

# BARON CAPITAL®

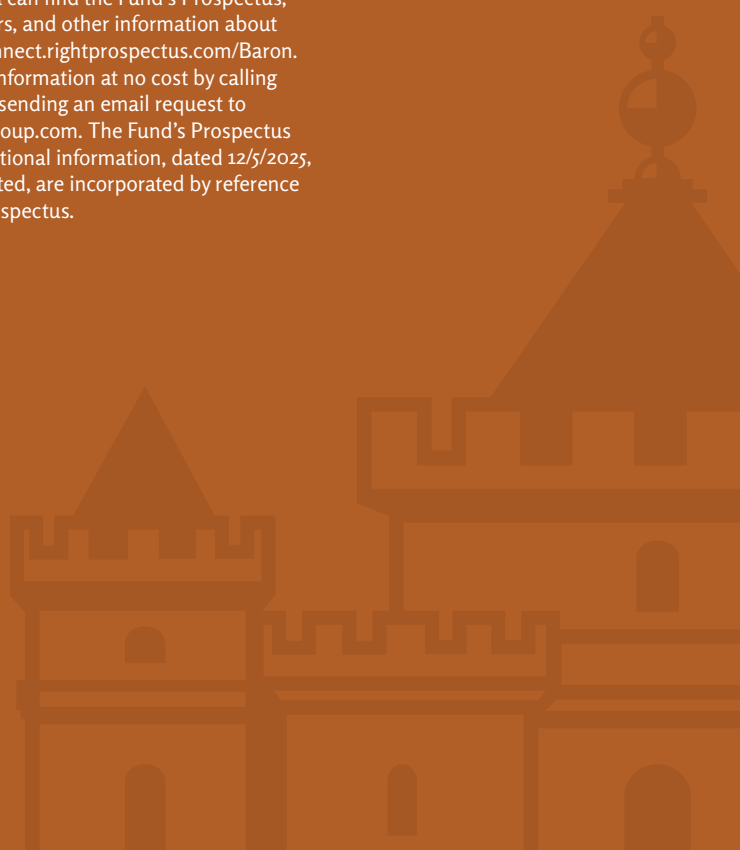
**BARON ETF TRUST™**  
**SUMMARY PROSPECTUS**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2025**

## **BCSM | Baron SMID Cap ETF™**

Exchange: NYSE

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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](https://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](mailto: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.



# Baron SMID Cap ETF

## Investment Goal

The investment goal of Baron SMID Cap 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>	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses
Baron SMID Cap ETF	0.75%	0.00%	0.75%

<sup>1</sup> 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, and extraordinary expenses.

<sup>2</sup> “Other Expenses” have been estimated for the current fiscal year.

## 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 SMID Cap ETF	\$77	\$240

**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 diversified fund that, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities (including depository receipts) of small- and mid-sized companies. The Adviser defines small- and mid-sized companies as those, at the time of purchase, with a market capitalization in excess of \$1 billion and a market capitalization up to the largest market cap stock in the Russell Midcap Growth Index at reconstitution at the time of purchase and that is classified by the Adviser as a small- or mid-cap company. As of June 30, 2025, the market capitalization of the companies in the Russell Midcap Growth Index ranged from \$1.68 billion to \$89.24 billion. The Adviser seeks to invest in businesses it believes have significant opportunities for growth, sustainable competitive advantages, exceptional management, and an attractive valuation. Because of its long-term approach, the Fund could have a significant percentage of its assets invested in securities that have appreciated beyond their market capitalizations at the time of the Fund’s investment.

### Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

**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 world-wide response to it, have and may continue to adversely impact issuers and markets worldwide. 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.

**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.

**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.

**Special Situations.** The Funds may invest in "special situations." A special situation arises when, in the opinion of the Adviser, the securities of a company will be recognized and appreciate in value due to a specific anticipated development at that company. Such developments might include a new product, a management change, an acquisition or a technological advancement. The risk of investing in special situations is that the anticipated development does not occur or its impact is not what the Adviser expected.

### 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 SMID Cap 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](http://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.** Laird Bieger and Randolph Gwartzman have been the co-managers of the Fund since its inception in 2025. Mr. Bieger and Mr. Gwartzman joined the Adviser as research analysts in May of 2000 and September of 2002, respectively.

## 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](http://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

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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.









