the period ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018			Period Ended December 31, 2017 <sup>2</sup>		
	Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain	Return of Capital	Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain	Return of Capital
	\$ —	\$130,484	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

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

<sup>2</sup> For the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017.

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 year, and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. At December 31, 2018, 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 year and prior year) are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 8. OWNERSHIP CONCENTRATION

As of December 31, 2018 the officers, trustees, portfolio managers and three other direct investors owned, directly or indirectly, 58.02% 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.

## 9. TRANSACTIONS IN "AFFILIATED" COMPANIES

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

Name of Issuer	Value at December 31, 2017	Purchase Cost	Sales Proceeds	Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Realized Gains/ (Losses)	Dividend Income	Other Distributions	Shares Held at December 31, 2018	Value at December 31, 2018	% of Net Assets at December 31, 2018
<b>"Affiliated" Company as of December 31, 2018:</b>										
Baron Asset Fund, Institutional Shares	\$ 666,653	\$ 16,061,488	\$ 85,702	\$ (2,394,936)	\$ (5,788)	\$ —	\$ 903,339	214,775	\$14,241,715	15.02%
Baron Discovery Fund, Institutional Shares	177,774	4,392,605	25,064	(876,494)	(2,367)	—	277,963	214,538	3,666,454	3.87%
Baron Durable Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	—	1,048,169	7,497	(133,830)	(460)	3,382	—	98,093	906,382	0.96%
Baron Emerging Markets Fund, Institutional Shares	666,653	12,325,591	74,160	(1,287,979)	(14,534)	53,574	—	931,481	11,615,571	12.25%
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	222,218	5,414,018	31,299	(543,200)	(2,492)	—	—	192,586	5,059,245	5.33%
Baron Focused Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	111,109	3,885,053	20,908	(327,179)	(1,956)	—	24,760	225,766	3,646,119	3.84%
Baron Global Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	—	3,230,749	17,550	(337,033)	(2,028)	—	—	143,563	2,874,138	3.03%
Baron Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	666,653	14,888,934	79,778	(2,618,855)	(6,162)	—	921,614	203,432	12,850,792	13.55%
Baron Health Care Fund, Institutional Shares	—	331,508	401	(27,143)	(32)	—	—	31,892	303,932	0.32%
Baron International Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	199,996	4,553,190	25,670	(802,995)	(3,336)	6,919	114,496	203,276	3,921,185	4.13%
Baron Opportunity Fund, Institutional Shares	66,665	6,282,417	32,228	(849,115)	(2,290)	—	249,045	299,970	5,465,449	5.76%
Baron Partners Fund, Institutional Shares	666,653	15,179,193	85,702	(1,961,739)	(9,040)	—	—	282,222	13,789,365	14.54%
Baron Real Estate Fund, Institutional Shares	333,326	4,886,540	25,137	(1,137,372)	(4,019)	8,150	393,110	192,101	4,053,338	4.27%
Baron Small Cap Fund, Institutional Shares	666,653	15,041,546	79,266	(3,197,211)	(6,476)	—	1,125,207	498,006	12,425,246	13.10%
	<u>\$4,444,353</u>	<u>\$107,521,001</u>	<u>\$590,362</u>	<u>\$(16,495,081)</u>	<u>\$(60,980)</u>	<u>\$72,025</u>	<u>\$4,009,534</u>		<u>\$94,818,931</u>	

## 10. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

As of November 5, 2018, pursuant to the SEC Release #33-10532 "Disclosure Update and Simplification," funds are no longer required to disclose whether the distributions from earnings are either from net investment income or net realized capital gains. We have evaluated the implications of these changes and the amendments are included in the financial statements, which had no effect on the Fund's net assets or results of operations. The amendments require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributable earnings on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and also require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributions to shareholders, except for tax return of capital distributions, if any, on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. As a part of this update, it is no longer required to disclose the undistributed (accumulated) net investment income (loss)/(distributions in excess of net investment income).

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Income (loss) from investment operations:				Less distributions to shareholders from:			Ratios to Average Net Assets:					Supplemental Data:		
	Net asset value, beginning of year (\$)	Net investment income (loss) (\$)	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments (\$)	Total from investment operations (\$)	Net investment income (\$)	Net realized gain on investments (\$)	Total distributions (\$)	Net asset value, end of year (\$)	Total return (%)	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>															
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	(0.60)	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>	(0.29) <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>															
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	(0.54)	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>	(0.29) <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>															
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	(0.44)	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>	(0.29) <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) through 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.

**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 the Baron Select Funds, hereafter referred to as the "Fund") as of December 31, 2018, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the statement of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2018, and for the period December 29, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017, including the related notes (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, 2018, the results of its operations for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2018 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, 2018 by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent; when replies were not received, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
New York, New York  
February 26, 2019

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, 2018 are listed below.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, 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
	\$ —	\$130,484	\$ —

<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 net 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, 2018. The information necessary to complete your income tax return for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 will be listed on the Form 1099-DIV, which was mailed to you in January/February 2019.

**FUND EXPENSES (Unaudited)**

As a shareholder of the Fund, you may incur two types of costs: ongoing expenses and transaction costs. Ongoing expenses include distribution and service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. Due to the payment of Rule 12b-1 fees, long-term shareholders may indirectly pay more than the maximum permitted front-end sales charge. 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, 2018 and held for the six months ended December 31, 2018.

**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, 2018<sup>1</sup>**

	Actual Total Return	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2018	Ending Account Value December 31, 2018	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	(13.01)%	\$1,000.00	\$869.90 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.41
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	(12.83)%	\$1,000.00	\$871.70 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.24
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	(12.83)%	\$1,000.00	\$871.70 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.24

**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.

Please note that expenses shown in the table below are meant to highlight your ongoing costs and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as redemption fees, if any. Therefore, the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine your relative total costs of owning different mutual funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

**BASED ON HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL RETURN FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Hypothetical Annualized Total Return	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2018	Ending Account Value December 31, 2018	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,023.69 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.53
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.95 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.26
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.95 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.26

<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 365.

<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 the Trust 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 Fund	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 Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Interested Trustees</b>					
Ronald Baron <sup>(1),(2)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 75	Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Trustee and Portfolio Manager	15 years	Director, Chairman, CEO and CIO: 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: 63	Chairman, President, Chief Operating Officer and Trustee	15 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).	17	None
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Norman S. Edelcup <sup>(3),(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 83	Trustee	15 years	Mayor (2003-2015): Sunny Isles Beach, Florida; Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (1987-Present), Baron Select Funds (2003-Present).	17	Director: CompX International, Inc. (diversified manufacturer of engineered components) (2006-2016); Director: Valhi, Inc. (diversified company) (1975-2016).
Thomas J. Folliard <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 54	Trustee	1 year	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)
Harold W. Milner <sup>(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 84	Trustee	15 years	Trustee: Baron Investment Funds Trust (1987-Present), Baron Select Funds (2003-Present).	17	None
Raymond Noveck <sup>(3),(4),(5)</sup> 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 75	Lead Trustee	15 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: 54	Trustee	4 years	Advisory Board Member: Impala Capital 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).

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

Name, Address & Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	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 Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Independent Trustees (continued)</b>					
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Peggy C. Wong 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Age: 57	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	15 years	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer: the Firm*, Baron Investment Funds Trust, Baron Select Funds.	N/A	N/A

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