

# BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND®

December 31, 2024

Institutional Shares (BWBIX)

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## 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 55 years of research experience.

Michael Baron joined Baron Capital in 2004 as a research analyst. Michael was named co-president of Baron Capital in 2024. He is portfolio manager of Baron Partners Fund since 2018 and Baron WealthBuilder Fund since 2020. He has 22 years of research experience.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund is an equity allocation strategy that exclusively holds other Baron Funds. This structure enables investors to obtain growth equity exposures across market caps, geographies, and sectors.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	12/29/2017
Net Assets	\$572.48 million
# of Underlying Issuers	411
# of Mutual Funds Held	16
Turnover (3-Year Average)	11.37%
Active Share <sup>4</sup>	84.9%
Median Market Cap <sup>2, 4</sup>	\$15.82 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2, 4</sup>	\$310.55 billion

## As of FYE 12/31/2023

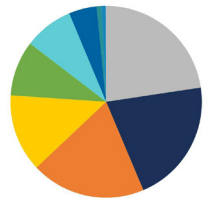
Gross Expense Ratio*	1.14%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.03)%
Net Expense Ratio*	1.11%

\*Includes acquired fund fees and expenses of 1.06%.  
Retail: BWBFX  
Transfer Agency: BWBTX

## Holdings<sup>5</sup>

	% of Net Assets
Baron Partners Fund	16.5
Baron Growth Fund	13.6
Baron Small Cap Fund	12.2
Baron Asset Fund	9.8
Baron Focused Growth Fund	7.3
Baron Real Estate Fund	6.0
Baron Discovery Fund	4.9
Baron Opportunity Fund	4.7
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund	4.6
Baron Global Advantage Fund	4.0
Baron Durable Advantage Fund	3.4
Baron FinTech Fund	2.8
Baron International Growth Fund	2.8
Baron Emerging Markets Fund	2.6
Baron Health Care Fund	2.5
Baron Real Estate Income Fund	2.3

## GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1, 4, 5</sup>



- Consumer Discretionary 22.6%
- Information Technology 21.0%
- Financials 19.3%
- Industrials 13.1%
- Health Care 9.3%
- Real Estate 8.3%
- Communication Services 4.7%
- Materials 0.8%
- Consumer Staples 0.7%
- Energy 0.1%
- Utilities 0.0%

## Active Sector Exposure<sup>1, 4, 5</sup>

Consumer Discretionary	11.3%
Real Estate	6.2%
Financials	5.7%
Industrials	4.9%
Health Care	-0.8%
Materials	-1.1%
Utilities	-2.3%
Energy	-3.1%
Communication Services	-4.7%
Consumer Staples	-4.8%
Information Technology	-11.5%

## Performance

	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				Since Inception 12/29/2017
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
BWBIX-Institutional Shares	5.53	18.73	18.73	0.21	13.85	-	13.62
S&P 500 Index	2.41	25.02	25.02	8.94	14.53	-	13.83
MSCI ACWI Index	-0.99	17.49	17.49	5.44	10.06	-	9.21
Morningstar Aggressive Allocation Category Average	-0.93	14.13	14.13	3.17	8.17	-	7.31

## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BWBIX-Institutional Shares	18.73	25.73	-32.59	16.70	62.85	36.49	-6.38
S&P 500 Index	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38
MSCI ACWI Index	17.49	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60	-9.42

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## Performance Based Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	22.16	24.23	22.29
Sharpe Ratio	-0.17	0.47	0.50
Alpha (%) - Annualized	-8.86	-2.58	-1.95
Beta	1.18	1.21	1.19
R-Squared (%)	85.29	83.07	84.14
Tracking Error (%)	9.03	10.70	9.46
Information Ratio	-0.97	-0.06	-0.02
Upside Capture (%)	95.80	110.19	108.76
Downside Capture (%)	132.13	119.21	115.16

## Market Cap Breakdown - Morningstar<sup>4, 5</sup>

	BWBIX	S&P 500 Index	MSCI ACWI Index
	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets
Giant Cap	21.9	46.7	47.7
Large Cap	17.0	34.3	34.6
Mid Cap	39.5	18.4	17.2
Small Cap	18.4	0.6	0.4
Micro Cap	3.3		
Cash & Cash Eq.			
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Top 10 Country Breakdown<sup>4, 5</sup>

	% of Net Assets
<b>Developed</b>	<b>91.8</b>
United States	87.0
Canada	1.9
Netherlands	1.3
Sweden	0.9
Israel	0.7
<b>Emerging</b>	<b>3.9</b>
India	1.3
China	0.9
Taiwan	0.9
Korea	0.8
<b>Other</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Argentina	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.3</b>

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance<sup>2</sup>

### QUARTERLY BY FUND

#### Top Contributors

	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Baron Partners Fund	14.75	3.53
Baron Focused Growth Fund	6.86	0.92
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund	4.75	0.56

#### Top Detractors

	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Baron Growth Fund	14.14	-0.29
Baron Health Care Fund	2.71	-0.27
Baron Emerging Markets Fd	2.75	-0.21

### LAST 12 MONTHS BY FUND

#### Top Contributors

	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Baron Partners Fund	13.14	3.99
Baron Small Cap Fund	13.31	1.99
Baron Opportunity Fund	4.89	1.84

#### Top Detractors

	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
No detractors this quarter		

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