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Baron Funds (Institutional Shares) and Benchmark Performance 6/30/2025

Fund/Benchmark	Inception Date	Annualized Returns (%)					Annual Expense Ratio (%)	Net Assets
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception		
Small Cap								
Baron Discovery Fund ^{®†}	9/30/2013	29.84	15.43	9.27	11.55	12.89	1.05 ⁽⁶⁾	\$1.82 billion
Russell 2000 Growth Index		9.73	12.38	7.42	7.14	8.02		
Baron Growth Fund [®]	12/31/1994	4.75	8.70	7.88	9.51	12.26	1.08 ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	\$5.85 billion
Russell 2000 Growth Index		9.73	12.38	7.42	7.14	7.76		
Baron Small Cap Fund [®]	9/30/1997	8.99	13.36	9.38	10.07	10.12	1.05 ⁽⁶⁾	\$3.98 billion
Russell 2000 Growth Index		9.73	12.38	7.42	7.14	6.30		
Small/Mid Cap								
Baron Focused Growth Fund ^{® 1}	5/31/1996	32.86	18.89	22.91	17.98	13.78	1.05 ⁽⁸⁾	\$2.56 billion
Russell 2500 Growth Index		8.81	12.05	7.50	8.53	8.06		
Mid Cap								
Baron Asset Fund [®]	6/12/1987	13.42	14.37	7.56	10.64	11.33	1.04 ⁽⁶⁾	\$4.11 billion
Russell Midcap Growth Index ²		26.49	21.46	12.65	12.13	10.63		
Large Cap								
Baron Durable Advantage Fund [®]	12/29/2017	17.21	25.52	18.29		16.34	0.77/0.70 ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁹⁾	\$510.56 million
S&P 500 Index		15.16	19.71	16.64		13.76		
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund [®]	4/30/2004	25.15	28.45	9.33	13.67	10.57	0.76/0.75 ⁽⁶⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	\$737.41 million
Russell 1000 Growth Index		17.22	25.76	18.15	17.01	12.48		
All Cap								
Baron Opportunity Fund ^{®†}	2/29/2000	26.37	28.61	16.28	18.33	10.39	1.05 ⁽⁶⁾	\$1.65 billion
Russell 3000 Growth Index		16.89	25.07	17.55	16.38	7.77		
Baron Partners Fund ^{®3,4}	1/31/1992	34.14	15.93	23.05	19.72	15.16	1.99 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹¹⁾	\$7.32 billion
Russell Midcap Growth Index		26.49	21.46	12.65	12.13	10.41		
Non-U.S./Global								
Baron Emerging Markets Fund [®]	12/31/2010	20.11	10.18	5.65	4.63	4.63	1.11 ⁽⁸⁾	\$4.01 billion
MSCI Emerging Markets Index		15.29	9.70	6.81	4.81	2.90		
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Growth Index		16.39	9.63	5.52	5.40	3.75		
Baron Global Advantage Fund ^{®†}	4/30/2012	31.23	17.82	2.73	11.59	12.15	0.96/0.91 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹²⁾	\$623.42 million
MSCI ACWI Index		16.17	17.35	13.65	9.99	10.16		
MSCI ACWI Growth Index		16.71	21.44	13.87	12.34	12.13		
Baron India Fund [®]	7/30/2021	5.90	7.29			(0.50)	6.86/1.20 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹³⁾	\$18.10 million
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan/India Linked Index		(2.28)	2.93			(3.10)		
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index		16.81	9.24			1.41		
MSCI India Index		0.85	15.65			10.14		
MSCI Emerging Markets Index		15.29	9.70			1.44		
Baron International Growth Fund [®]	12/31/2008	19.72	10.34	6.52	6.80	9.45	1.04/0.96 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	\$351.68 million
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index		17.72	13.99	10.13	6.12	7.53		
MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index		14.67	12.42	7.27	6.35	8.06		
Sector								
Baron FinTech Fund [®]	12/31/2019	27.74	20.36	10.63		12.53	1.13/0.95 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁵⁾	\$74.78 million
FactSet Global FinTech Index		23.24	13.49	4.98		4.55		
Baron Health Care Fund [®]	4/30/2018	(11.48)	0.83	4.68		8.84	0.87/0.85 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁶⁾	\$141.44 million
Russell 3000 Health Care Index		(6.13)	3.30	6.25		8.25		
Baron Real Estate Fund [®]	12/31/2009	10.58	11.15	10.89	9.19	12.96	1.05 ⁽⁸⁾	\$2.13 billion
MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index		13.30	13.79	12.26	9.00	11.00		
Baron Real Estate Income Fund ^{®†}	12/29/2017	15.94	7.04	9.32		8.71	0.90/0.80 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁷⁾	\$239.79 million
MSCI US REIT Index		7.62	4.09	7.38		4.13		
Baron Technology Fund [®]	12/31/2021	34.35	34.38			12.33	1.35/0.95 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁸⁾	\$100.61 million
MSCI ACWI Information Technology Index		14.86	28.53			12.12		
Equity Allocation								
Baron WealthBuilder Fund [®]	12/29/2017	18.29	14.97	12.00		12.91	1.21/1.18 ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁹⁾	\$546.60 million
S&P 500 Index		15.16	19.71	16.64		13.76		
Broad-Based Benchmarks ⁵								
Russell 3000 Index		15.30	19.08	15.96	12.96			
S&P 500 Index		15.16	19.71	16.64	13.65			
MSCI ACWI Index		16.17	17.35	13.65	9.99			
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index		17.72	13.99	10.13	6.12			
MSCI Emerging Markets Index		15.29	9.70	6.81	4.81			

¹ Performance reflects the actual fees and expenses that were charged when the Fund was a partnership. The predecessor partnership charged a 15% performance fee through 2003 after reaching a certain performance benchmark. If the annual returns for the Fund did not reflect the performance fee for the years the predecessor partnership charged a performance fee, returns would be higher. The Fund's shareholders will not be charged a performance fee. The predecessor partnership's

performance is only for periods before the Fund's registration statement was effective, which was June 30, 2008. During those periods, the predecessor partnership was not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and was not subject to its requirements or the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code relating to registered investment companies, which, if it were, might have adversely impacted its performance.

² The since inception date for Russell Midcap Growth Index is 6/30/1987.

³ Performance reflects the actual fees and expenses that were charged when the Fund was a partnership. The predecessor partnership charged a 20% performance fee after reaching a certain performance benchmark. If the annual returns for the Fund did not reflect the performance fee for the years the predecessor partnership charged a performance fee, returns would be higher. The Fund's shareholders will not be charged a performance fee. The predecessor partnership's performance is only for periods before the Fund's registration statement was effective, which was April 30, 2003. During those periods, the predecessor partnership was not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and was not subject to its requirements or the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code relating to registered investment companies, which, if it were, might have adversely impacted its performance.

⁴ While the Fund may invest in securities of any market capitalization, 52.1% of the Fund's long holdings were invested in SMID, Mid and Mid/Large-Cap securities (as defined by Russell, Inc.) as of 6/30/2025 (SMID represents 12.2% of the portfolio and has market capitalizations between \$5.2 – \$15.8 billion; Mid represents 31.9% and has market capitalizations between \$15.8 – \$54.4 billion; Mid /Large represents 8.0% and has market capitalizations between \$54.4 – \$194.8 billion).

⁵ The Broad-Based Benchmark for Baron Discovery Fund, Baron Growth Fund, Baron Small Cap Fund, Baron Focused Growth Fund, Baron Asset Fund, Baron Partners Fund, and Baron Health Care Fund is Russell 3000 Index. The Broad-Based Benchmark for Baron Durable Advantage Fund, Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund, Baron Opportunity Fund, Baron FinTech Fund, Baron Real Estate Fund, Baron Real Estate Income Fund, Baron Technology Fund, and Baron WealthBuilder Fund is S&P 500 Index. The Broad-Based Benchmark for Baron Emerging Markets Fund is MSCI Emerging Markets Index. The Broad-Based Benchmark for Baron International Growth Fund is MSCI ACWI ex USA Index. The Broad-Based Benchmark for Baron Global Advantage Fund, Baron FinTech Fund, Baron Technology Fund, and Baron WealthBuilder Fund is MSCI ACWI Index.

⁶ As of 1/28/2025.

⁷ Comprised of operating expenses of 1.03% and interest expense of 0.05%.

⁸ As of 4/30/2025.

⁹ Gross annual expense ratio was 0.77%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.70% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹⁰ Gross annual expense ratio was 0.76%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.75% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹¹ Comprised of operating expenses of 1.05% and interest expense of 0.94%.

¹² Gross annual expense ratio was 0.96%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.91% (net of Adviser's fee waivers, including interest expense of 0.01%).

¹³ Gross annual expense ratio was 6.86%, but the net annual expense ratio was 1.20% (net of Adviser's fee waivers and expense reimbursements).

¹⁴ Gross annual expense ratio was 1.04%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.96% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹⁵ Gross annual expense ratio was 1.13%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.95% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹⁶ Gross annual expense ratio was 0.87%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.85% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹⁷ Gross annual expense ratio was 0.90%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.80% (net of Adviser's fee waivers).

¹⁸ Gross annual expense ratio was 1.35%, but the net annual expense ratio was 0.95% (net of Adviser's fee waivers and expense reimbursements).

¹⁹ Gross annual expense ratio was 1.21%, but the net annual expense ratio was 1.18% (includes acquired fund fees and expenses, net of the expense reimbursements).

[†] If a Fund's historical performance was impacted by gains from IPOs there is no guarantee that these results can be repeated or that the Funds' level of participation in IPOs will be the same in the future.

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Performance for **Baron Partners Fund** and **Baron Focused Growth Fund** reflect the actual fees and expenses that were charged when the Funds were partnerships. The predecessor partnerships charged a 20% performance fee (Baron Partners Fund) or a 15% performance fee (Baron Focused Growth Fund) after reaching a certain performance benchmark. If the annual returns for the Funds did not reflect the performance fee for the years the predecessor partnerships charged a performance fee, returns would be higher. The Funds' shareholders are not charged a performance fee. During these periods, the predecessor partnerships were not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and were not subject to its requirements or the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code relating to registered investment companies, which, if they were, might have adversely affected its performance.

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Ranking information provided is calculated for the Institutional Share Class and is as of 6/30/2025. The number of share classes in each category may vary depending on the date that Baron downloaded information from Morningstar Direct. Morningstar calculates its Category Average performance and rankings using its Fractional Weighting methodology. Morningstar rankings are based on total returns and do not include sales charges. Total returns do account for management, administrative, and 12b-1 fees and other costs automatically deducted from fund assets.

The Morningstar Large Growth Category consisted of 1,084, 954, and 754 share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Partners Fund in the 4th, 1st, 1st, and 1st percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since conversion periods, respectively. The Fund converted into a mutual fund 4/30/2003, and the category consisted of 696 share classes.

The Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category consisted of 494, 446, and 367 share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Growth Fund in the 84th, 67th, 55th, and 4th percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 12/31/1994, and the category consisted of 148 share classes. On an absolute basis, Morningstar ranked Baron Growth Fund Institutional Share Class as the 430th, 282nd, 210th,

and 6th best performing share class in its Category, for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. Morningstar ranked Baron Focused Growth Fund in the 7th, 3rd, 1st, and 1st percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since conversion periods, respectively. The Fund converted into a mutual fund 6/30/2008, and the category consisted of 385 share classes. On an absolute basis, Morningstar ranked Baron Focused Growth Fund Institutional Share Class as the 29th, 11th, 4th, and 1st best performing share class in its Category, for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since conversion periods, respectively.

The **Morningstar Large Growth Category** consisted of 1084, 954, and 754, share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Opportunity Fund in the 9th, 32nd, 4th, and 3rd percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 2/29/2000, and the category consisted of 562 share classes. The **Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category** consisted of 494, 446, and 367, share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Asset Fund in the 47th, 70th, 33rd, and 10th percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 6/12/1987, and the category consisted of 56 share classes. The **Morningstar Small Growth Category** consisted of 544, 512, and 400, share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Small Cap Fund in the 37th, 36th, 16th, and 8th percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 9/30/1997, and the category consisted of 224 share classes. Morningstar ranked Baron Discovery Fund in the 2nd, 37th, 7th, and 4th percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 9/30/2013, and the category consisted of 479 share classes. The **Morningstar Real Estate Category** consisted of 217, 193, and 149, share classes for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Real Estate Fund in the 23rd, 1st, 1st, and 1st percentiles for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 12/30/2009, and the category consisted of 157 share classes. Morningstar ranked Baron Real Estate Income Fund in the 4th, 6th, and 2nd percentiles for the 1-, 5-year, and since inception periods, respectively. The Fund launched 12/29/2017, and the category consisted of 192 share classes. The **Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category** consisted of 388, 333, 219, and 225 share classes for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception (12/31/2008) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron International Growth Fund in the 23rd, 66th, 51st, and 24th percentiles, respectively. The **Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category** consisted of 769, 629, 453, and 356 share classes for the 1-, 5-, 10-year, and since inception (12/31/2010) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Emerging Markets Fund in the 6th, 72nd, 52nd, and 8th percentiles, respectively. The **Morningstar Health Category** consisted of 176, 150, and 133 share classes for the 1-, 5-year, and since inception (12/31/2018) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Health Care Fund in the 86th, 45th, and 8th percentiles, respectively. The **Morningstar Aggressive Allocation Category** consisted of 94, 90, and 92 share classes for the 1-, 5-year, and since inception (12/29/2017) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron WealthBuilder Fund in the 2nd, 40th, and 1st percentiles, respectively. The **Morningstar Global Large-Stock Growth Category** consisted of 338, 285, 193 and 207 share classes for the 1-, 5-, 10-year and since inception (12/29/2017) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Global Advantage Fund in the 7th, 98th, 22nd and 21st percentiles, respectively. The **Morningstar Technology Category** consisted of 271, and 239 share classes for the 1-year, and since inception (12/31/2021) periods. Morningstar ranked Baron Technology Fund in the 9th, and 8th percentiles, respectively.

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Top 10 holdings
Baron Partners Fund

	Percent of Total Investments (%)
Tesla, Inc.	30.5
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	17.2
CoStar Group, Inc.	7.1
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	7.1
Hyatt Hotels Corporation	5.8
The Charles Schwab Corporation	5.0
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	4.2
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	3.6
Gartner, Inc.	3.4
Vail Resorts, Inc.	3.0
Total	86.9

Top 10 holdings
Baron Growth Fund

	Percent of Total Investments (%)
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	13.1
MSCI Inc.	12.1
Gartner, Inc.	8.6
Kinsale Capital Group, Inc.	7.6
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	7.3
Choice Hotels International, Inc.	6.5
CoStar Group, Inc.	6.4
Primerica, Inc.	5.8
Vail Resorts, Inc.	5.4
Morningstar, Inc.	4.9
Total	77.8

Top 10 holdings
Baron Focused Growth Fund

	Percent of Net Assets (%)
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	9.4
Spotify Technology S.A.	7.9
Tesla, Inc.	7.6
Guidewire Software, Inc.	5.1
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	5.0
On Holding AG	5.0
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	4.7
Hyatt Hotels Corporation	4.3
CoStar Group, Inc.	4.2
Red Rock Resorts, Inc.	4.1
Total	57.2