# BARON CAPITAL

BARON ETF TRUST™ SUMMARY PROSPECTUS DECEMBER 5, 2025

# RONB | Baron First Principles ETF™

Exchange: NYSE

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's Prospectus, reports to shareholders, and other information about the Fund online at connect.rightprospectus.com/Baron. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-99-BARON or by sending an email request to info@BaronCapitalGroup.com. The Fund's Prospectus and statement of additional information, dated 12/5/2025, as may be supplemented, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

#### **Investment Goal**

The investment goal of Baron First Principles ETF (the "Fund") is capital appreciation.

### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you would pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.

#### **Annual Fund Operating Expenses**

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	Other Expenses <sup>2</sup> Interest Expense	Total Other Expenses <sup>2</sup>	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses
Baron First Principles ETF				
	1.00%	0.77%	0.00%	1.77%

Pursuant to the Fund's unitary management fee structure, BAMCO, Inc. ("BAMCO" or the "Adviser") will pay all expenses of the Fund, except for portfolio transaction costs, interest and dividend expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses related to filing foreign tax reclaims, line of credit expenses, and extraordinary expenses.

#### Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

YEAR	1	3
Baron First Principles ETF		
	\$180	\$557

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Other Expenses" have been estimated for the current fiscal year.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes for Fund shareholders. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. Because the Fund had not commenced investment operations prior to the date of this Prospectus, no portfolio turnover information is presented.

#### Investments, Risks, and Performance

#### Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund

The Fund is a non-diversified fund that, under normal circumstances, invests primarily in equity securities (including depositary receipts) of U.S. growth companies of any market capitalization. The Adviser seeks to invest in businesses it believes have significant opportunities for growth, sustainable competitive advantages, exceptional management, and an attractive valuation. To take advantage of opportunities to invest, the Fund may borrow money from banks (leverage) in an amount up to one-third of its total assets, which include assets purchased with borrowed money.

# Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

**Non-Diversified Portfolio.** The Fund is non-diversified, which means it will likely have a greater percentage of its 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 Fund's performance compared to a diversified fund. Thus, a non-diversified fund is more likely to experience significant fluctuations in value, exposing the Fund to a greater risk of loss in any given period than a diversified fund.

**Single Issuer.** Single issuer risk is the possibility that factors specific to an issuer to which the Fund is exposed will affect the market prices of the issuer's securities and therefore the net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund.

**Industry Concentration.** Market fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, combined with the Fund's non-diversified portfolio, may result in the Fund being concentrated in the securities of a single issuer or a small number of issuers, including in a particular industry. As a result, the 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, the Fund will be disproportionately

exposed to the market conditions, interest rates, and economic, regulatory, or financial developments that significantly affect that company or industry.

**Leverage.** The Fund borrows money from banks to buy securities and pledge its assets in connection with the borrowing. If the interest expense of the borrowing is greater than the return on the securities bought, the use of leverage will decrease the return to shareholders in the Fund. Use of leverage also tends to magnify the volatility of the Fund's returns. The greater the use of leverage by the Fund, the greater the risk of the volatility of the Fund's returns.

**Growth Investing.** Growth stocks can react differently to issuer, political, market and economic developments than the market as a whole and other types of stocks. Growth stocks tend to be more expensive relative to their earnings or assets compared to other types of stocks. As a result, because growth stocks tend to be sensitive to changes in their earnings and to increasing interest rates and inflation, they tend to be more volatile than other types of stocks. In response, from time to time, growth investing as an investment style may go out of favor with investors.

General Stock Market. Fund losses may be incurred due to declines in one or more markets in which Fund investments are made. These declines may be the result of, among other things, political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments affecting the relevant market(s). In addition, turbulence has recently been experienced, caused, among other reasons, by increased inflation, tightening monetary policy and interest rate increases by the US Federal Reserve or similar international bodies, and reduced liquidity in financial markets may continue to negatively affect many issuers, which could have an adverse effect on your Fund investment. Events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse developments that affect one industry, such as the financial services industry, or concerns or rumors about any events of these kinds, have in the past and may in the future lead to market-wide liquidity problems, may spread to other industries, and could negatively affect the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments. Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the worldwide response to it, have and may continue to adversely impact issuers and markets worldwide. Increasingly strained relations between countries, including between the U.S. and traditional allies and/or adversaries, could adversely affect U.S. issuers as well as non-U.S. issuers that rely on the United States for trade. A fund's securities may be negatively impacted by inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products/services or resources, supply chain disruptions, natural disasters, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, war, military confrontations, changes in trade regulations, elevated levels of government debt, internal unrest and discord, economic sanctions, regulatory events and governmental or quasi- governmental

actions, among others. The active and expanding conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas presents considerable market risks. Raising the ceiling on U.S. government debt has become increasingly politicized. Any failure to increase the total amount that the U.S. government is authorized to borrow could lead to a default on U.S. government obligations, with unpredictable consequences for economies and markets in the U.S. and elsewhere.

**Risks of Emphasizing a Sector or Industry.** If the Fund has invested a higher percentage of its total assets in a particular sector or industry, changes affecting that sector or industry may have a significant impact on the performance of the Fund's overall portfolio. The economies and financial markets of certain regions - such as Latin America, Asia, and Europe and the Mediterranean region - can be interdependent and may all decline at the same time.

Small- and Mid-Sized Companies. The Adviser believes there is more potential for capital appreciation in small- and mid-sized companies, but there also may be more risk. Securities of small- and mid- sized companies may not be well known to most investors, and the securities may be less actively traded than those of large businesses. The securities of small- and mid- sized companies may fluctuate in price more widely than the stock market generally, and they may be more difficult to sell during market downturns. Small- and mid-sized companies rely more on the skills of management and on their continued tenure. Investing in small- and mid- sized companies requires a long-term outlook and may require shareholders to assume more risk and to have more patience than investing in the securities of larger, more established companies.

#### ETF Structure Risks.

• Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. Only an authorized participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of intermediaries that act as authorized participants and none of these authorized participants is or will be obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Fund's shares will develop or be maintained. To the extent that these intermediaries exit the business or are unable to or choose not to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund, such as during periods of market stress, and no other authorized participant creates or redeems, shares may trade at a discount to NAV per share and possibly face trading halts and/or delisting. Authorized participant concentration risk may be heightened to the extent the Fund invests in securities issued by non-U.S. issuers or other securities or instruments that have lower trading volumes.

- Cash Transactions Risk. Unlike certain ETFs, the Fund may effect creations
  and redemptions in cash or partially in cash. Therefore, it may be required to
  sell portfolio securities and subsequently recognize gains on such sales that
  the Fund might not have recognized if it were to distribute portfolio securities
  in-kind. As such, investments in shares may be less tax-efficient than an
  investment in an ETF that distributes portfolio securities entirely in- kind.
- **Trading Risk.** The market prices of shares are expected to fluctuate, in some cases materially, in response to changes in the Fund's NAV, the intra-day value of the Fund's holdings, and supply and demand for shares. The Adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above, below or at their NAV. Disruptions to creations and redemptions, the existence of significant market volatility or potential lack of an active trading market for the shares (including through a trading halt), as well as other factors, may result in the shares trading significantly above (at a premium) or below (at a discount) to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's holdings. You may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the Fund's NAV per share during periods when there is a significant premium or discount. Buying or selling shares in the secondary market may require paying brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers as determined by that broker. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost when seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of shares. In addition, the market price of shares, like the price of any exchange-traded security, includes a "bid-ask spread" charged by the market makers or other participants that trade the particular security. The spread of the Fund's shares varies over time based on the Fund's trading volume and market liquidity and may increase if the Fund's trading volume, the spread of the Fund's underlying securities, or market liquidity decrease. In addition, the securities held by the Fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than the Fund's listing exchange. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when the Fund's listing exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads on the Fund's listing exchange and the corresponding premium or discount to the shares' NAV may widen.

**Limited Operating History Risk.** The Fund has not commenced operations. As a result, prospective investors would not have a track record or history on which to base their investment decisions. In addition, until the Fund achieves a certain size, the performance of certain of its investments may disproportionately impact the performance of the Fund, which may be subject to heightened volatility. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size.

Large Shareholder Risk. Certain shareholders, including other funds advised by the Adviser, may from time to time own a substantial amount of the Fund's Shares. In addition, a third party investor, the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, an authorized participant, a lead market maker, or another entity (i.e., a seed investor) may invest in the Fund and hold its investment solely to facilitate commencement of the Fund or to facilitate the Fund's achieving a specified size or scale. Any such investment may be held for a limited period of time. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder would not redeem its investment, that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels or that the Fund would continue to meet applicable listing requirements. Redemptions by large shareholders could have a significant negative impact on the Fund, including on the Fund's liquidity. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of the trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and may, therefore, have a material upward or downward effect on the market price of the Shares.

#### **Performance**

Because **Baron First Principles ETF** had not commenced investment operations prior to the date of this Prospectus, no performance returns are presented. Annual performance returns provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in performance from year to year. Comparison of Fund performance to an appropriate index indicates how the Fund's average annual returns compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. After the Fund commences investment operations, performance information will be available online at www.BaronCapitalGroup.com/daily-prices-and-performance or by calling 1-800-99BARON (1-800-992-2766).

Management Investment Adviser. BAMCO is the investment adviser of the Fund.

**Portfolio Manager.** Ronald Baron, David Baron, and Michael Baron have been the co-managers of the Fund since its inception in 2025. Mr. Ronald Baron founded the Adviser in 1987. Mr. David Baron joined the Adviser as a research analyst in July of 2005. Mr. Michael Baron joined the Adviser as a research analyst in September of 2004.

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through a broker or dealer at market price. Because shares trade at market prices, rather than NAV, shares of the Fund may trade at a price greater than NAV (i.e., a premium) or less than NAV (i.e., a discount).

You may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay for shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread") when buying or selling shares in the secondary market.

Recent information, including information about the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads (when available), will be available on the Fund's website at www.BaronCapitalGroup.com.

#### Tax Information

Distributions of the Fund's net investment income (other than "qualified dividend income") and distributions of net short-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of the Fund's net long-term capital gains reported as capital gain dividends by the Fund will be taxable to you as long-term capital gains, regardless of the length of time you have held shares of the Fund. If you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account, you may be subject to federal income tax on withdrawals from tax-deferred arrangement at a later date.

### **Financial Intermediary Compensation**

If you purchase Shares of the Fund through a broker, dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or financial adviser), the Fund, Baron Capital, Inc., the Fund's distributor, BAMCO or their affiliates may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker, dealer or other financial intermediary, including your salesperson, to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

