

BARON GROWTH FUND



December 31, 2023

Institutional Shares (BGRIX)

CUSIP 068278704



Portfolio Managers

Ron Baron founded Baron Capital in 1982. He has been portfolio manager of Baron Partners Fund since 1992, Baron Growth Fund since 1994, Baron Focused Growth Fund since 1996, and Baron WealthBuilder Fund since 2017. Ron has 54 years of research experience.

Neal Rosenberg joined Baron Capital in 2006 as a research analyst and was named portfolio manager of Baron Growth Fund in 2018. He has 21 years of research experience.

Investment Strategy

The portfolio managers purchase small-sized U.S. companies that have significant growth potential with the intention of holding them for the long term. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	December 31, 1994
Net Assets	\$7.87 billion
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	39 / 100.4%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	1.21%
Active Share	99.5%
Median Market Cap ²	\$7.76 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap ²	\$21.32 billion

As of FYE 9/30/2023

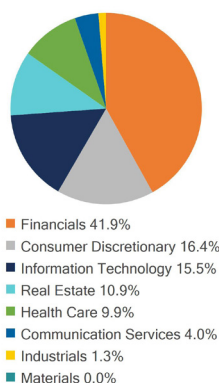
Expense Ratio	1.05%
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Retail: BGRFX
R6: BGRUX

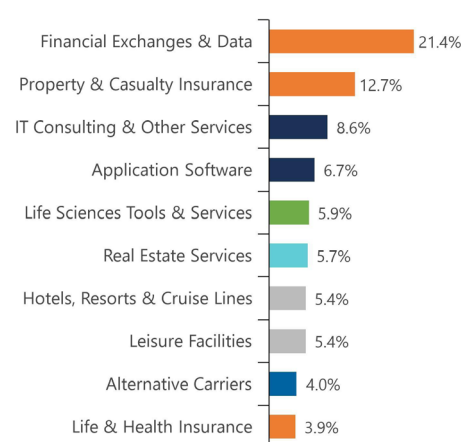
Top 10 Holdings⁴

	% of Net Assets
MSCI Inc.	10.8
Gartner, Inc.	8.6
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	8.5
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	7.2
CoStar Group, Inc.	5.7
Vail Resorts, Inc.	5.4
ANSYS, Inc.	4.6
Choice Hotels International, Inc.	4.3
Kinsale Capital Group, Inc.	4.2
Iridium Communications Inc.	4.0
Total	63.5

GICS Sector Breakdown^{1, 4}



Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart.

Performance

	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/31/1994
BGRIX-Institutional Shares	7.70	14.97	14.97	2.34	14.92	10.24	12.88
Russell 2000 Growth Index	12.75	18.66	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16	7.67
S&P 500 Index	11.69	26.29	26.29	10.00	15.69	12.03	10.47
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category Average	12.38	21.37	21.37	-0.86	12.46	9.23	9.39

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
BGRIX-Institutional Shares	14.97	-22.40	20.15	33.06	40.50	-2.67	27.35	6.31	-4.06	4.66
Russell 2000 Growth Index	18.66	-26.36	2.83	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60
S&P 500 Index	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69

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Performance Based Characteristics³

	Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha (%) - Annualized	Beta	R-Squared (%)	Tracking Error (%)	Information Ratio	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)
3 Years	20.58	0.00	5.49	0.83	79.55	10.03	0.58	95.38	78.15
5 Years	22.66	0.57	6.57	0.86	86.04	9.12	0.62	93.87	74.89
10 Years	18.67	0.48	4.06	0.83	85.13	7.99	0.39	89.59	75.50
Since Inception	18.24	0.58	6.85	0.72	80.19	10.30	0.51	85.06	64.66

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES ¹				BY HOLDINGS			
Top Contributors		Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Contributors		Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Financial Exchanges & Data		20.97	2.53	Gartner, Inc.		8.09	2.41
IT Consulting & Other Services		8.09	2.41	MSCI Inc.		10.49	1.07
Application Software		5.95	1.32	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.		3.27	0.85
Top Detractors		Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Detractors		Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Property & Casualty Insurance		14.90	-1.87	Kinsale Capital Group, Inc.		4.97	-1.31
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines		5.99	-0.69	Arch Capital Group Ltd.		9.93	-0.56
Alternative Carriers		4.12	-0.54	Iridium Communications Inc.		4.12	-0.54

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