


Baron Discovery Fund Institutional Shares BDFIX ★★★★★ Gold


NAV / 1-Day Return 28.00 / -4.76%	Total Assets 920.3 Mil	Adj. Expense Ratio 1.100%	Expense Ratio 1.100%	Fee Level Above Average	Load None
Category US Fund Small Growth	Investment Style  Small Growth	Minimum Initial Investment 1,000,000	Status Open	TTM Yield 0.00%	Turnover 56%

USD | NAV as of Sep 3, 2020 | 1-Day Return as of Sep 03, 2020, 5:15 PM CDT | Quantitative Rating as of Jul 31, 2020, 5:00 AM

Morningstar's Analysis

Quantitative Take

Ratings

Process^Q Jul 31, 2020 HighPeople^Q Jul 31, 2020 HighParent^Q Jul 31, 2020 Above Average

The number of funds that receive a Morningstar Analyst Rating is limited by the size of the Morningstar analyst team. To expand the number of funds we cover, we have developed a machine-learning model that uses the decision-making processes of our analysts, their past ratings decisions, and the data used to support those decisions. The machine-learning model is then applied to the "uncovered" fund universe to create the Morningstar Quantitative Rating (denoted on this page by a ^Q), which is analogous to the rating a Morningstar analyst might assign to the fund if an analyst covered the fund. These quantitative rating predictions make up what we call the Morningstar Quantitative Rating™ for funds. [Click here for more on how to use these ratings.](#)

Performance

Returns

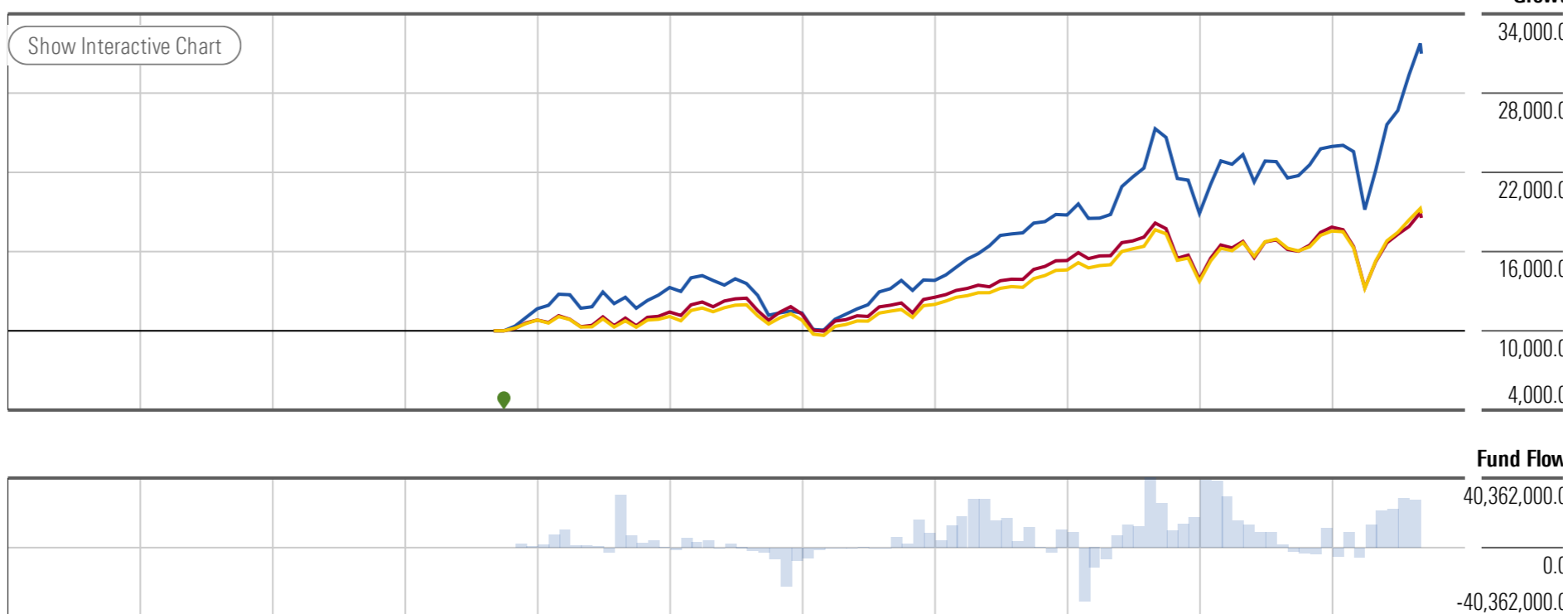
Distributions

Growth of 10,000

- Fund
- Category
- Index
- Fund Flows

Manager Change

- Full
- ◇ Partial



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	YTD
Total Return %											
Fund	—	—	—	—	13.80	-14.53	21.73	35.83	0.64	26.85	29.33
+/- Category	—	—	—	—	11.36	-12.12	10.53	14.33	6.40	-0.83	20.89
+/- Index	—	—	—	—	8.19	-13.15	10.41	13.67	9.94	-1.63	25.43
Quartile Rank	—	—	—	—	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Percentile Rank	—	—	—	—	1	99	8	5	16	53	5
# of Funds in Cat.	758	764	743	714	722	730	669	684	676	640	628

YTD Fund as of Sep 03, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Sep 03, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Sep 03, 2020 | Italics indicate Extended Performance. Extended performance is an estimate based on the performance of the fund's oldest share class, adjusted for fees.

Trailing Returns

Day End | Month End | Quarter End

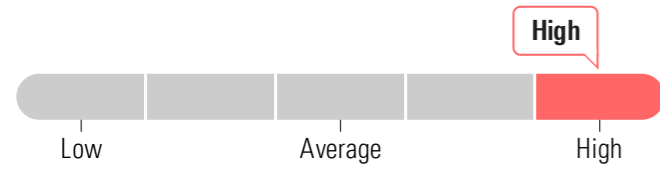
	1-Day	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	15-Year	Since Inception
Total Return %	-4.76	-1.34	3.17	17.60	29.33	45.50	21.02	19.74	—	—	17.74
+/- Category	-0.75	0.25	2.54	8.92	20.89	26.87	8.32	7.93	—	—	—
+/- Index	-0.73	0.33	1.97	9.87	25.43	28.67	11.11	9.52	—	—	—
Quartile Rank									—	—	—
Percentile Rank	86	37	9	2	5	3	15	5	—	—	—
# of Funds in Cat.	635	633	633	633	628	619	574	508	378	266	—

USD | Fund return as of Sep 03, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Sep 03, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Sep 03, 2020 | Inception date Sep 30, 2013 | Time periods greater than 1 year are annualized

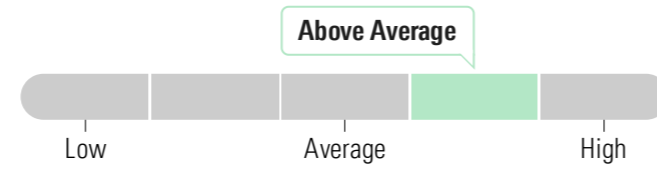
Risk **3-Yr** 5-Yr 10-Yr

Morningstar Risk & Return

Risk vs. Category



Return vs. Category



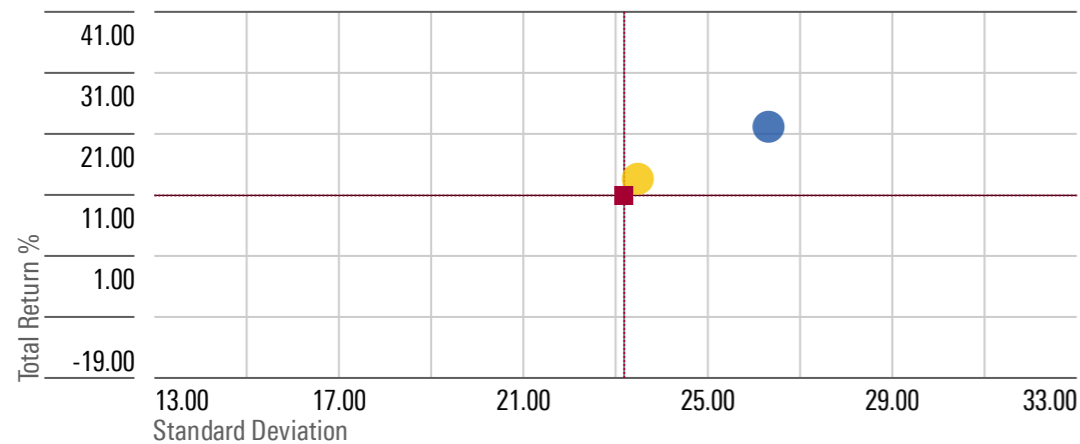
Category: Small Growth as of Aug 31, 2020 | Rankings are out of 576 funds.

Risk & Volatility Measures

Trailing	Fund	Category	Index
Alpha	4.22	-2.46	-5.24
Beta	1.31	1.20	1.24
R ²	76.44	81.11	87.29
Sharpe Ratio	0.83	0.58	0.49
Standard Deviation	26.32	23.48	23.19

USD | Fund as of Aug 31, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Aug 31, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Aug 31, 2020 | Calculation Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD

Risk/Return Analysis



- Index
- Baron Discovery Institutional
- Category

Market Volatility Measures

Capture Ratios	Fund	Category	Index
Upside	139	109	100
Downside	129	121	100
Drawdown	Fund %	Category %	Index %
Maximum	-25.35	-25.18	-27.02

Drawdown Peak Date	Drawdown Valley Date	Max Drawdown Duration
Sep 01, 2018	Dec 31, 2018	4 Months

USD | As of Aug 31, 2020 | Category: Small Growth | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD | Calculation Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD | Drawdown as of Aug 31, 2020

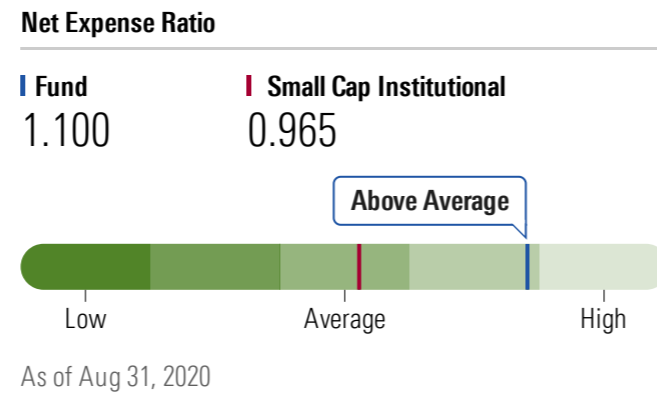
USD | Category: Small Growth | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD | Return as of Aug 31, 2020 | Standard Deviation as of Aug 31, 2020

Price

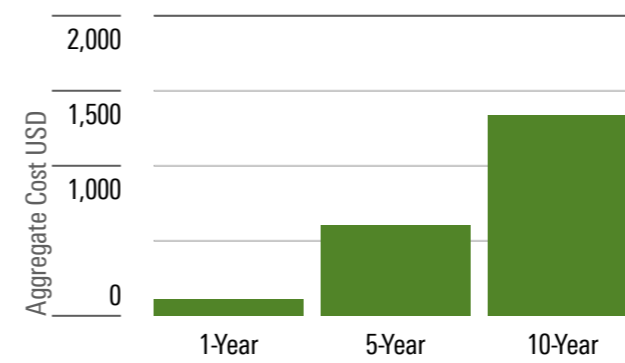
Maximum Sales Fees

Front Load	Deferred Load
—	—
Redemption Load	Min. Initial Investment
—	1,000,000.00
USD	

Ongoing Fee Level



Cost Illustration (10k; 5% Return; USD)



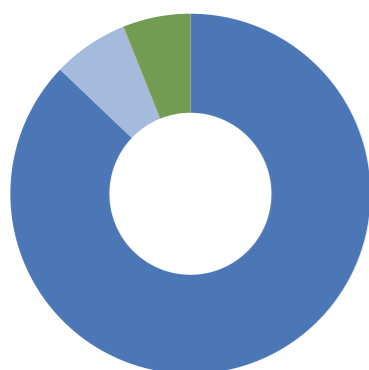
Fees	1-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr
Purchase	0	0	0
Ongoing	112	606	1,337
Redemption	0	0	0
Total	112	606	1,337

Ongoing fees as of Jan 28, 2020. The fees illustrated above do not reflect any additional account-related fees and charges.

[More Fees / Expenses Data](#)

Portfolio

Asset Allocation



Asset Class	Fund	Category	Index
U.S. Equity	87.11	92.84	99.18
Non-U.S. Equity	6.85	4.26	0.82
Fixed Income	0.00	0.27	0.00
Other	0.00	0.42	0.00
Cash	6.05	2.84	0.00
Not Classified	0.00	0.00	0.00

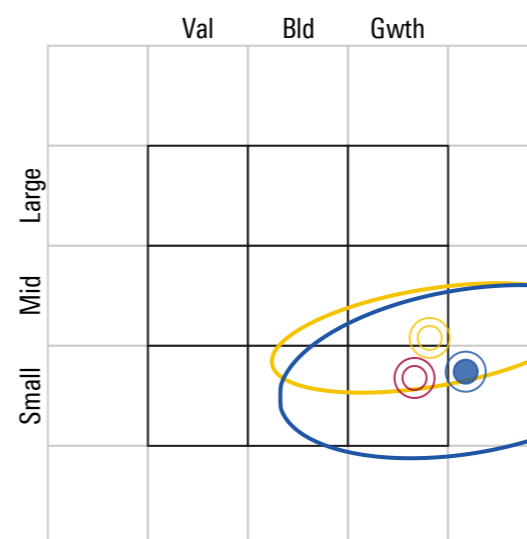
Fund as of Jun 30, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Jul 31, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Aug 31, 2020

Factor Profile

There is no data available.

Stock Style

Map Weight Historical



- Centroid
- Ownership Zone
- Baron Discovery Institutional as of 06/30/2020
- Small Growth as of 07/31/2020
- Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of 08/31/2020

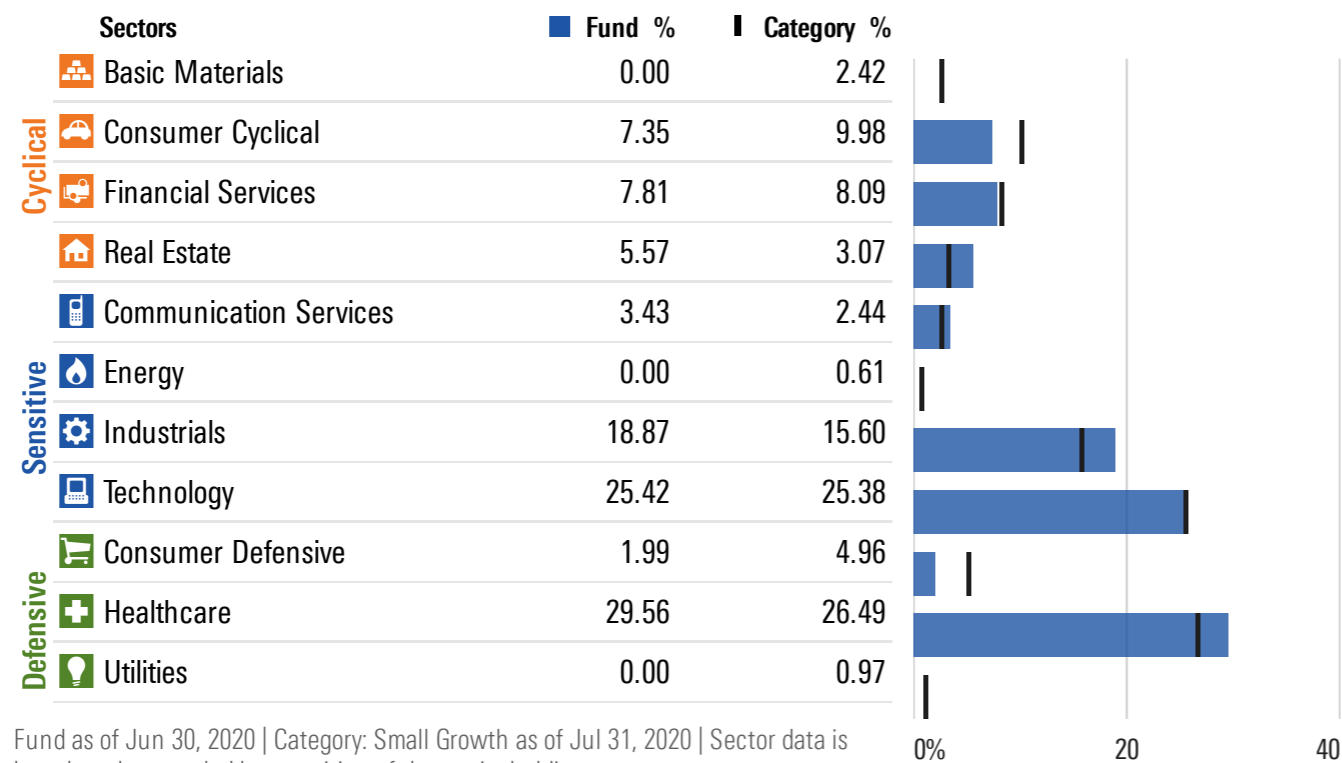
Style Measures

Measures Market Cap

Value & Growth Measures	Fund	Cat. Average	Index
Price/Earnings	43.38	33.17	23.90
Price/Book	2.72	3.42	3.63
Price/Sales	2.79	3.09	1.87
Price/Cash Flow	19.78	15.18	11.26
Dividend Yield %	0.33	0.57	0.60
Long-Term Earnings %	16.37	11.46	12.89
Historical Earnings %	-2.72	7.96	6.21
Sales Growth %	9.31	6.23	6.25
Cash-Flow Growth %	3.65	12.19	11.56
Book-Value Growth %	11.30	8.31	5.36

Fund as of Jun 30, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Jul 31, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Aug 31, 2020 | Data is based on the long position of the equity holdings.

Exposure Sector Region Country vs. Category ▾



Fund as of Jun 30, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Jul 31, 2020 | Sector data is based on the rescaled long position of the equity holdings.

Financial Metrics

Metrics	Fund	Category	Index
Wide Moat Coverage %	0.00	1.24	0.52
Narrow Moat Coverage %	0.75	10.05	3.24
No Moat Coverage %	3.15	1.48	3.29
Financial Health	B	B+	B
Profitability	D	C-	C-
Growth	B-	B-	B-
ROIC	-29.67	2.82	-11.11
Cash Return %	-26.31	24.95	-44.94
Free Cashflow Yield ex-Financials	-44.90	57.05	226.76
D/C Ratio	34.40	37.32	37.14

Fund as of Jun 30, 2020 | Category: Small Growth as of Jul 31, 2020 | Index: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD as of Aug 31, 2020

Sustainability Rating



Historical Sustainability Score Percent Rank

81

Number of Funds in Global Category
1600

Sustainable Fund by Prospectus
No

Sustainability Score • Historical ○ Current ▬ Global Category Average (Historical)



ESG Breakdown (lower scores = lower risk)



Current Sustainability Score based on 79% of AUM | Global Category: US Equity Small Cap | Sustainability Score as of Jun 30, 2020. Sustainability Rating as of Jun 30, 2020. Sustainability provides company-level ESG Risk analysis used in the calculation of Morningstar's Sustainability Score. Sustainability Mandate information is derived from the fund prospectus.

Holdings
Equity
Others

Current Portfolio Date	Equity Holdings	Bond Holdings	Other Holdings	% Assets in Top 10 Holdings	Reported Turnover %	Active Share				
Jun 30, 2020	64	0	1	28	56	93.91				
Market Value USD										
Holdings	% Portfolio Weight	First Bought	Previous 4 Periods	as of Jun 30, 2020	Share Change %	1-Year Return	P/E	Equity Star Rating	Economic Moat	Sector
Kinsale Capital Group Inc	3.97	Sep 30, 2016		28,713,850	0.00	101.18	56.18	—	—	Financial Services
Floor & Decor Holdings Inc	2.99	Mar 31, 2019		21,618,750	0.00	50.16	45.87	—	—	Consumer Cyclical
SiteOne Landscape Supply Inc	2.94	Sep 30, 2016		21,255,405	0.00	63.13	54.05	—	—	Industrials
Endava PLC ADR	2.90	Sep 30, 2018		21,010,500	↑ 19.18	45.51	43.10	—	—	Technology
CareDx Inc	2.71	Jun 30, 2018		19,611,320	↑ 9.17	47.87	-48.78	—	—	Healthcare
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	2.57	Dec 31, 2017		18,583,800	↓ 18.97	113.34	14.81	—	—	Healthcare
Qualys Inc	2.52	Dec 31, 2013		18,203,500	0.00	31.33	38.61	—	—	Technology
Mercury Systems Inc	2.51	Mar 31, 2015		18,138,996	0.00	-11.31	31.75	—	—	Industrials
Americold Realty Trust	2.36	Mar 31, 2018		17,061,000	0.00	4.81	52.08	★★	None	Real Estate
TPI Composites Inc	2.28	Dec 31, 2016		16,522,590	0.00	71.68	19.84	—	—	Industrials

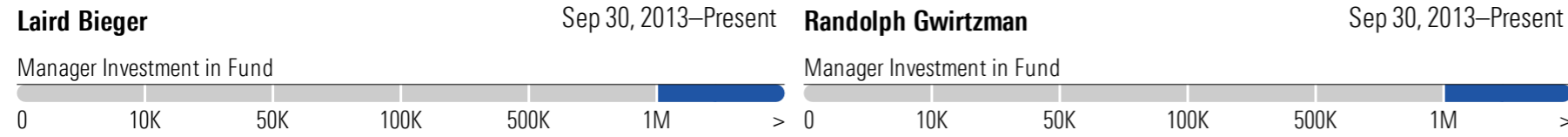
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Holdings as of Jun 30, 2020 | The top 65 largest holdings are available for display across Equity, Bond and Other. Active Share as of Jun 30, 2020. Active Share index: iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF

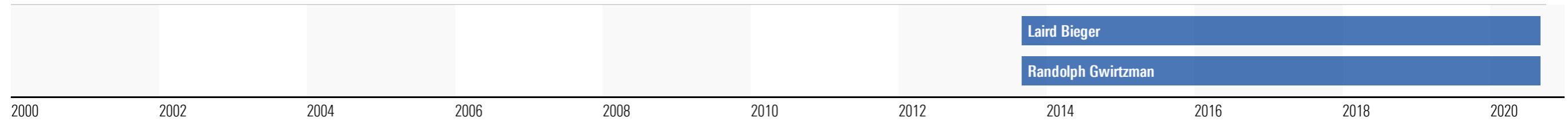
People

Inception Date Sep 30, 2013	Number of Managers 2	Longest Tenure 7.0 Years	Average Tenure 7.0 Years	Advisor(s) BAMCO Inc
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Management Team



Manager Timeline



Strategy

The investment seeks capital appreciation through investments primarily in securities of small-sized growth companies. The fund invests primarily in equity securities in the form of common stock of U.S. small-sized growth companies. The Adviser seeks to invest in businesses it believes have significant opportunities for growth, sustainable competitive advantages, exceptional management, and an attractive valuation.

The investment objective & strategy is a summary of the fund's principal investment strategy as written in the prospectus. This information is pulled from the most recent SEC filing (prospectus or supplement).

Review Other Classes

Fund Name	Ticker	Front Load	Deferred Load	Expense Ratio	Minimum Initial Purchase	12b-1 Actual	Purchase Constraint	Shareclass Attributes
Baron Discovery	BDFIX	—	—	1.10	1.0 Mil	0.00	T/A	—
Institutional	BDFUX	—	—	1.09	5.0 Mil	0.00	T/A	—
Baron Discovery R6	BDFFX	—	—	1.35	2.0 k	0.25	—	—

Baron Discovery Retail

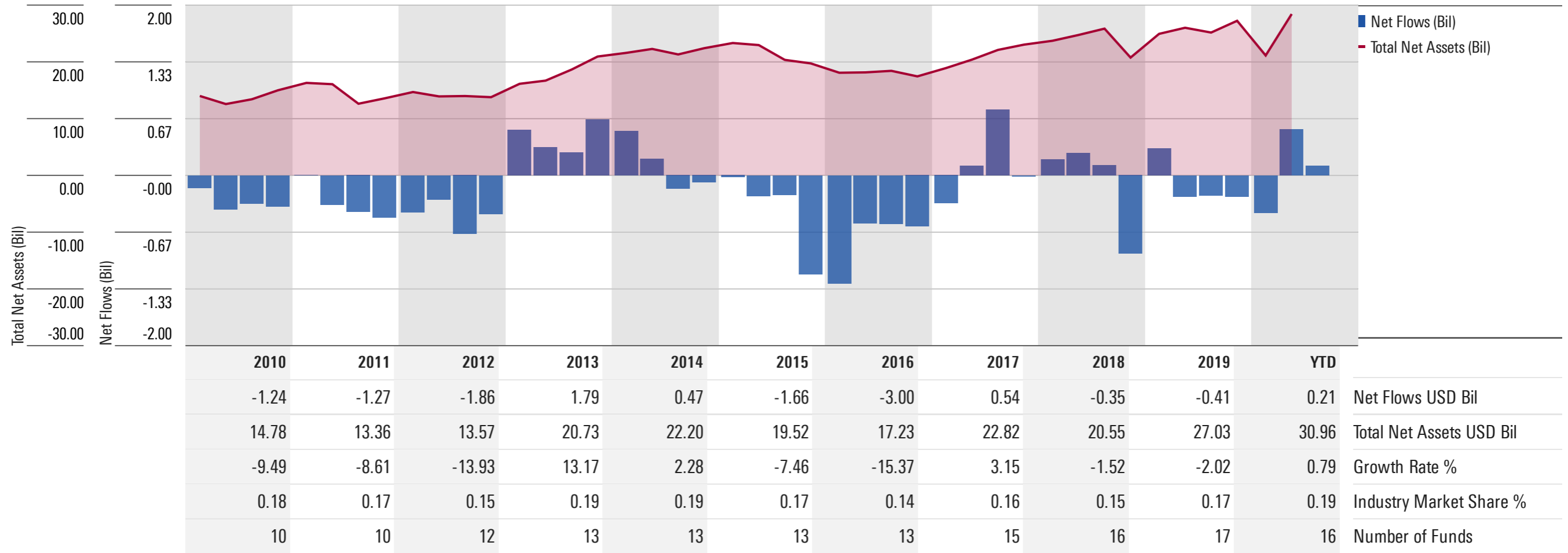
I - T, Qualified Access - A, Closed to New/All Investments - C/L.

Shareclass Attributes: Available for 529 only - N, Indirect Use Only - U.

Parent

Firm Name	Market	Total Net Assets	Fund Flows (TTM)	Asset Growth Rate (TTM)	# of Funds	Manager Retention Rate (5 Years)
Baron Capital Group	US Open-end ex MM ex FoF	30.96 Bil	-301.39 Mil	-1.16%	16	98.30

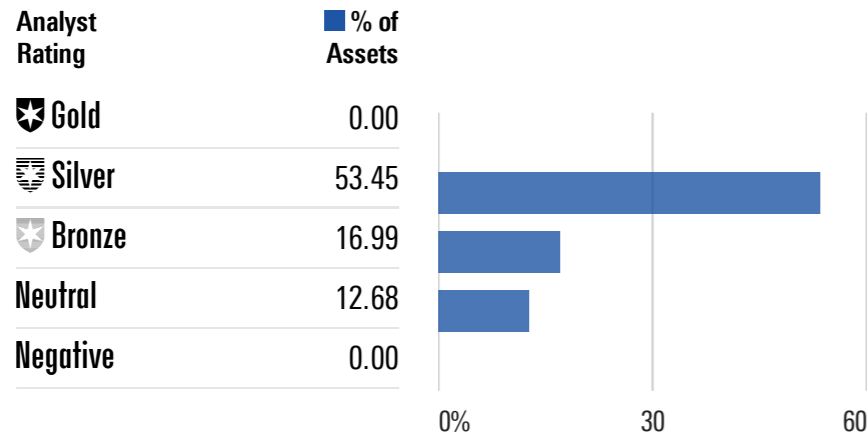
Fund Flows



YTD as of Jul 31, 2020

Rating Breakdown

Analyst Rating Morningstar Rating



Top Analyst Rated Funds

Fund Name	Analyst Rating	Fund Flows TTM (Mil)	Return % 3-Year	Rank in Cat % 3-Year	Net Assets (Mil)
Baron Growth Instl	Silver	-257.19	18.29	31	4,540.58
Baron Small Cap Instl	Silver	-164.11	17.34	30	2,560.83
Baron Asset Retail	Silver	-250.18	19.10	27	2,500.30
Baron Emerging Markets Institutional	Bronze	-86.31	4.46	25	4,753.15
Baron Partners Retail	Neutral	-71.17	39.74	2	1,868.87

USD | Analyst Rating, Fund Flows TTM and Net Assets as of Jul 31, 2020 | Return as of Aug 31, 2020

Recent Fund Ratings Change

Fund Name	Analyst Rating	Previous Rating	Rating Date	Net Assets (Mil)
Baron Growth Instl	Silver	Bronze	Aug 20, 2020	4,540.58
Baron Asset Retail	Silver	Bronze	Aug 20, 2020	2,500.30